



Worship Service  
Sunday, October 25, 2020  
Reformation Sunday  
8:45 A.M.

*Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.*



## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

J.C. Bach (*18<sup>th</sup> child of J.S. Bach*)

### WELCOME

### LITANY OF THANKSGIVING FOR REFORMATION DAY

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**Amen.**

We give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit whose light brought new understanding of both the Living Word and the written Scripture, to see God's consistent grace and mercy through Jesus Christ.

**We are reformed by the work of God's love.**

We are grateful for the work of the Holy Spirit that lead to the printing press, and for all technology used to enable the spread of information and share the gospel to support people in many languages and many places.

**We are reformed by the work of God's love.**

We thank God for opening hearts to hear and receive the good new of freedom in Christ, and recognize that that freedom does not come without loss. We remember the lives that were lost in the struggle to reform the church on earth – those who were martyred, those who died fighting, those who perished in hiding – and all those who died through history working for reformation.

**We are reformed by the work of God's love.**

We thank God for the instruction that comes through our church heritage – the catechisms, the understanding of the saints, the gift of community, and a deeper appreciation of God's gift of Holy Communion and Holy Baptism, and for the presence of Jesus Christ – in us, with us, and for us – and for the support of the Holy Spirit, ever-reforming us.

**We are reformed by the work of God's love.**

God of stability and change, we thank you that true reformation is always your work and always being done in us, out of your love for your whole creation.

We are ever reformed by the work of your love.

**We are ever reformed by the work of God's love. Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**     *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*     **ELW 503**



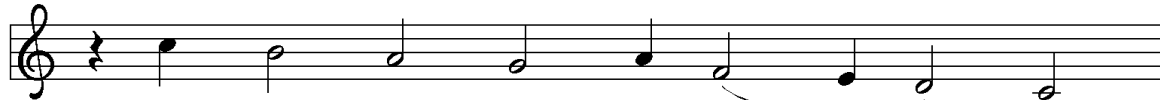
1 A might - y for - tress is our God,  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might!  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide,



a sword and shield vic - to - rious;  
 We would be lost, re - ject - ed.  
 all threat - 'ning to de - vour us,  
 no thanks to foes, who fear it;



he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod  
 But now a cham - pion comes to fight,  
 we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand;  
 for God him - self fights by our side



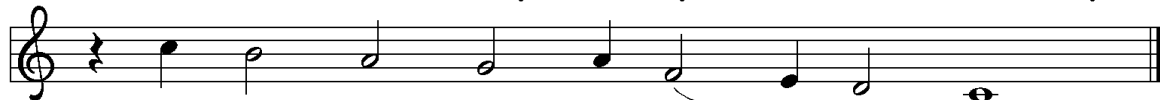
and wins sal - va - tion glo - rious.  
 whom God him - self e - lect - ed.  
 they can - not o - ver - pow'r us.  
 with weap - ons of the Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe, sworn to work us woe,  
 Ask who this may be: Lord of hosts is he!  
 This world's prince may rage, in fierce war en - gage.  
 If they take our house, goods, fame, child, or spouse,



with dread craft and might he arms him - self to fight.  
 Christ Je - sus our Lord, God's on - ly Son, a - dored.  
 He is doomed to fail; God's judg - ment must pre - vail!  
 wrench our life a - way, they can - not win the day.



On earth he has no e - qual.  
 He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

## **GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING – Jeremiah 31:31-34**

*The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.*

<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.

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

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## GOSPEL – John 8:31-36

The gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

<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.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

*Rev. Christina Garrett Klein*

## HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

ELW 517



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



and bring to naught all he has done.  
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we commemorate the Reformation this year, we do so in a time of pandemic. With the ecumenical and global family, we bring our prayers for healing. And we join with our siblings of other communions in joint service to the neighbor, in restraint and vigilance, and in shared witness.

Let us now pray for the world, the church, and all those in need, responding to each petition with the words, “Receive our prayer.”

*A brief silence.*

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## MEAL

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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 thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**+ + + *Receive the Meal* + + +**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*We pause for prayer and reflection, and to give time to commune those gathered  
with others in the household.*

## SENDING

### OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BENEDICTION

God, Creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;  
Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, raising the dead;  
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:  
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen* ELW 548



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,  
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low  
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture  
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



from this meal of love and grace;  
 af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;  
 God has called us to re - ceive;  
 cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion  
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed  
 pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,  
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.  
 to re - lease and to con - sole.  
 Spir - it - ed then let us live.  
 from this day and un - to death.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



God, the won - der of our days.  
 Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.  
 Spir - it, grace by whom we live.  
 Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.



## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**



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### **Our Mission:**

Transforming lives by sharing a saving faith in Jesus Christ  
and living the Gospel through service

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, connect with our ministries, meet with one of our pastors, or learn more about ELC and how to join, feel free to call or email us. You are always welcome here.

+ Pastor Christina Klein

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Opening Litany adapted from Litany of Thanksgiving for Reformation Day, RevGalBlogPals, lutherjulia.

*See you next week for worship livestream  
at 5pm on Saturday and 8:45am & 10:45am on Sunday!  
We continue sharing in communion. Please call/email the church  
office if you need elements brought to you.*



*Thank you for worshipping with us today as we seek to be in community with one another while minimizing physical contact. As a gentle reminder, please continue to wash your hands for the recommended 20 seconds, wear a mask and create safe boundaries through physical distancing.*

*We know that God is with us and God is at work, wherever we worship. We have updated a guideline for worship and all church activities for Phase 4, available on our email blast and church website. Please check your email, Facebook, etc., for additional notifications and updates in the coming weeks, and contact the church council ([council@edgebrooklutheran.org](mailto:council@edgebrooklutheran.org)) with any concerns. Stay safe and be well! God's peace to you!!*