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Reformation Sunday

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Lord God, heavenly Father, forgive us our sins, and grant us always true repentance. Keep us always in the truth of Your pure Word. Teach us by Your Holy Spirit to love Your saving Word, so that by Grace Alone, Faith Alone, and Scripture Alone, we may be preserved by You unto eternal life. We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 775:1-4 (WS2000): *Thy Strong Word*

**1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee While thine ordered seasons run.**

**Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

**2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of thy salvation, Breathed thine own life-giving breath. [Refrain...]**

**3. Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hope confess. [Refrain...]**

**4. From the cross thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth All thy bright redeeming light. [Refrain...]**

The Invocation and Luther's Morning Prayer

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

[P] In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

[C] I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Reformation Confession and Absolution of Sins (LSB 607:1,5)

We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.

- P** From depths of woe I cry to Thee,
Lord, hear me, I implore Thee.
- C** Bend down Thy gracious ear to me,
My prayer let come before Thee.
If Thou remembered every sin,
Who then could heaven ever win,
Or stand before Thy presence?
- P** Though great our sin, yet greater still,
Is God's abundant favor;
His hand of mercy never will
Abandon us, nor waver.
Our shepherd good and true is He,
Who will at last He Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow.
- C** Amen!

Glory to God in the Highest (Hymn 775:5-6)

Gloria in Excelsis – Latin for “Glory in the Highest (to God).” A hymn glorifying and praising our God.

- 5. Give us lips to sing thy glory, Tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats to shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia! May the light which thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!**
- 6. God the Father, light-creator, To thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light from Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!**

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

- P** Let us pray. . . through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by

the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

The Responsive Reading: *Psalm 46*

- P** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- C** **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**
- P** There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
- C** **God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.**
- P** The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- C** **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**
- P** Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth.
- C** **He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.**
- P** "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"
- C** **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**



The Gospel Reading: *John 8:31-36*

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

A Reformation Confession of Faith

We boldly confess what we believe using the words from the Formula Concord – on Justification by Faith.

C “We unanimously believe, teach, and confess the following about the righteousness of faith before God:

A poor sinful person is justified before God, that is, absolved and declared free and exempt from all his sins and from the sentence of well-deserved condemnation, and is adopted into sonship and inheritance of eternal life, without any merit or worth of his own.

This happens without any preceding, present, or subsequent works, out of pure grace, because of the sole merit, complete obedience, bitter suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Christ alone. His obedience is credited to us for righteousness. These treasures are brought to us by the Holy Spirit in the promise of the holy Gospel.

Faith alone is the only means through which we lay hold on, accept, apply, and take them for ourselves. This faith is God’s gift, by which we truly learn to know Christ, our Redeemer, in the Word of the Gospel and trust in Him. We trust that for the sake of His obedience alone we have the forgiveness of sins by grace, are regarded as godly and righteous by God the Father, and are eternally saved.”

Hymn 262 (TLH): *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*1. A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from every need That has us now o'ertaken.*

*The old evil foe, Now means deadly woe; Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight; On Earth is not his equal.*

*2. With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
You ask, “Who is this?” Jesus Christ it is. The almighty Lord,
And there's no other God; He holds the field forever.*

*3. Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us.
We tremble not, we fear no ill, They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none,
He's judged; the deed is done; One little word can fells him.*

*4. The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And do what they will – Hate, steal, hurt, or kill – Though all may be gone
Our victory is won; The kingdom's ours forever!*

