

# Reformation Sunday

## GROUNDED IN GRACE

October 29, 2017

8:30 A.M.

## WELCOME TO GRACE

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

*Stand as you are able.*

### Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the + holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

C **Amen**

*silence for reflection and self-examination*

P Source of all life,

C **we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen**

P God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, + God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's

people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**C Amen**

## **Gathering Hymn**

*'A Mighty Fortress Is Our God'*

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## **Greeting**

P The grace given to us in Christ Jesus,  
the power of God who calls us with a holy  
calling, and the help of the Holy Spirit living in  
us be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

*Be seated.*

## **Responsive Reading** *(from Psalm 46)*

A God is our refuge and strength,

**C a very present help in trouble.**

A Therefore we will not fear though the earth  
gives way,

**C though the mountains be moved into the  
heart of the sea,**

A though its waters roar and foam,

**C though the mountains tremble at its  
swelling.**

A The Lord of hosts is with us;

**C the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

A It is better to take refuge in the Lord

**C than to trust in man.**

A It is better to take refuge in the Lord

**C than to trust in princes.**

A The Lord is my strength and my song;

**C he has become my salvation.**

A I shall not die, but I shall live,

**C and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

*'Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice'* vs 1, 4, & 8

**Prayer of the Day**

**P** Let us pray  
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**

**First Reading**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

<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.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God**

## Second Reading

Romans 3:19-28

<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.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand as you are able.*

**Gospel Acclamation** 'Alleluia!' p. 142

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

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

## **Holy Gospel**

John 8:31-36

<sup>31</sup>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.

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

*Be seated.*

## **Sermon**

## **Hymn of the Day**

*'Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word'*

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*Stand as you are able.*

## **Nicene Creed**

p. 104

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*Petitions end:*

A Lord in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.

**C Amen**

## **Peace**

*The people greet one another saying: "Peace be with you".*

*Be seated.*

## **Offering**

*Stand as you are able.*

### **Offertory**

'That Priceless Grace' vs 1 & 4

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### **Offering Prayer**

A God of life,

**C you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

p. 144

### **Lord's Prayer**

p. 145

*Be seated.*

### **Distribution of Holy Communion**

*Come to the communion rail by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. You may kneel or stand. Wine is in the common cup and tray of individual cups. If you prefer grape juice, ask the server. Children are invited for a blessing. All are welcome who believe Christ is present in this meal for the forgiveness of sins.*

### **Hymns at the Distribution**

'Lamb of God' p. 146

'O Word of God Incarnate' **514**

'The Church's One Foundation' **654**

*Stand as you are able.*

### **Table Blessing**

## Post Communion Prayer

A Holy and compassionate God,  
C **in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. Amen**

## Blessing

### Sending Hymn

*'God's Word Is Our Great Heritage'*

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### Dismissal

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

## Prayer Huddle

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## **Worship Assistants: October 29**

**Greeters:** Mason – Ron Bailey  
East – Mary & Ray Hubers

**Assisting Minister:** Deb Baumbach

**Lector:** Deb Baumbach

**Communion 8:30:** Gene Krull

**Communion 10:30:** Judy Cross

**Ushers:** John Kading, Bob Waldron, Ed Kerwell

**Hospitality:** Sharon Meier

**Organist:** Diane Bailey

**Sunday School Song Leader:** Lois Hilger

**Attendance 10/22:** 8:30 am–59 & 10:30 am–14

**H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch:** 10/19 – 169 students

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## ***In Prayer this Week***

***For members on the Care List*** especially Marie Mueller and Ruby Niemuth.

***For Healing*** for Carol Sievert; Tom Jensen; Mardie Paalman, Cookie Regal's sister; Winston Augustus Smith, Cheryl Muggenthaler's nephew; Mary Langdon, Cheryl Muggenthaler's sister-in-law; Rev. Jennie Johnson Wrege; Valerie Sieg; Marvin Wrege; Sharon Meier; Margaret Congdon; Jerry Wilharms.

***For those with cancer*** especially Melissa Heins, Gene and Karen Krull's daughter; Mark Catlin; Roger Schmidt; Marian Breitenfeldt; Enid Andrews.

**"Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer." Romans 12:12**



*If you have a Prayer Chain request, please contact Mary Hubers (731-1428) or Susan Pringnitz (733-7591). Call the church office with requests for prayer to be put in the bulletin and/or to ask for a prayer to be relayed to the Prayer Chain.*

## **Announcements**

**All Saints' Sunday:** On Sunday, November 5, 2017 we will be celebrating All Saints' Day during worship. If you have a loved one who has passed away since last All Saints' Day, please contact the office by email [Grace54914@gmail.com](mailto:Grace54914@gmail.com) or call after 2:00 pm to the church office 733-9135. We need the correct spelling and the date of death. We will also include the names of those recently baptized in the last year, again we need correct spelling and dates. We will need these names and dates by October 30.

**Children's Book Sale** - We now have open our Spark children's book sale. Check out our selection of books plus many more on the order forms. You can get great price and free shipping. Order soon as the sale ends November 5.

### **Grace is having a Reformation 500 Bookstore!**

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching! Do you want to learn more about Martin Luther, his writings, and their impact on Christianity? Do you want to reflect on the ongoing impact of the Reformation today? Stop by our Reformation 500 Bookstore to shop for engaging books on the Reformation for readers of all ages and interests! Save up to 50% plus receive free shipping on all Bookstore titles. The last day to place your order is November 5.

**The Human Trafficking Awareness: Educating the Community Event** will take place on Saturday, November 11 at All Saints Lutheran in Oshkosh. The event will run from 8:00 a.m. till noon. It is free and open to the public, but preregistration is required. Go to [www.Eventbrite.com](http://www.Eventbrite.com) 11-11-7 to register. Learn facts about Human Trafficking from 8 active organizations on the front lines and what you can do to help.

### **That We May Be One - Today**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church  
2771 Oakwood Dr., Green Bay

Worship: 3 p.m.                      Workshop: 4:15 – 5:15 p.m.  
The East Central Synod of Wisconsin and the Diocese of Green Bay will be joining together to commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation this afternoon. Join us at 3:00 p.m. for a prayer service, with Bishop Geral Mansholt and Bishop David Ricken, preaching. Following worship, there will be an hour-long workshop entitled, "Ecumenical Marriages: A Mirror of Lutheran-Catholic Sharing." All are welcome.

### ***Welcome to Grace***

*Whether you are a member or visiting for the first time, may God's grace surround you today.  
There is a guest book to sign in the gathering area.  
If you are looking for a church home,  
you are welcome here.*

## **GRACE FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, Oct. 29**.....8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:25 a.m. Sunday School  
9:40 a.m. Adult Forum  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
Reformation Sunday  
*Sunday School sings at 10:30 a.m. Worship*

**Monday, Oct. 30**.....7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

**Tuesday, Oct. 31**.....8:30 a.m. Quilting  
6:30 p.m. FV Chorus

**Wednesday, Nov. 1**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. TLC Worship  
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting

**Thursday, Nov. 2**.....10 a.m. H.S. Grilled Cheese  
6:30 p.m. Trinity Singers Practice

**Friday, Nov. 3**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study

**Saturday, Nov. 4**.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service

**Sunday, Nov. 5**.....8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:25 a.m. Sunday School  
9:40 a.m. Adult Forum  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
All Saints Sunday