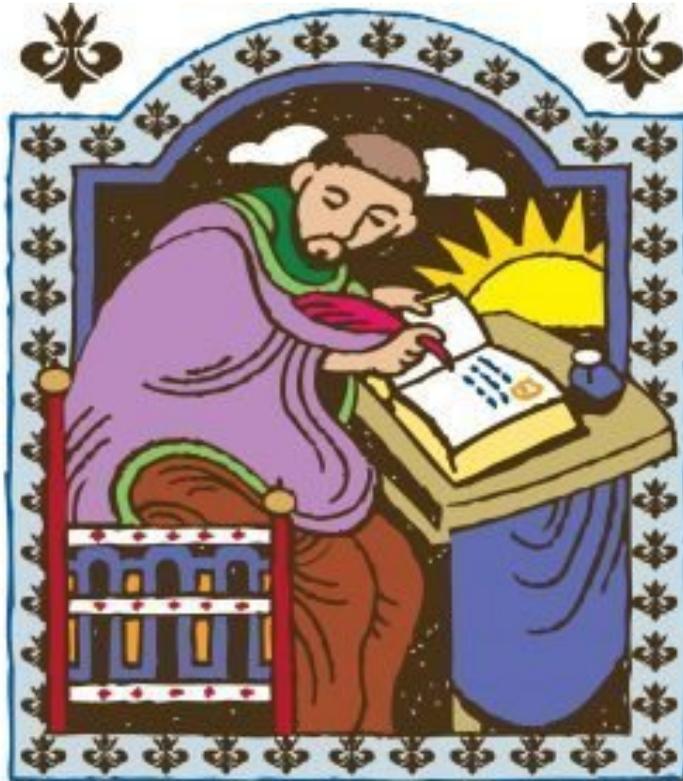


Sunday, October 25, 2020
8:00 AM



Reformation Sunday

Grace Lutheran Church

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REFORMATION SUNDAY
October 25, 2020 – 8:00 AM
No Communion

+++ PREPARATION +++

PRELUDE

GREETINGS and PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: Concerto on A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

(RISE)

INVOCATION

Pastor: We gather this morning as the people of God, invited and privileged to worship Him;

People: the words of our baptisms greet us and give us reason to rejoice:

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

Pastor: I will speak of your statutes before kings, O Lord, and will not be put to shame.

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

Pastor: Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

People: though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Pastor: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

Pastor: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

All: Amen!

Pastor: I will speak of your statutes before kings, O Lord,

People: and will not be put to shame.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: “Turn to Me and be saved,” says the Lord. “For I am God and there is no other.”

People: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: O my dear Lord Jesus Christ,

All: You know my poor soul and my great failing, which I confess before you with an open heart. I find that I do not have the kind of will and resolution I certainly ought to have and that I am daily failing to live up to the

standards of your holy name. I have at times been selfish, and unloving to you and to my neighbor, and worst of all, unfaithful in my ways. I humbly beg you to forgive me, a poor sinner. Redeem me from every evil and temptation. Strengthen and increase in me the true Christian faith; grant me grace to love my neighbor with all my heart, as honestly as you love me. Grant me patience in persecution and in every adversity. And finally renew me, make me holy, and fix my ways onto a Godly path. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. God has sent His Son into the flesh to take away your sins and to bring you new life. And through the merits of Jesus Christ, God has heard your confession. Therefore, I as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce unto you the grace of God and by the authority and command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

KYRIE (*Lord, have mercy.*) – Spoken

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above, for freedom from our sins, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for freedom to serve our Lord and one another, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who freely offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN of PRAISE: LSB 660 vs. 1 & 4 “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

COLLECT:

Pastor: Let us pray together:

All: Enlighten our minds, we pray, O God, by the Spirit who proceeds from you that, as your Son has promised, we may be led into all truth; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be Seated)

The FIRST LESSON: Revelation 14:6-7

6Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. **7**He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The SECOND LESSON: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. ²⁰Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. ²¹But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²²This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. ²⁷Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. ²⁸For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

(PLEASE RISE)

GOSPEL HYMN: Songs of Grace 100 "The Battle Belongs to the Lord"

(REMAIN STANDING)

The HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

³¹To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³²Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" ³⁴Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON: Pastor Bruce Kischnick

(RISE)

CREEDAL RESPONSE:

All: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the truth faith; even as He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith; in which Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers, and will at the last day raise up me and all the dead, and give unto me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: LSB 806 "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

(RISE)

The PRAYERS of the CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy...

People: Hear our Prayer.

The LORD'S PRAYER

The BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 918 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

**SILENT PRAYER
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

POSTLUDE

**+++ SOLI DEO GLORIA +++
“To God Be the Glory”**

**At the Heart
of the
Reformation**

Martin Luther did not want to ‘break’ with the church as much as share the revelation of God’s grace being given freely in Jesus Christ. Rediscovering God’s grace is what is at the heart of the Reformation. Note the change in Martin Luther quoted below.

**Martin Luther
On
“The Righteousness of God”**

Martin Luther wrote: “At last, I began to understand the ‘righteousness of God’ as that by which the righteous person lives the GIFT of God by which the merciful God justifies us by faith. This immediately made me feel as though I had been born again, and as though I had entered paradise itself. From that moment, I saw the whole face of scripture in a new light. Where once I hated the ‘righteousness of God,’ I began to live and extol it as the sweetest of phrases.”

**Responding
to the
Gift of Righteousness
Given in Christ**

“Therefore, my dear brother, learn to know Christ, yes, the Crucified. Learn to praise Him, to despair of yourself, and to say to Him: Lord Jesus, You are my righteousness, but I am Your sin; You took what is mine and gave me what is Yours. You took upon Yourself what You were not and gave me what I was not.”

--Martin Luther
April 18, 1516