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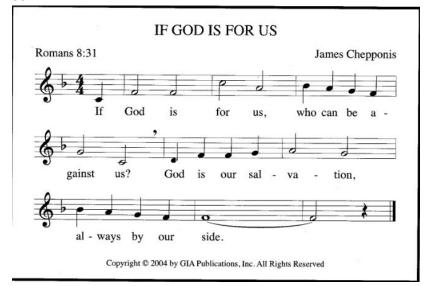
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Call to Worship

We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C]: Amen.

"IF GOD IS FOR US"



(The cantor(s) will sing the refrain once, the congregation will repeat the refrain and again after each verse. The Cantors will sing the psalm verses.)

- God is our refuge and our strength, an ever present aid, 1. and therefore, though the earth be moved, we will not be afraid; though hills into the seas be cast, though foaming waters roar, the Lord of hosts is by our side, a refuge strong and sure. **Refrain.**
- A river flows whose streams make glad the city of our God, the holy dwelling of the Lord, the place of God's abode. Since God is in the midst of it, our safety is secure; the Lord of hosts is by our side, a refuge strong and sure. **Refrain.**
- Behold the wondrous deeds of God, who causes wars to cease; The weapons of the strong destroyed, God brings abiding peace. "Be still and know that I am God, exalted evermore;" the Lord of hosts is by our side, a refuge strong and sure. **Refrain.**

DIALOG FOR REFORMATION DAY

[M]: I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

[C]: One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

[M]: Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?

[C]: He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.

[M]: The Lord looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

[C]: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

[M]: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him.

[C]: I will exalt you, O Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths; O Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.

[M]: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.

[C]: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

[M]: Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name. For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime.

[C]: Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of his saints.

Reformation Confession of Sins

M: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: You shall have no other gods.

M: We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

C: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

M: We should fear and love God that we do not use his name to curse, swear, lie or deceive, or use witchcraft, but call upon God's name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

C: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

M: We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and his Word, but regard it as holy, and gladly hear and learn it.

C: Honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.

M: We should fear and love God that we do not dishonor or anger our parents or others in authority, but honor, serve, and obey them, and give them love and respect.

C: You shall not murder.

M: We should fear and love God that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need.

C: You shall not commit adultery.

M: We should fear and love God that we lead a pure and decent life in words and actions, and that husband and wife love and honor each other.

C: You shall not steal.

M: We should fear and love God that we do not take our neighbor's money or property or get it by dishonest dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and means of income.

C: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

M: We should fear and love God that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, or give him a bad name, but defend him, speak well of him, and take his words and actions in the kindest possible way.

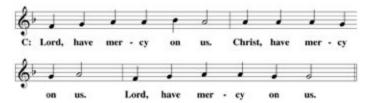
C: You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

M: We should fear and love God that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house or obtain it by a show of right, but do all we can to help him keep it.

C: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, workers, animals, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

M: We should fear and love God that we do not force or entice away our neighbor's spouse, workers, or animals, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray: Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who loves and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

The Word of God

The Old Testament Lesson: Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23

Daniel was persecuted for praying in his home. Daniel made a bold confession and a faithful witness while on his knees in prayer! No godless king dare stand in the way of a child of God and his Lord. When earthly authorities command us to disobey the Word of God, we must not yield. Daniel prayed to God, knowing that the king had outlawed such prayer. His obedience to a higher Government almost cost Daniel his life. God's name was hallowed by Daniel's obedience and his miraculous deliverance.

¹⁰ Now, when Daniel learned that the document had been signed, he went to his house. It had windows on its upper story that opened toward Jerusalem. Three times each day he would get on his knees and pray and offer praise before his God. He continued to do that, just as he had been doing before this. ¹¹ Then these men came as a group and found Daniel praying and seeking favor from his God.

¹² They then went and asked the king about the decree. "Your Majesty, did you not sign a decree that anyone who prays to any god or person for thirty days except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the den of lions?"

The king answered, "Indeed I did. The order is established as a law of the Medes and the Persians that cannot be revoked."

¹⁶ Then the king gave the order, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you." ¹⁷ A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the pit. The king sealed it with his signet ring and the signet rings of his nobles so that nothing could be changed with regard to Daniel's situation.

¹⁸ Then the king went to his palace. He spent the night without food, and no entertainment was brought before him. But he could not sleep.

¹⁹ At dawn the king arose as soon as it was light and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰ As he came near the pit, he cried out in a fearful voice. The king said to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, was your God, whom you serve continually, able to rescue you from the lions?" ²¹ Then Daniel spoke with the king. "Your Majesty, may you live forever! ²² My God sent his angel and shut the mouth of the lions. They have not hurt me because he found me innocent in his presence. Also before you, Your Majesty, I have committed no crime."

²³ Then the king was very glad and said that Daniel should be brought up from the pit. So Daniel was brought up from the pit, and he was unharmed because he trusted in his God.

