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**October 31, 2021: Reformation Sunday**



**John 8:31-36**

Prelude:

“A Mighty Fortress”

Cherie Schafer, piano; Melanie Johanningmeier, organ

Welcome

The flowers on the Altar and the radio broadcast are sponsored by Arlene Thomas in memory of loved ones.

Opening 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  
 vour 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,

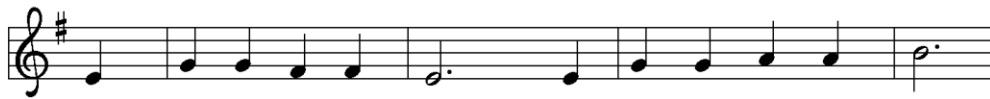
he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

*Apostolic Greeting:*

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

Response: **And also with you.**

*Kyrie:*



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

*Hymn of Praise*



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth;  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

*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.**

Reading:

Romans 3:19-28

Read by Susan Leeper

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.

Gospel Acclamation:



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

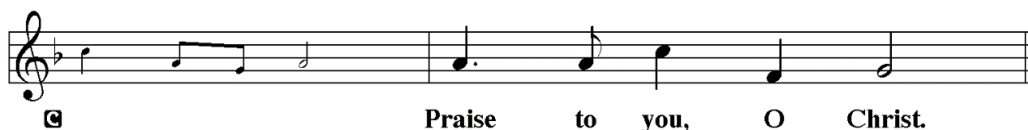
P: The Holy Gospel according to **John 8:31-36**



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord...



Praise to you, O Christ.

## Hymn of the Day

## "The Church of Christ in Every Age

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1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

## The Creed

## 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 (P):* Lord in your mercy,  
Response: **hear our prayer.**

***Please Keep the following in prayer:***

Shirley Billings	Sandra Link	Marilu Wohlers
James Grob	Donna Patton	Bill Wohlers, Jr.
Dale Lamprecht	Skip Ward	Cal Wood

***Family of Jackie "Jack" Leroy Hulbert***

***Family of Mary Bernice Cavett Lindaman***

Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families: Mackenzy Bilharz, Alex Buenger, Kim Hall, Daniel Jacobs, Cameron Kakac, Robson Shankland

***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.

*Special Music:*

“Beautiful Savior”

*Cherie Schafer, piano; Melanie Johanningmeier, organ*

*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**

*The Benediction*

P: Let's hold each other in prayer & stay safe

1 The church's one founda - 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.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900  
 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**October 31 - November 7**

Sunday **Reformation/Consecration Sunday**  
**1st & 4th Grade students receive Bibles**  
**9:00 a.m. Worship**  
10:00 a.m. Consecration Brunch

Tuesday 5:00 p.m. Building & Grounds  
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry/Brewer

Wednesday 3:30 p.m. After School  
5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper  
6:00 p.m. Confirmation  
6:15 p.m. Helping Hands Committee  
7:00 p.m. Trinity Choir

Sunday **All Saints Sunday**  
**End Daylight Savings Time**  
**9:00 a.m. Worship**  
10:00 a.m. **Education Hour**  
11:00 a.m. Parish Ed  
11:00 a.m. Deacons

**Daylight savings time ends**  
**NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> !**  
Turn your clocks **BACK** one hour!



**Consecration Brunch**  
Will begin after Worship, in  
the Parish Hall!

**Helping Hands** are needed for small jobs!! There is a definite need!! You are invited to help figure out how to organize these St. John angels. We will meet next **Wednesday, November 3 at 6:15 p.m. in the Fireside room.** Why not come to dinner at the church and join us afterwards?  
Hope to see you there!

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL!**  
**10:20 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**  
**in the Chapel.**

**November 7 & 14:** Thanksgiving  
Psalm 100  
**November 21:** Thanksgiving:  
Isaiah 12

**The Blessing Box Committee**  
will meet November 7, 2021, at  
10:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall. If you have  
an interest in joining this committee, feel  
free to attend!



**Youth Burrito Breakfast!**  
**November 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.**  
Support the youth and enjoy eggs,  
tortillas, sausage, ham, cheese, salsa &  
pancakes!  
Free will donation goes to the youth  
accounts of those serving you!

**Wednesday Night Supper**  
**Supper Menu for November 3<sup>rd</sup>:**  
Meat loaf, baked potatoes, squash, pea salad,  
strawberry pretzel dessert  
**Adults \$4.00**  
**Students – Preschool – 12<sup>th</sup> grade**  
Free courtesy of Stewardship Board's  
"Kans for Kids" project



**First & Fourth Grade students receiving Bibles  
October 31<sup>st</sup>, Reformation Sunday**

**First Grade:**

*Madelynn Elizabeth Hoeft  
Quincy Alan Johnson  
Hallie Jean Kubik  
Aaron Richard Lacour  
Marron Kaye Murray  
Emersyn Kay Ungs*

**Fourth Grade:**

*Saeli Rae Chase  
Alesia Marie Garden  
Isaac Ryan Gassman  
Meghan Ann Korbel  
Addisen Joyce Lantz  
Grace Elizabeth Marth*



**KANS FOR KIDS**

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:** We will **no longer be accepting** glass bottles at our **Kans for Kids receptacle**. This is for safety reasons for the individuals handling the glass. With snow season approaching, everything will need to be in the fenced off area to ensure that snow removal can allow convenient access to the drop-off area. Thank you for understanding and complying with this request.

**Offering from the week of  
October 24, 2021**

General Receipts                      \$ 12,925.17  
Designated offering                      80.00  
*General receipts of \$9,757.00 are needed  
weekly to meet the approved budget.*  
**Attendance: 173**

**Blessing Box Donations, we need items to fill the Box!** Suggested items are anything shelf-stable (non-perishable) **food and non-food items. Donated items can be put directly in the little food pantry outside the East door.**

**On Sunday, November 21, 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.

**THE .25 CENT GIFT STORE FOR KIDS**

will be December 5th! Store hours are 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., St. John Sunday school students can start at 11:00 a.m. Donations of gently used Christmas themed items, craft items, or toys are needed! You can bring your donated items to the St John office by Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you!