Reformation Sunday October 29/November 1, 2020



Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church

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Reformation Sunday

<u>WORSHIP NOTES</u> Jesus Christ our Savior gave himself for us so that by God's grace through faith in him we enjoy the forgiveness of sins and the certain hope of eternal life. As we celebrate the Lutheran Reformation (October 31, 1517), our Lord urges us to testify to the world by standing firm in his Good News. He will guide us safely into His heavenly kingdom.

HOLY COMMUNION Gathering to receive Holy Communion is a testimony of the faith we confess together. We ask guests who are not members of our WELS or ELS to speak with the pastor before joining us at the altar so that all who commune may have a full understanding of our faith and practice. Thank you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GUESTS Welcome to our visitors!

HYMN "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

- **P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

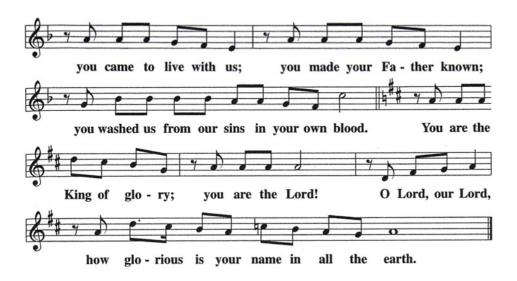
- **P:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

- **P:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.





PRAYER OF THE DAY



FIRST LESSON Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23

When earthly authorities pressure us to disobey God, we must not give in. Instead, like Daniel we regard God's name as holy and trust that he will rescue us in his way and time.

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.

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 46 (p. 11)

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples;

C: Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. Alleluia. (John 8:31-32)

GOSPEL Matthew 10:16-23

As Jesus sent out his apostles "like sheep among wolves." Yet despite the danger, he told them they would receive guidance from the Holy Spirit himself. Even more, those who stand firm to the end will be saved.

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.

<u>HYMN OF THE DAY</u> "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (p. 14) CW, # 200

SERMON Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23 "Boldly Let Them Know You Love God"

NICENE CREED

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.

OFFERING

Guests please do not feel any obligation to participate in the offering (though you are always welcome to do so). Find and fill out a Guest Card as you leave, and drop it in with the offerings so we can connect with you – thanks!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- **P:** Lord Jesus, our refuge and strength, we gather to worship and praise you for your ongoing work of restoring the truth through your Holy Scriptures.
- C: Lord, to you alone be glory.
- **P:** God of grace, in unfathomable love you pitied us sinners and sent your Son as our substitute to deliver us from sin, guilt, death, darkness, and despair.
- C: For your grace, Lord, to you alone be glory.
- **P:** By your grace you sent your Holy Spirit to call us to repentance. Your powerful gospel rescued us from rebellion and fills us with faith in you, the true and living God.
- C: For saving faith, Lord, to you alone be glory.
- **P:** By your grace we are heirs of your eternal Word. You have sent us out, entrusted with the Scriptures, to proclaim your saving truth to every generation.
- C: By the Scriptures you overthrew the darkness of those who perverted your teachings, and you restored to your church the message of salvation by grace alone.

- **P:** In these last days, Lord Jesus Christ, protect your little flock. Like your first apostles, we are like sheep living among fierce wolves.
- C: The devil stalks us like a roaring lion. Defend us from false teachers who twist your Word to satisfy the latest longings. For wisdom and watchfulness under attack, hear our prayer, O gracious Father.
- **P:** Never in the history of the world has your Holy Word been as accessible as it is for us today. We lack only the eagerness to treasure your truth with lives of faithful Bible study.
- C: For the noble character to search the Scriptures daily, hear our prayer, O Comforter.
- **P:** As we celebrate the Reformation that restored your pure gospel to your Church, we also celebrate our common confession of the pure gospel. We remember the faithful confessors of this and former generations, who have passed down to us your Word of Truth.
- C: For this unity of faith, and for these faithful servants and all who have confessed your saving name, we give you thanks, O Spirit of Truth.

