



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church & Christian Preschool
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Sunday, October 29
Reformation Sunday



John 8:31-36

Key: L = Leader, C = Congregation

Prelude:

“A Mighty Fortress”

(Piano/Organ Duet: Cherie Schafer & Melanie Johanningmeier)

Welcome

The flowers on the altar are sponsored by Marlene & Joel Holthaus, Hervert Family in memory of Don Holthaus.

The Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Diane Melrose in memory of Andy & Mike Melrose.

Bible Presentation (1st & 4th Graders)

Gathering Hymn:

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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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 - cv - 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
 us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

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!

Apostolic Greeting:

L: 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.**

Music:

“Through the Eyes of a Child”

Kids Choir & Trinity Choir

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.**

Scripture Reading:

Romans 3:19-28

Read by Alison Mehmen

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.

“Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me this I know,
For the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but He is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me He who died
Heaven’s gate to open wide
He will wash away my sin
Let his little child come in. **Refrain**

Children’s Sermon

Gospel Song:

“Alleluia”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia:

L: The Holy Gospel according to John 8:31-36



³¹Jesus 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.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord...



Sermon:

Reverend Richard Wehrs

Music:

“Jesus Is the Living Stone”

Trinity Choir

The 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.**

The Prayers (L): Lord in your mercy,

Response: **hear our prayer.**

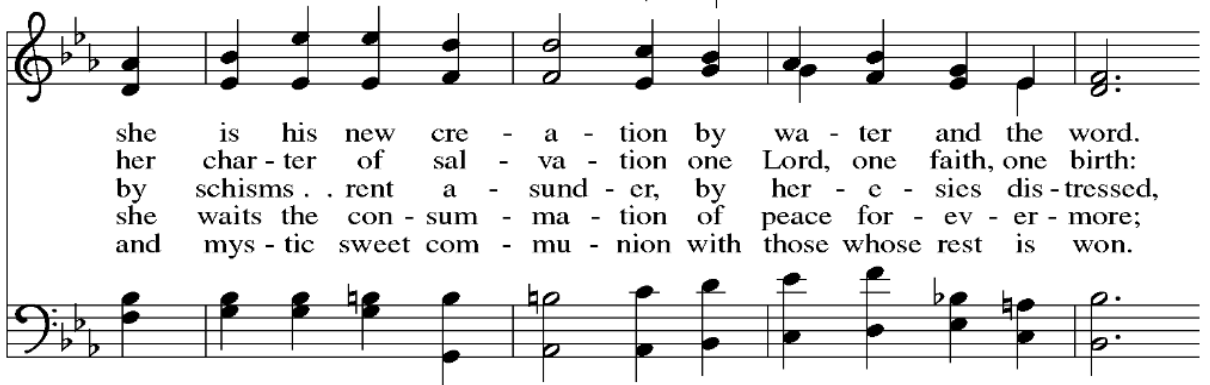
Please keep the following in prayer:

Deb Watkins	Bill Hollar	Linda Girken	Marilu Wohlers
Joyce Boehmer	Beverly Sears	Imani Sande	Colleen Ortmayer
Lou Streich	Bill Wohlers Jr.	Jeanette Brinkman	Don Knowlton
Linda Hoy	Noa Mulholland	Skip Ward	Lorna Scrimger

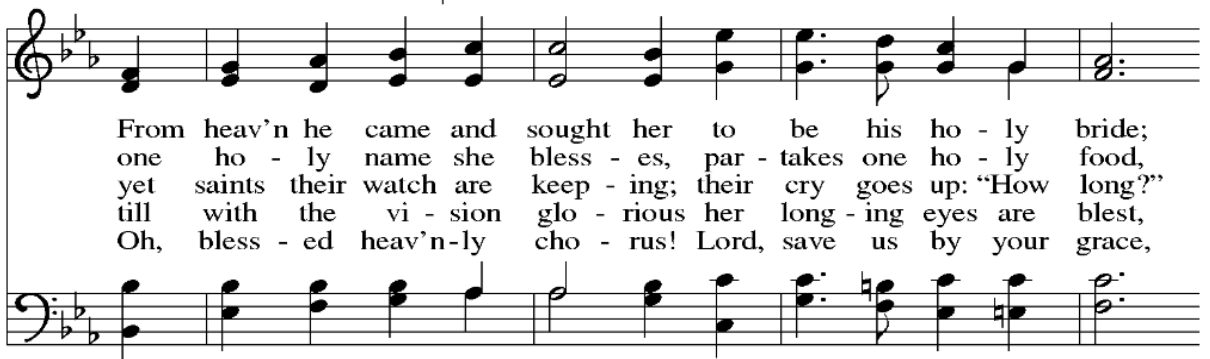
Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families: Kaleb Bilharz, Mackenzy Bilharz, Tanner Evans, Kaylie Fox, Hannah Fox, Kim Hall, Daniel Jacobs, Cameron Kakac, Drew Roethler, Robson Shankland



