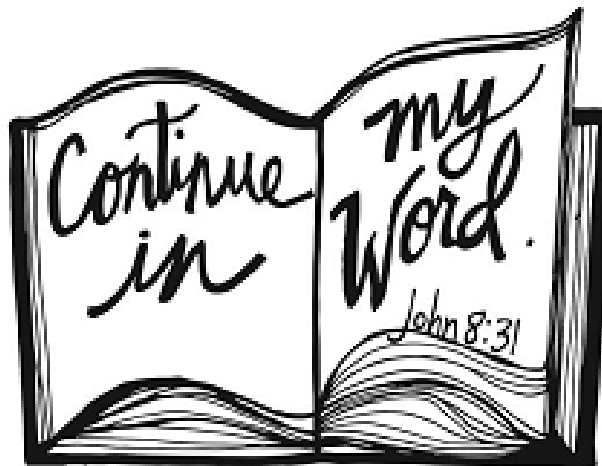


Sunday October 30, 2022

Reformation Sunday



BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MALMO

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MISSION STATEMENT

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.

Please notify usher if you would like assistance

2 MINUTES OF SILENCE to prepare us for worship today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST:

GRIEF SHARE CLASSES are on Tuesdays at 3:30pm and will last about 1 hour. All welcome.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS on November 6th. Fall back one hour. This is Coffee Sunday. We request that coffee drinkers bring a large can of coffee for our Fellowship hour after services. Our inventory is getting low.

ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING – Read your bulletin insert about the opportunity to attend training, on Wed. Nov. 16th, at First Lutheran in Aitkin, regarding improving your chances of surviving the threat of an active shooter attack. Free training, sign up in the office.

TRUNK OR TREAT Get your ‘Boo’ on! Join us for the 5th annual Trunk or Treat at Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo on Sunday, October 30th, from 2-4 p.m. We will be outside in the parking lot. So, start thinking of ways to decorate your trunk or car.

ATTN: COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS Budget Request Forms will be distributed next week to your “In Boxes” (or emailed if requested). These forms need to be filled out and returned to the Treasurer’s In-Box by October 30th, 2022, so Stewardship committee can review them and present to the Council meeting in November.

ANNUAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS are due by November 6th for our annual meeting on Sunday, December 4th following our regular worship service. Please email to: Judie Birk jimjudiebirk@gmail.com with your committee reports.

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda **October 24, 2022 – October 30, 2022**

Monday	10/31	11:30 am	Cards
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	11/1	3:30 pm	Grief Share
		4:00 pm	Bell Practice
		5:15 pm	Choir Practice
		6:30 pm	Praise Team Practice

Wednesday	11/2	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	11/3	8:00 am	ROMEOS
Sunday	11/6	9:00 am	Worship in person & live stream

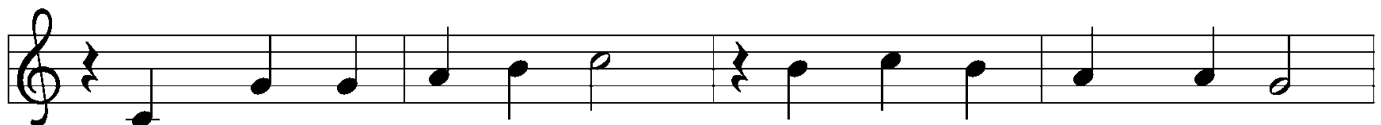
OPENING HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress" #504 ELW
Please rise on the 4th verse



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther
 Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,

we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven ✚ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord,

we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Hallelujah! By and By"

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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. *Alleluia.* (John 8:31-32)

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 46 *(Read Responsively)*

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**
³though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
Selah
⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**
⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.
⁶**The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.**
⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
Selah

⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
Selah

Please stand for the gospel

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36
Glory to you, O Lord

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Praise to the Lord the Almighty" #858 ELW



- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you.
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

God our fortress, we pray for the church. Write your law of love on the hearts of your people, that we remain steadfast in our witness to your grace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our liberator, we pray for your earth. Bring new life to overused land and contaminated rivers. Reform and reorient our relationship with the environment, that we faithfully care for all of your creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God, our refuge and strength, we pray for the nations. Where they are in an uproar, bring wise leadership and comfort for those in distress. Make wars to cease and peace to enter every land. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God, our very present help in trouble, we pray for those in need. Show mercy to refugees and all fleeing from danger. Shelter any without homes. Calm all who are facing illness, surgery, or a new diagnosis (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our redeemer, we pray for our congregation. Bless all who are preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Open their hearts to your Holy Spirit, teach them your word, and give them courage to proclaim their faith. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God our stronghold, we give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith, especially Martin Luther and all reformers. Renew and reform us as we strive to continue in your word. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate

OFFERING - *Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God,

in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION to COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table.

Come, taste and see.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the abundant table,

you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Go My Children with My Blessing" #543 ELW



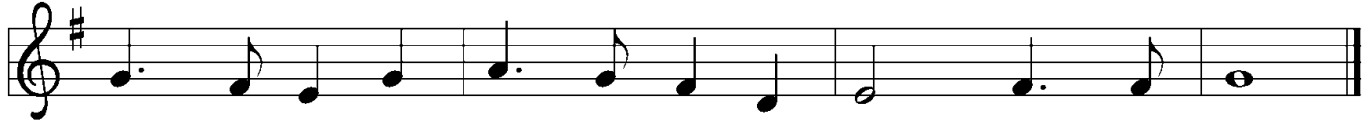
- 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!
Please come again.*

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Adult Choir

Ushers: The Vukelich Family

Greeters: Julie Swaggert

Hospitality: Anne Hennessey & Jenny Schuett

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, October 23, 2022: In Person: 9:00am: 82 Online: 10