Special prayers and intercessions.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

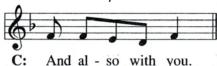
- **P:** In thanksgiving for the amazing blessings restored to your Church through the Reformation, we now commit ourselves to your care.
- C: Lord Jesus Christ, you are our mighty fortress, our trusty shield and weapon. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 SACRAMENT

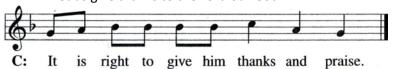
P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.

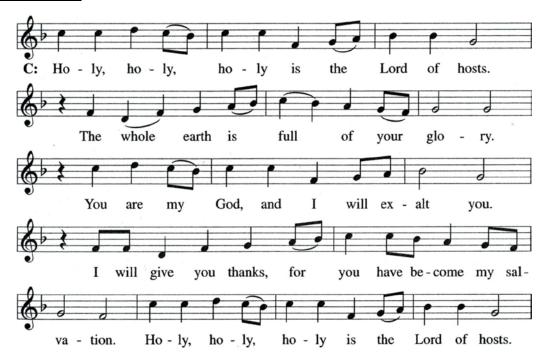


P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In Christ we have the absolute assurance that we are not alone. He defends us spiritually and eternally. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



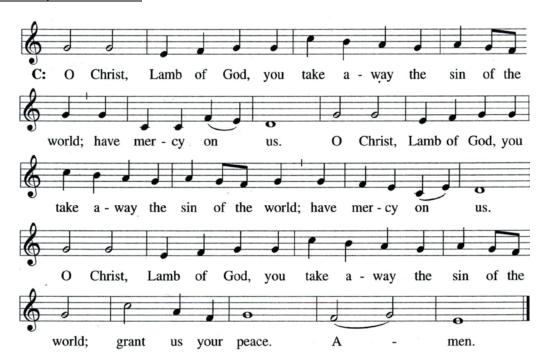


WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide"

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SERVICE CONTINUES

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. 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.



CLOSING HYMN "We Have a Sure Prophetic Word" (p.17)

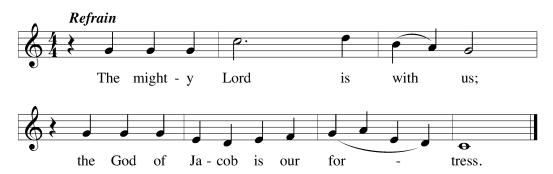
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SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Psalm 46





God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the <u>earth</u> give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

though its waters <u>roar</u> and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

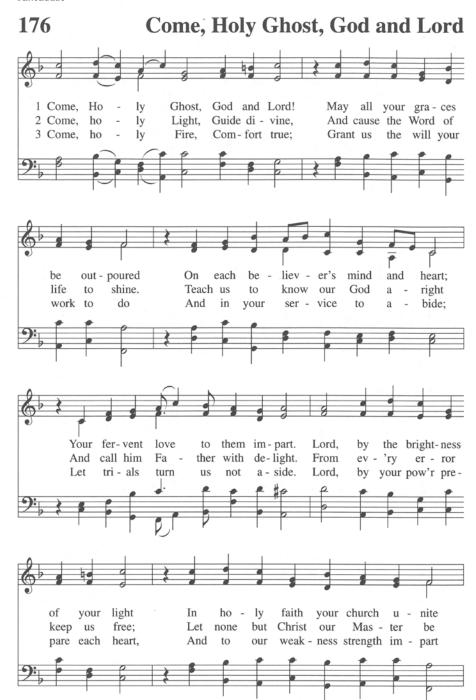
God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

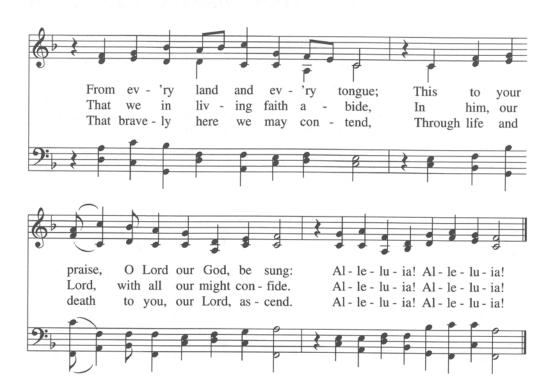
"Be still, and know that <u>I</u> am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son and to the Holy <u>Spirit</u>,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

