

# Reformation Sunday

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## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE

*Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring*

-J.S. Bach  
(Flute & Organ)

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

p: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

p: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *A Mighty Fortress is our God*

Hymn #504

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

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.

**C: Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31–34**

*The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.*

**A:** *A reading from Jeremiah.*

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says 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. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

*The word of God, word of life.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 33:**

*Sing Joyfully to the Lord*

**Music by: Nicole Nicholson**

**SECOND READING: Romans 3:19–28**

*Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and the other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.*

**A:** *A reading from Romans*

<sup>19</sup>Now 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. <sup>20</sup>For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom 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; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

*The word of God, word of life.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**P:** *The holy gospel according to St. John*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

**GOSPEL: John 8:31–36**

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup>They 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?'"

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

*The gospel of the Lord.*

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## SERMON

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

Bell Choir      *Virginia Highlands Suite Mvt, 1*  
*Arr. Cynthia Dobrinski*

## 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

(Petition Response: **hear our prayer.**)

### PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

p: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

**Offertory Meditation "God of Abraham"**

*Chris Sahar - Piano, Nicole Nicholson, Flute*

## OFFERING PRAYER

**C: Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER** (Pastor)

**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**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*Please be seated*

*All who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to come forward to receive. Follow the instructions of the ushers. Children who have not yet received first communion instruction are invited to come forward for a blessing*

Come forward as indicated by the Pastor. If you are not comfortable receiving at this time that is completely understandable.

**Distribution Meditation**    *“Panis Angelicus”*    *-Cesar Franck*

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**    *please stand*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Response after the Prayer C: **AMEN**

**Presentation by Hans Vogel**

**Special Music - “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”**

**By: Peter C. Lutkin (Sung by Adult Choir)**

**Rite of Farewell and Godspeed**

**SENDING SONG**            Pachelbel: A Mighty Fortress is Our God

**DISMISSAL**

**P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Dupre: Farewell

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*Nicole Nicholson, Choir Director  
Christopher Sahar, Organist  
Elaine DiChiara, Administrative Assistant  
Roxanne Toomey, Deacon  
April Pace, Nursery School Director*

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**The Altar Flowers** are given by **Ruth Kollar** in memory of **Alfred H. Kollar** and by **Norma Mantay and Family** in loving memory of **Al's birthday.**

**The Worship Bulletins** are a gift from **Kirsten and Fred Duprez** in loving memory of her beloved father, **Alfred Richert.**

## **Serving Today**

**Deacon: 9:00 - Roxanne Toomey**

**Lector: 9:00 - Roxanne Toomey**

**Comm. Assists:**

**Acolyte: 9:00 -**

**Crucifer: 9:00 -**

**Ushers:**

**Altar Guild:**

**Counters: Hans Vogel, John Gross**

**Flower Delivery:**

**Coffee Hour Hosts**

## Announcements for the Week of October 25, 2020

As you know by now, October 25th will be my last Sunday as your Pastor after 34 years with you. These last weeks have been and will continue to be very busy ones. Besides the personal chores of moving out of home and office, I have had the joy of presiding at weddings, several first communion services, several baptisms, and look forward to a few more baptisms, a wedding, and confirmation before I leave.

After that time, a new interim minister will be providing your pastoral leadership. I will not be available to conduct or participate in events such as baptisms, weddings, funerals, hospital calls, emergency calls or any other pastoral functions. I ask that you support your new interim pastor and if you are in need of pastoral services, contact that new pastor. Later after some evaluation, reflection, and committee work by the congregation, a new pastor will be called.

While my pastoral duties with Christ Lutheran Church will end shortly, I hope that the friendships we have developed over the years will continue and I pray that you all will enjoy good health in your personal lives and in your faith during this period of transition for us all. This new beginning in the life of Christ Lutheran Church can be an opportunity for new direction and growth.

**Please note the Lights of Love insert in the bulletin.** All money collected will be donated to Hospice on Long Island. **Deadline is today – Sunday, October 25.**

**We will be holding a “Mini-Country Fair”** on Friday, Nov. 6 & Saturday, Nov. 7. Thrift Shop will also be open. Please see special insert for further information.

The following people are on our prayer list ~ we remember them in our prayers ~

**Jose Alves, Tom Anderson, Ellen Bacotti, Debbie Becker, James Cathcart, Danielle Chillemi, Donna Chillemi, Ann**

**Curtis, Marge Dahlberg, Mike Dauth, Travis Gentile, Betty Gibberman, Barbara Grieser, Mary Lynn Kirby, Florence Kirch, Suzanne Marshall, Kathy McKinnon, Janet McShea, William McShea, James Pallas, Gary Proce, Barbara Proce, Eunice Richan, Mary Rizzo, George Steele, Marylou Steele, Natalie Stone, James Toomey, Saul Wein, Kathy Wicks**

We ask that you please keep us updated and let us know of any changes or if you would like to add someone to the prayer list who is in need of prayers, please let Pastor know or call Elaine at 221-3286.

**\*\*Please note:** We want to keep everyone safe, so for now, there will be no in-person Coffee Hour. **However, the virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom will still take place on Sunday mornings at 10:30am.**

### REMINDER ~ THRIFT SHOP HOURS:

**FRIDAY ~ 9AM - 3PM**

### ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY

Items needed: **Evaporated milk, coffee, canned peas and green beans, pork and beans, hash, jelly, vegetable soups, crackers, juice, pasta sauce and dish soap** \*\*\*Please check the expiration dates on the packaged foods before you donate the item(s). Your donations are very much appreciated. Items may be left in the hallway outside of the Library.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Sun. 9:00 am - Reformation Sunday**

**Fri. 9am - 3pm - Thrift Shop**

**Sun. 9:00 am -All Saints Sunday**