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 10:16-23

The story of faithfulness to God's Word has always been the story of persecution. Jesus sends defenseless sheep to combat ferocious wolves! Why? Our Good Shepherd saves us! We trust in him! Therefore, in spite of persecution the Christian remains faithful to our Savior.

¹⁶ "Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Be on guard against people. They will hand you over to councils, and they will whip you in their synagogues. ¹⁸ You will be brought into the presence of governors and kings for my sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ Whenever they hand you over, do not be worried about how you will respond or what you will say, because what you say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰ In fact you will not be the ones speaking, but the Spirit of your Father will be speaking through you.

²¹ "Brother will hand over his brother to death, and a father will do the same with his child. Children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. ²² You will be hated by all people because of my name, but whoever endures to the end will be saved. ²³ And when they persecute you in one town, flee to the next. Amen I tell you: You will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

The Sermon Hymn: # 204

"O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word"

REFORMATION

204 O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word



Text: Enchiridion . . . zum Schwartzen Horn, Erfurt, 1527, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt. Tune: O HERRE GOTT, DEIN GÖTTLICH WORT (447 447 D lambie) Enchiridion . . . zum Schwartzen Horn, Erfurt, 1527.

The Sermon: Galatians 5:1-6

"Let Freedom Ring!"

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not allow anyone to put the yoke of slavery on you again. ² Look, I, Paul, tell you that if you allow yourselves to be circumcised, Christ will be of no benefit to you. ³ I testify again to every man who allows himself to be circumcised that he is obligated to do the whole law. ⁴ You who are trying to be declared righteous by the law are completely separated from Christ. You have fallen from grace.

⁵ Indeed, through the Spirit, we by faith are eagerly waiting for the sure hope of righteousness. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision matters. Rather, it is faith working through love that matters.

The Offering

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[M]: Eternal Father, gracious Lord, you responded to the first sin by promising to free mankind from slavery to Satan. Throughout history you preserved a remnant of faithful people who opposed Satan's work and trusted in the promised Messiah. You used your servant Martin Luther to restore the pure preaching of the gospel of salvation by grace alone through faith in Jesus Christ. You mercifully guided our church body to commit itself to proclaim the gospel in its truth and purity in spite of opposition. Now graciously defend us from heresy, from pride, and from fear. Oppose those who would remove Christ from his throne as Ruler over your Church and your world.

[C]: Grant this for Jesus' sake.

[M]: Dearest Jesus, God from eternity, when you entered this world to become one of us, you humbled yourself to live under law and to die an accursed death as the Substitute for every sinner. You crushed the power of Satan forever and by your resurrection gave proof that we too shall rise from the sleep of death. Now, as our ascended Lord, you rule over all things. Graciously put an end to wars, inequity and injustice which hinder your kingdom's advance. Shelter us, your chosen brothers and sisters, as we fulfill our priestly duties of worship and praise. According to your gracious promise, give us life like yours that we may adore you forever.

[C]: Grant this for Jesus' sake.

[M]: Holy Spirit, divine Counselor, at Pentecost you filled the disciples' hearts with courage and their tongues with a message of repentance and faith, a message of forgiveness and hope. Fill people everywhere with the knowledge of the truth. Mercifully lead us ever to repent of our sins and to cling to Jesus as our only Savior. Grant your people to be of one mind and unite them in their confession of the truth you have revealed. Bless all our attempts to express this fellowship on earth in love, forgiveness and encouragement. Be with all who are ill, lonely or grieving. Especially when our hearts are troubled or when our remaining days are few, remind us of your Baptismal promise, the gracious water of life that granted us a second birth for eternity.

[C]: Grant this for Jesus' sake.

[M]: Lord God, our hearts are moved to endless praise as we review hundreds of years of your love. You gave ministers as gifts to your Church. You sent reformers and men of vision to call your people closer to you. You have blessed our Synod through your Word and Sacraments. Be with the leaders of our church--synod, district, congregations--and with all its members, so that we diligently proclaim the Gospel of truth. Keep us faithful to the teaching of Holy Scripture, as stated in the Lutheran Confessions, that all who walk together in our synodical flock may continue to be faithful to your Word.

[C]: Grant this for Jesus' sake.

[M]: God of mercy and grace, fill the hearts and minds of our people with a love for the lost and erring. Increase our faith through your strong Word. Give all of us a zeal to share the good news of Christ with our friends and neighbors lest through our negligence many perish not knowing that God has loved them all through the person and work of Christ.

[C]: Grant this for Jesus' sake.

