

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 27, 2024

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✠PREPARATION✠

AS WE GATHER

In Psalm 12, King David cries out, “Save, O LORD, for the godly one is gone; for the faithful have vanished from among the children of man” (v. 1). The Lord God’s anointed king lives in a troubling world! Many centuries later, Martin Luther paraphrased the words of David, writing in a hymn text in 1523: “O Lord, look down from heav’n, behold and let Thy pity waken; . . . dark times have us o’ertaken” (TLH 260:1). Looking at our world today, we can relate to both King David and Martin Luther. Yet both men expressed hope in their written words. In his psalm, David writes, “The words of the LORD are pure words, . . . You, O LORD, will keep them” (vv. 6a, 7a). And Luther confidently writes, “So through God’s Word shall men endure each trial and temptation” (TLH 260:5). Reformation Day echoes the call to faithfulness heard by God’s people through the ages. May we listen well!

The peace of the Lord is exchanged according to local custom.

OPENING HYMN LSB 657 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: O, almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the 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.

C: Amen.

✠WORD✠

INTROIT (see insert – spoken full verse by full verse – Pastor begins)

GLORIA PATRI (sung)

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

KYRIE (sung) **Lord, have mercy upon us.**
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (sung)

C: Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good-will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav`nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: (sung) And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray:

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) Amen.

FIRST READING Revelation 14:6-7

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Psalm 48:1a, 12–14a*

**C: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!
Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,
consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,
that you may tell the next generation
that this is God, our God forever and ever.**

THE EPISTLE Romans 3:19-28

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

VERSE (sung)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 8:31-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the eighth chapter,

C: (sung) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

After the reading:

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (sung) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was

incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 575 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

SERMON Text - Romans 3:20 Theme – Conscious of Sin

OFFERTORY (sung)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen

OFFERING *plate will be passed. Please sign the Record of Fellowship folder at this time.*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ, our Lord, has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [*name(s)*] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

✠SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT✠

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: (sung) **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: (sung) **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: (sung) **It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord who having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying.:

SANCTUS: (sung)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav`n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He,
blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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,

(sung) **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (sung) Amen.

AGNUS DEI –Lamb of God

(sung) **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

Distribution

LSB 560 “Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed”

LSB 621 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

NUNC DIMITTIS

(sung) **Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C:(sung) and His mercy endureth forever.

P: Let us pray:

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) Amen.

SALUTATION and BENEDICTION

L: The Lord be with you.

C: (sung) And with thy spirit.

L: Bless we the Lord:

C: (sung) Thanks be to God.

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C: (sung) **Amen, amen, amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN LSB 919 “Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

SILENT PRAYER

+THIS WORSHIP IS ENDED.
LET THE SERVICE BEGIN+

“...whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17

Dates to remember:

Tuesday Oct. 29 – meal at Mancelona United Methodist Church

Saturday , Nov. 2 – FALL BACK ONE HOUR

Sunday, Nov. 3 – LWML Sunday – Ladies will help with service

Sunday, Nov. 17 – Confirmation for Andrea & Brayden VanderLoop

Sunday, November 24- installation of Pastor Phillips at Kalkaska/3pm

BIBLE STUDY & CHURCH SERVICE

Bible Study will meet at 9:15 am in the fellowship hall,

Church Service at 10:30 am.

Response to our call

Pastor Phillips hopes to start his service here in December, after his installation. We will be having an installation service with St. Paul in Kalkaska. The service will be held at 3 pm on November 24, 2024 with a meal to follow. St. Paul and St. Matthew’s have divided up the menu items. You will find a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall with the items needed by St. Matthew. Thank You.

Confirmation Sunday

November 17, 2024 - Confirmation of Andrea and Brayden VanderLoop. After the service we will have a luncheon to honor these two young people. Patty will be providing meat/cheese tray and bread to make sandwiches. Cake will be provided by Pastor Bernthal. The Altar Guild has opened the menu up to the congregation, so please stay and help us celebrate and if you wish bring a dish to pass. Please see sign up sheet in fellowship hall so Patty has an ideal on how much meat to purchase. Thank you.

Altar Guild Fund Raiser

The ladies of the Altar Guild is having a Rada Cutlery fund raiser during the month of October. Please see any of the ladies in Altar Guild to see a catalog. There is a catalog in the fellowship hall with order blank. This catalog has many interesting items to choose from. Cutlery, kitchen tools, gourmet popcorn, soups, dips, sweet dips, cheeseball mix, cookbooks & gift books. Please take time to check it out. Thank you.

Meadow Brook Care Facility

With the holidays approaching, we are eager to fill Meadow Brook with festive
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tunes and joyful gatherings. One of our most vital instruments has retired to piano heaven. To continue these joyful experiences, we are raising funds to purchase a new Clavinova. Our goal is to raise \$7,000, and we are inviting generous donors to “Sponsor a Key.” Black Key - \$50.00, one of 36 flat/sharp keys
White Key - \$100.00, one of 52 natural keys

Contributions are tax-deductible.

Thank you for helping us keep the music alive at Meadow Brook!

LWML SUNDAY - November 3, 2024

Ladies we will be helping with the service on this day. We will do the readings, pass out bulletins, collect the offering and usher for communion. Also please remember to bring in your mite boxes on that day. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sue Smelker – cancer

Deb Sparks – severe pain

Jim & Karen Nantz for healing

Birthdays - Jack Priami – Nov.16 Danny Bogert – Nov.16
Ralph Moehl – Nov.18 Douglas Wickstrom – Nov. 19

Anniversary - Rick & Cindy Burd – Oct.14
James & Fran Heegeman – Oct.17
Don & Louise Hinds – Oct. 19
Charles & Barbara Smith – Nov.14