

Reformation Sunday

Sunday, October 25, 2020

♪ denotes singing in the 10:30 service

DIVINE SERVICE II

HYMN #200 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

♪ A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry 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.

♪ 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.

♪ Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r 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 fell him.

♪ 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!

STAND

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

ABSOLUTION

- M:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:
I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
- C:** **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

- M:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C:** **Lord, have mercy.**
- M:** For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.
- C:** **Christ, have mercy.**
- M:** For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C:** **Lord, have mercy.**
- M:** Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.
- C:** **Amen.**

GLORY BE TO GOD

- C:** ♪ All glory be to God on high! Your name, O Lord, we glorify!
We praise you for your peace and grace, Your favor toward our fallen race.
You Christ, are holy—Lord alone; The Father’s glory you made known.
We by your Spirit sing again: “All glory be to God!” Amen.

THE WORD

SALUTATION

- M:** The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M:** Let us pray.

FIRST LESSON

Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23: Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: "Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or man except to you, O king, would be thrown into the lions' den?" The king answered, "The decree stands—in accordance with the laws of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed." So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!" A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed. Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep. At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?" Daniel answered, "O king, live forever! My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, O king." The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

M: The Word of the Lord.

PSALM OF THE DAY - Psalm 46

♪ **Refrain:** The mighty Lord is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

God is our refuge and strength,* an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way*
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam* and the mountains quake with their surging.

♪ **Refrain:** The mighty Lord is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,*
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within her, she will not fall;* God will help her at break of day.
"Be still, and know that I am God;*"
I will be exulted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen.
♪ **Refrain:** The mighty Lord is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

SECOND LESSON

Galatians 5:1-6: It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. But by faith we eagerly await through the Spirit the righteousness for which we hope. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

M: The Word of the Lord.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.

C: ♪ **Alleluia! Alleluia! Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

STAND

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:16-23: "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. "Be on your guard against men; they will hand you over to the local councils and flog you in their synagogues. On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. I tell you the truth, you will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY #204 “O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word”

♪ O God, our Lord, Your holy Word Was long a hidden treasure
Till to its place It was by grace Restored in fullest measure.
For this today Our thanks we say And gladly glorify you.
Your mercy show And grace bestow On all who still deny you.

♪ Salvation true By faith in you That is your gospel's preaching,
The heart and core Of Bible lore In all its sacred teaching.
In Christ we must Put all our trust, Not in our deeds or labor;
With conscience pure And heart secure Love you, Lord, and our neighbor.

Lord, you alone This work have done By your free grace and favor.
All who believe Will grace receive Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
And though the foe Would overthrow Your Word with grim endeavor,
All he has wrought Must come to naught Your Word will stand forever!

♪ Since you are mine, My Lord divine, Death holds no dreadful terrors;
Your precious blood, My highest good, Has blotted out my errors.
My thanks to you—Your Word is true! Fulfill your promise ever,
And mercy give While here I live And heav'nly bliss forever.

SERMON - Revelation 14:6-7 “What will become of the church?”

STAND

NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in

one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen. (Please remain standing)

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

C: ♪ **O holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might, your glory, earth and heaven in countless ways recite. Hosanna! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high, and in your grace and mercy receive our fervent cry. Hosanna in the highest! How truly blest is he who in God's name is coming to set his people free! He comes to bring salvation and with his blood outpoured, deliver us from bondage—Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power. By his incarnation, he became one with us. By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will. By his innocent death, he overcame hell. By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven. Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

C: ♪ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

As God's word commands in Corinthians, we at Christ practice close communion. This means that only members of our church or of one in fellowship with us may commune. Visitors are invited to speak with the pastor and find out why this is an act of LOVE.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN #541 "Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide"

♪ Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide, For round us falls the eventide,
Nor let your Word, that heav'nly light, For us be ever veiled in night.

♪ O God, how sin's dread works abound! Throughout the earth no rest is found,
And falsehood's spirit wide has spread, And error boldly rears its head.

♪ In these last days of sore distress Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness
That pure we keep, till life is spent, Your holy Word and sacrament.

Lord Jesus, help, your Church uphold, For we are sluggish, thoughtless, cold.
Oh, prosper well your Word of grace, And spread its truth in ev'ry place.

♪ Oh, keep us in your Word, we pray; The guile and rage of Satan stay!
Oh, may your mercy never cease! Give concord, patience, courage, peace.

The cause is yours, the glory, too, So hear us, Lord, and keep us true.
Your Word alone is our defense, The Church's glorious confidence.

♪ Oh, grant that in your holy Word We here may live and die, dear Lord,
And when our journey's ending here, Receive us into glory there.

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON

C: ♪ O Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, assured:
for I have seen your promised incarnate, saving Word—
a light that will enlighten all gloom where Gentiles dwell;
the brilliant, crowning glory of those in Israel!
All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,
all glory to the Spirit, forever three in one;
for as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding through all eternity.

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN #203 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

♪ Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would seek to overthrow your Son And to destroy what he has done.

♪ Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known, For you are Lord of lords alone;
Defend your Christendom that we May sing your praise eternally.

♪ O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife, And lead us out of death to life.