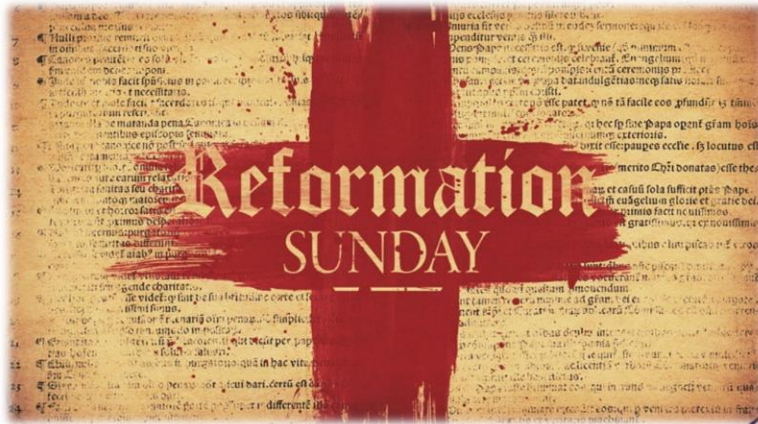




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October 30, 2022; Reformation Sunday



John 8:31-36

Prelude:

“Sanctus (Holy Art Thou)”

Cherie Schafer, piano; Melanie Johanningmeier, organ

The prelude is dedicated to the memory of longtime Music Director, Andrea DeVore.

Welcome

The flowers on the Altar are sponsored by Jim & LaVonne Reysack in honor of their anniversary.

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Tyler & Amy Kubik.

Service of Holy Baptism

Gathering Hymn:

“A Mighty Fortress”

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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 - 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
 your 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:

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

Response: **And also with you.**

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.

Music:

“From Generation to Generation”

Trinity Choir

The Trinity Choir would like to dedicate our anthems today to the memory of longtime choir member, Shirley Ripley.

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Read by Carol Brahn

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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.

Bible Blessing for 1st & 4th Grade Students & Parents:



1st Grade students - Dewey Clifford Chase, Callie Abigail Hammond, Hunter Herbert Hinz, Faye Irene Krause, Hallie Jean Kubik, Landon Scott LaBarge, Jiles Wayne Lantz, Madilyn Abigail Lessin, Rylee Jo Van Horn, Kerrigan Jo Venz

4th Grade students - Kynsie Ann Eckhoff, Lela Jean Hammond, Hazel Grace Hansen, Dax Leon Johnson, Kaylie Marie Keyes, Austin Richard Lacour, Emersyn Rae Miller, Blair Thomas Walker

“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.

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.

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

Jesus loves me!
He will stay close beside me all the way;
When at last I come to die,
He will take me home on high.

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

Children's Sermon

Gospel Song:

"Alleluia"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to **John 8:31-36**



31 Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 33 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'?" 34 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. 36 So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

P: The Gospel of the Lord...



Sermon

Assistant to the Bishop, The Rev. Liz Albertson

Music:

"Jesus is the Living Stone"

Trinity Choir

The Prayers (P): Lord in your mercy,

Response: **hear our prayer.**

Please keep the following in prayer:

Sue Ayers Randy Kreger Jerry Meader Marilu Wohlers

Rodney Ellis Hallie Kubik Calvin Schultz Bill Wohlers Jr.

B.J. Gifford Brandie McDonald Ron Venz Carmen Wolf

Linda Girken Carol Meader

Family of Mario Adam Marth

The Prayer List: Names will be kept on the list for 3 weeks. Family members can request a name be left on longer. The office number is 228-3397.

We celebrate the baptism of...

Ezekiel Donald Kendall

Ezekiel is the child of Scott & Sarah Kendall

Sponsors: Nick & Rhonda Cue, Raymond & Jennifer Tellin



Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families: Kaleb Bilharz, Mackenzy Bilharz, Alex Buenger, 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 this is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