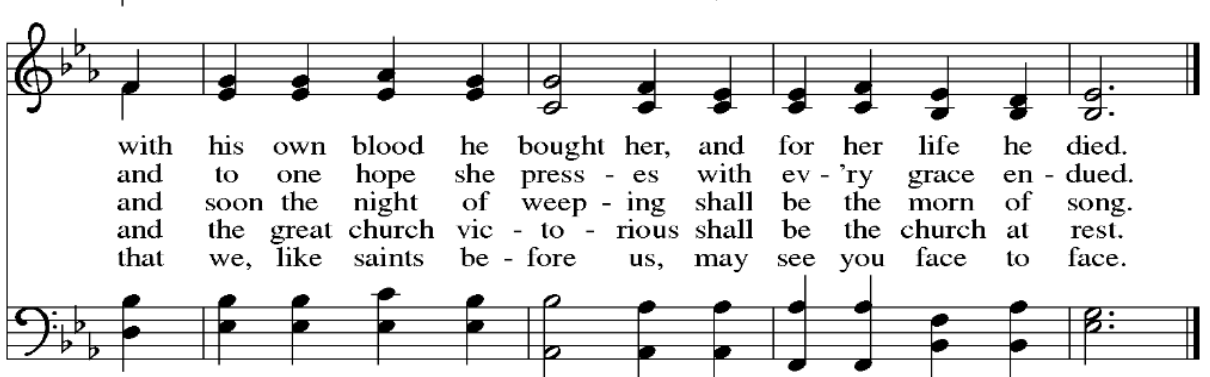
1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died,
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

**Response:*

“Take Our Lives”

Take our lives and let them be consecrated, Lord, to thee;

Take our moments and our days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take our love, oh Lord, we pour at your feet its treasure store;

Take our lives and we will be ever yours eternally.

The 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.

Time of Commitment



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October 29 -- November 5

Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship Do Day Quilters (Quilt Blessing) Consecration Sunday; Full Meal in PH Bible Presentation (1st & 4th Graders) Both Choirs Sing
Monday	6:00 PM	Office Closed Cub Scouts
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Do Day Quilters
	5:00 PM	Wednesday Night Activities <i>(NO CHOIR TONIGHT)</i>
Friday	5:00 PM	Girl Scouts
Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship/Communion All Saints After Worship: Congregation "Thank You/Send-Off" for Laurie
	10:05 AM	Kids Sunday School
	10:05 AM	Youth Hour
	10:15 AM	Adult Catechism Class

Wednesday Night Schedule

3:30 PM	After School
5:00 PM	Supper
6:00 PM	Confirmation

NO CHOIR CLASSES this week...

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

HELP NEEDED

in the kitchen during the months of
November and December.

To Volunteer...

Contact: Shirley Holm OR Sandie Quade

Offering from the week of:

October 22, 2023

General Receipts: **\$8,828.00**

Designated: **\$175.00**

Total \$9,003.00

General Receipts of \$9,580.03 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget.

Sunday Attendance: 223

Wednesday Night Supper

Menu for October November 1st:

Hot Dogs on Bun, Mac & Cheese, Brownies

Supper is from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 for adults
Children through 12th grade free thanks to

Kans for Kids
(Menu subject to change)

Please help support...

St. John Christian Preschool

Purchase Kwik Star gift cards and the preschool receives 5% of the face value!! Please contact Whittney or Toni if you are interested.



Laurie Heidebrink

... will soon be leaving her position as our *Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator*.

She has accepted a job at Natural Resources Conservation Service. This position allows her to use her Fisheries & Wildlife Biology degree and Geology minor to help conserve our natural resources. The Executive Committee is working to see that responsibilities are covered in the interim as we take time to determine what our next steps will be.

We're thankful for all that Laurie has done for our youth and families over the last 9 years!

*Please join us in saying thank you to her at a reception in her honor
After Worship
on
Sunday, November 5th.*

THE 25 CENT GIFT STORE FOR KIDS

will be December 3rd! Store hours are 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Donations of gently used Christmas themed items, craft items, or toys are needed! You can bring your donated items to the office at St John.



Today we have 55 quilts being blessed and donated to

Northern Lights Alliance of Mason City.

Our Purpose as NLA:

To support the increasing number of men, women, children & veterans that have fallen into a homeless situation.

Connecting those individuals with resources and financial assistance to get them back on their feet.

- Each quilt given, is kept by the person receiving it.
- We pray they see it as a blessing and a protective covering.

November is food Month!

Sunday School youth can bring non-perishable food items to class to be collected for the "Blessing Box"

On Sunday, November 12th, Angel Tree tags will be available in the Narthex before and after service. Angel Tree provides gifts for children of incarcerated parents, food and religious materials for their families, and Bibles for the prisoners. Please support the program again this year.