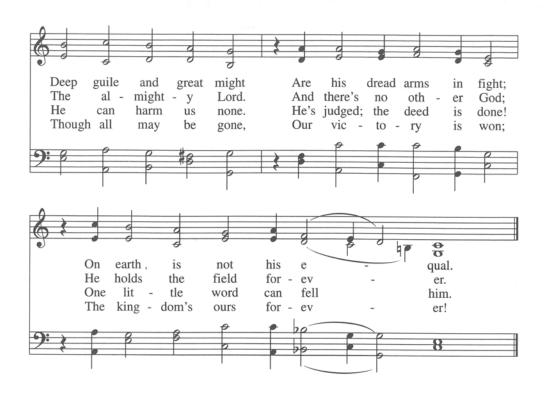




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Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide



- 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.
- 6 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.
- 7 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.

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We Have a Sure Prophetic Word





BUILDING A CONGREGATIONAL OUTREACH CULTURE

Everyone Outreach is designed to help our congregation build a culture of outreach so that every ministry and every member is thinking about and participating in outreach.

WORKSHOP DATE: November 7 & 8

TIME: Sat 8 to Noon; Sun Noon to 4

LOCATION: Our Savior Church

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Everyone Outreach kicks off with a 2-day interactive workshop. Each participant will leave the workshop with sustainable ways to personally help build our congregation's outreach culture.

HOW DO I



HOW DO I **LEARN MORE?**

To learn more, visit everyoneoutreach.com or contact:

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"I WISH MY CONGREGATION WAS MORE OUTREACH-MINDED."

Intro: How could Daniel rise to such a position of power and influence without losing his faith in the one true God? You know the answer – the Lord was with him! Have you considered what you want to do with the moments or months you have left while here on earth?

Boldly Let Them Know You Love God

1. Anticipate Opportunities to Confess Our Faith in Jesus. (6:10-12,16)

- 1.1 Some situations could be very challenging.
- 1.2 Look at the origin and purpose of this intolerant law.
- 1.3 We don't have to back down.
- 1.4 If we shrink back from conflict we may miss the real reason for the difficulty.

APP: Like Daniel, Luther knew what the church did to those who questioned their doctrine and authority. He boldly confessed that Baptism and the Lord's Supper were miracles, a holy thing that God does for us. The Christian Church has been blessed by people who boldly stand up for the truths of God's Word even IF it means giving up their lives.

2. Anticipate Deliverance to Come from the Lord. (6:17-23)

- 2.1 We must learn to prepare and endure adversity.
- 2.2 The power of Daniel's God was already known to the rulers in Babylon.
- 2.3 Daniel has no problem answering the frantic, distressed king.
- 2.4 He trusted that the safest place is inside the will of God.

APP: King Darius issued a decree to honor Daniel by honoring his God. Let us learn that God (can and) already has delivered us from every evil.

Conclusion: Perhaps you have a bucket list of things you want to do before the Lord takes you home to heaven. Put at the top of your list the desire to have more opportunities to boldly confess your faith as Daniel did. Then watch how the Lord will deliver you just as he did Daniel.

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

8:00	AM	Worship Service w/communion
9:15	AM	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
10:30	AM	Worship Service w/communion
4:00	PM	Public School Confirmation Class
7:00	PM	Worship Service
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NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

1st Lesson 2nd Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Gospel

Psalm

Daniel 7:9.10

Matthew 25:31-46 Psalm 90

THIS WEEK'S **WORSHIP SERVICE**

"Transformed by His Love"

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FIRST LESSON:

Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23

THE GOSPEL:

Matthew 10:16-23

THE SERMON:

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