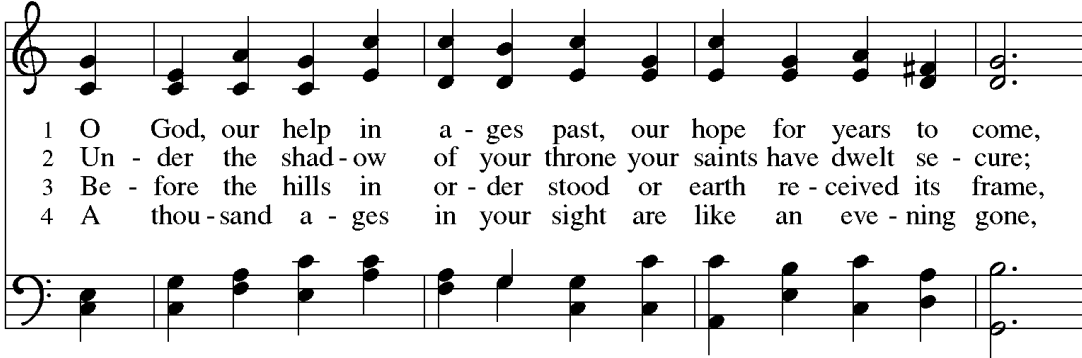
Table Prayer

The Benediction

Sending Hymn:

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

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1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

P: Go in peace and share the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude:

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Cherie Schafer, piano; Melanie Johanningmeier, organ

CCLI #227-7055



October 30 - November 6

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| Sunday | Reformation Sunday |
| | 9:00 a.m. Worship |
| | 10:15 a.m. 150th meal & craft fair |
| Tuesday | 5:00 p.m. Budget meeting |
| | 6:00 p.m. Building & Grounds |
| | 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry |
| Wednesday | 3:30 p.m. After School |
| | 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night supper |
| | 6:00 p.m. Confirmation |
| | 7:00 p.m. Trinity Choir |
| Sunday | All Saints Sunday |
| | Daylight Savings time ends |
| | 9:00 a.m. Worship |
| | 10:05 a.m. Education Hour |
| | 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible study |



Daylight savings time ends
NOVEMBER 6TH !
 Turn your clocks **BACK** one hour!

Offering from the week of
October 23, 2022 \$16,018.20
 General Receipts: \$125.00
 Designated:
General receipts of \$9,812.94 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget
Attendance: 182

Welcome to our 150th Anniversary Celebration!

We have spent the year getting ready for this day and it looks like we have a great service, dinner and craft/silent auction fund raiser planned. Thank you to all who are taking part in this service today and we hope you all have a good day of fellowship and fun.

You will notice several people with nametags. This is your church council. They are your hosts for the day and will help you find seats in the Parish Hall, since we are going to have a full house, or help with your meal service if you require help. Do not hesitate to ask them.

We will all exit the church after the service and find a seat in the Parish Hall before being released by table to go through the dinner line. We may have an announcement or two before starting, but once done, feel free to go check out the silent auction and craft fair. You will get your dinner even if your table has already been sent through the line. The silent auction will end around 11:30 and the craft fair will continue as long as people are here.

The last year has been spent celebrating our past, but now it is time to look to the future. The lift project is a step toward making our church more handicap accessible, a goal that is near and dear to many of us with mobility issues. The silent auction and craft fair are a fund raiser for the lift project, and they are just meant to kick start the project, so let's give it a good effort. Your generosity is appreciated. There is also an opportunity to just give a donation and some craft items have no price but just allow you to donate as you see fit.

We give thanks today for 150 years of the St. John congregation. May God give us many more years of worship and service in this place.

The 150th Anniversary Committee

Wednesday Night Supper

Menu for November 2nd:

Chicken Noodle Soup & Chili
Salad Bar
Dessert

Supper is from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Volunteers needed!

Kathy has been doing a great job with Wednesday night suppers but could use some help! If anyone would like to help her with prep work or clean up, please call the office to volunteer. It's a big job and as they say "many hands make light work"!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 3rd to come help the Deacons decorate the church for Christmas! We will start at 9:00 a.m.

All are welcome!

November is food Month!

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

Dartball at St. John: Dartball matches will be starting soon. We are planning 2 in November & 2 in December so far. A complete schedule will be out soon. You can contact Dennis Sande at 319-389-7998 if interested in playing.

THE .25 CENT GIFT STORE FOR KIDS will be December 4th! 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.

On Sunday, November 13th, 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.

"We extend our gratitude and appreciation to Ruth Farmer, David & Teri Nelson, & Elizabeth Peterson for the recent memorials they gave to St. John in memory of Shirley Ripley. Thank you!"

"We extend our gratitude and appreciation to Leon & Jan Mulford for the recent memorial they gave to St. John in memory of Joan Semelhack. Thank you!"

"We extend our gratitude and appreciation to Leon & Jan Mulford and David & Susan Ayers for the recent memorials they gave to St. John in memory of Tom Winterink. Thank you!"