The Sermon: Romans 1:17

For in it [the gospel] the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

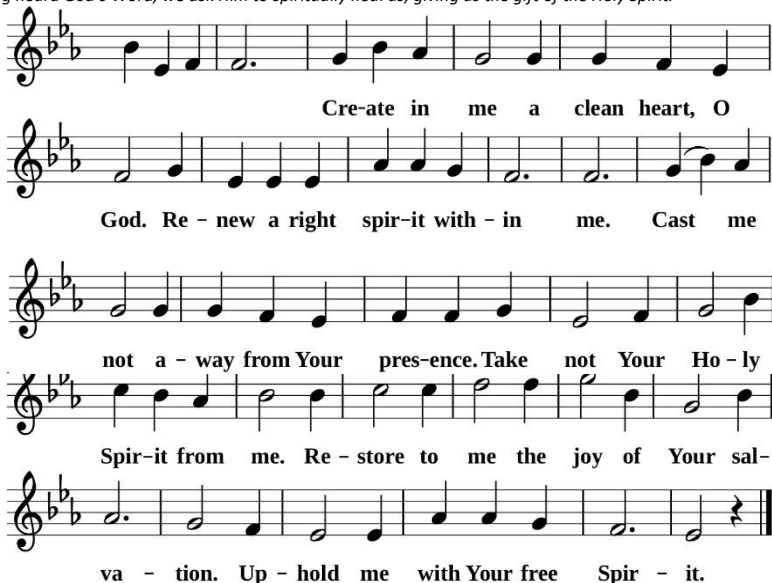
Theme: THE GOSPEL DECLARES GOD'S SCALES RIGHTEOUS

I. Without Christ, they're anything but

II. With Christ, there isn't any doubt

The Offertory

Having heard God's Word, we ask Him to spiritually heal us, giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit.



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O
God. Re - new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres-ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir-it from me. Re - store to me the joy of Your sal-
va - tion. Up - hold me with Your free Spir - it.

Hymn 377:1-2,5-6 (TLH): Salvation unto Us has Come

1. Salvation unto us has come By God's free grace and favor;

Good works cannot avert our doom, They help and save us never.

Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;

He is our one Redeemer.

2. What God did in His Law demand And none to Him could render

Caused wrath and woe on every hand For man, the vile offender.

Our flesh has not those pure desires The spirit of the Law requires,

And lost is our condition.

5. Yet as the Law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing,

Christ came and hath God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing.

He hath for us the Law obeyed And thus the Father's vengeance stayed

Which over us impended.

**6. Since Christ hath full atonement made And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.
Thy grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Thy death is now my life indeed,
For Thou hast paid my ransom.**

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. If you wish to give your church offering electronically, you can do so by using the CashApp on your mobile device. The church's \$cashtag is "\$clcmztzion". While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse

*(788:1): **Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land.
Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true
That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.***

Prayer of the Church – The Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen!

Closing Hymn 283 (TLH): God's Word is Our Great Heritage

**1. God's Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure.
Throughout all generations!**

THE MEANING OF THE REFORMATION

People who write history call the events of Luther's life and the lives of other like-minded men of that time the REFORMATION. Many important Bible teachings were once again being taught by pastors and teachers in the church. Among them were these:



1) Justification by faith. The church had been incorrectly teaching that God would regard people “Not guilty” if they did good works first. Luther discovered from the Bible that God justified all the people of the world (declared them “Not guilty”) because of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. God leads people through His Spirit to BELIEVE that He has indeed declared them “Not guilty” of their sins.

2) The Priesthood of All Believers. Before the Reformation people had been taught that the only way they could receive the gifts of God was through the church, especially the priests. The Catholic Church had developed a system of seven sacred acts (Sacraments), involving the whole life of the people. The priests alone could administer these Sacraments. Luther noted that the Bible calls all the believers priests before God. Each one could talk directly with God and receive His gifts. Each was given the privilege of using the two Sacraments mentioned in the Bible – Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Each head of the household could be the teacher and spiritual leader of his family.

3) The Bible. Before Luther's time there were very few Bibles. Most of those which did exist were in places where the common people couldn't get at them. They were also written in Latin, a language the people didn't understand. God had already prepared the world for the Reformation by seeing to it that movable metal type for the printing press had been invented. The year was 1454. This made printing much faster and cheaper. Already in 1521 Luther started translating the Bible from its original languages (Hebrew and Greek) into German – the language of his country. This way Luther's countrymen could find out for themselves what God had to say rather than rely on various church leaders. We in the Lutheran Church appreciate what God accomplished through his servant Martin Luther. We use his Catechism in our instruction classes because it presents in a simple way what the Bible teaches about our Savior from sin, our life as His people while on this earth, and the eternal future He has promised to all who believe in Him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If the LORD wills, we will do this or that. James 4:15

WELCOME EVERYONE! We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain our beliefs and teachings. Where & when? Your convenience.

MENTAL HEALTH SEMINAR THIS THURSDAY: At 6:30pm this Thursday (11/3), we will be hosting a special seminar presented by CLC member Dean Marzofka and CLC Pastor David Ude. Mr. Marzofka is a licensed Christian counselor with over 30 years of experience working with families, youth, and prison inmates. Their seminar will feature a Christ-centered approach to mental health, anxiety, and depression. Please mark your calendars and invite your friends and neighbors!

Q4 VOTERS MEETING (10/16) SUMMARY: Opened with prayer at 11:19am... Minutes from the Q3 meeting read and approved... Pastor's report presented and accepted... **Membership Matters:** David and Sandy Baker, Rachel Maldonado, and Jesse Wilke accepted into communicant membership (47 total members: 39 communicants, 8 pre-communicants)... Jesse Wilke, Mason Dzakowic, and Jeremiah Rosen accepted as voters... **Officers Reports:** Treasurer's report presented and accepted with request for additional information regarding "miscellaneous expenses"... Financial Secretary, Board of Trustees, Board of Education, Outreach Committee, Hymnal Committee, and Board of Finance reports presented and accepted... No tech committee report... **Old Business:** None... **New Business:** MMC (motion made and carried) to go off CLC subsidy beginning in 2023 (vote was unanimous)... MMC to adopt the *Lutheran Service Book* as our primary hymnal and continue to us the *Worship Supplement 2000* for liturgies, effective in 2023... Appointees for the 50th Anniversary Planning Committee: Zaiga Hauserman, Susan Fobear, Andrea D'Onofrio, Ashley Naumann, Danielle Wittorp, Martha Schaller, Mason Dzakowic... MMC for Jesse Wilke to conduct a layservice on November 2, Matt Fobear to conduct Bible Class... **Next Meeting Date** set for January 15, 2023... Meeting adjourned with the Apostolic Blessing at 1:47pm.

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen, Mountain View, CA, **has received** the call to Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL. + The CLC Board of Missions has called Pastor Dave Naumann of St. John's, Clarkston, WA, and Peace, Orofino, ID, to serve as the CLC's Third Foreign Missionary. + Pastor

Joe Naumann of Immanuel, Mankato, MN, *is still considering* the dual call to serve Redemption, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension, Tacoma, WA.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

October Usher: Ben Mueller Church Cleaning: Troyans

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Worship Attendance Last Sunday = 20; Bible Class/Sunday School = 12

Bi-Weekly Offerings Budgeted:	\$3307.69	Total Offerings Budgeted YTD:	\$71,115.38
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2135.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$63,688.90
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$6388.89
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$64,227.50

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Tue. 11/1	7pm	Board of Education Meeting
Wed. 11/2	7pm	NO Book Club (canceled due to Thursday seminar)
Thu. 11/3	6:30pm	CLC Mental Health Seminar at Mt. Zion
Fri. 11/4	2pm	UM Ann Arbor Bible Study
Sun. 11/6	9am	Bible Class and Sunday Pre-School
	10am	Worship Service (w/ Communion)
Tue. 11/8	7-9pm	Elders/Council/Outreach Meetings
Wed. 11/9	7pm	Church Book Club via Zoom
Thu. 11/10	7pm	Trustees Meeting
Sun. 11/13	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
Tue. 11/15	7pm	Board of Finance Meeting
Sun. 11/27	10am	1 st Sunday in Advent (Church Christmas Decorating after worship service)

IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

Ephesians 6:18 "Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

Jackie McGruder remains homebound as she continues to suffer from lupus. **Jackie's infant grandson, Josiah**, underwent successful open heart surgery last month and continues to recover at home. **Jay Sandeen's** army unit is making final preparations for deployment to Iraq. **David Baker** is at home recovering from pneumonia. **Stephen Hughes** is recovering from bronchitis. **The Wittorps** are expecting a newborn baby in April.