[M]: (Special Prayers and intercessions)

[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. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

If you are visiting our service, the way we practice the Lord's Supper might be different from the way you have seen it offered in other churches. We believe that the Bible teaches us to distribute this sacrament to those who have been taught and confessed their faith in the "real presence" of this Sacrament (1 Corinthians 11:27). This instruction is given by our pastor so that all our communicants might be of one heart and mind as they join together in this sacred meal. If you would like to learn and confess these truths with us so that you may commune at the altar of the Lord, speak with the Pastor after the service. When you come to the same conviction through a study of God's Word, we will encourage you to participate with us in this blessed Sacrament.

A HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION:

303 "With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh" (vs 1-3)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

303 With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh



Text: Cornelius Elven, 1791-1873, alt.

Tune: St. Luke (LM) Jeremiah Clarke, c. 1674-1707.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

[M]: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

[M]: Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M]: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

[C]: Amen.

A HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION:

303 "With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh" (vs 4 – 5)

THE HYMN DURING COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION:

313 "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"

HOLY COMMUNION

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Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior





- 6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken
 That this food is to be taken
 By the souls who are distressed,
 By hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 7 Praise the Father, who from heaven Unto us such food has given And, to mend what we have done, Gave into death his only Son.
- 8 If your heart this truth professes And your mouth your sin confesses, Surely you will be his guest And at his banquet ever blest.

Text: John Hus, 1369–1415; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: Jesus Christus, Unser Heiland, der von uns (88 78) Klug, Geistliche Lieder auffs new gebessert, Wittenberg, 1535, alt.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

[M]: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C]: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

[M]: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and () give you peace.

[C]: Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: # 201

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

REFORMATION

201

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. composite.

Tune: EIN FESTE BURG (87 87 55 56 7) Martin Luther, 1483–1546, alt.

Note: The effect of the Lutheran Reformation of the Church on the history of the world can hardly be overstated. In fact, when US News and World Report ranked the most important events of the last 1000 years, the Lutheran Reformation placed second, right behind Gutenberg's moveable type printing press. Historians consider the Lutheran Reformation to be of greater significance than the discovery of the New World (number 3). Luther was a monk, a priest, a professor at a little university in Wittenberg, Germany, but he is considered the third most influential person of the last 1000 years (1000 Years and 1000 People, Gottlieb and Bowers). God used his witness and simple faithfulness to the Word to change the world. As heirs of the Reformation, may our witness be as faithful, and the effects of our witness be as profound!

Announcements

This Week:

Sunday: 11/1 Reformation/Communion Worship 8 and 10 am

Bible Study - 9:15-9:40 - Ephesians 1 continues

Sunday School 9:10-9:40 at School

Luther High Fruit Sale (Church Basement)

Live Nativity Sign Up - 12 noon

Tuesday: 11/3 7 pm - Bible Class - Jonah **Wed: 11/4** 9 am - Bible Class - Jonah

3:30 pm - Public School Confirmation

6 pm Education Committee

7 pm Church Council

Thursday: 11/5 Picture retakes at school Sunday: 11/8 Worship 8 and 10 am

Bible Study - 9:15-9:40

Sunday School 9:10-9:40 at School

Luther High Fruit Sale (Church Basement)

Baptisms: Today following the 10:00 am service Kadence Elizabeth Kassera and Kody John Kassera, children of Jesse and Rachel Kassera, will receive the blessings for forgiveness of sins, eternal life and salvation through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Please offer a prayer on their behalf that God would continue to build and strengthen them in the faith throughout their lives as their family learns and grows to know Jesus better every day!

Luther High Music Dept. Fruit Sale: Luther students will be taking orders in the church basement between services every Sunday through 11/15/20 to raise funds for the Music Department, or you may contact Joshua Stratman at 608-486-4735.

LIVE NATIVITY <u>SIGN UP</u> is **today, November 1 at 12 noon** and must be done individually on-line to participate on December 5 & 6. A table is set up in the narthex today with further details. Contact Karen Bauer with any questions at 608-461-0125.

<u>Live Nativity Promo Video</u>: https://youtu.be/GHy5IHwdAxU

TREE CUTTING for LIVE NATIVITY- People needed to help cut and haul trees down to Riverside park on Saturday, November 14th. Please let us know if you can bring a chainsaw and/or a truck/trailer along. Meet at Bowman Tree Farm (4169 Barrell Rd. Sparta) at

9:00AM. If you won't make it there until after 9:30AM you may want to just head down to Riverside to help unload. Sign-up link is located on our <u>Live Nativity Riverside- Diorama</u> Facebook Page or http://www.slyreply.com/app/sheets/8wphenr36y4z/. Please sign-up so we can contact you if plans change. Questions? Contact Mimi Richmond. 608-347-1533.

Thank you!

Micah Gray (tuba), Michael Lazaretti (trumpet), and Joshua Stratman(trumpet) are the instrumentalists in the services today. Pastor Paul and Carol Stuebs are the cantors. Mrs. Irene Bakken is the organist. Thanks to these musicians for sharing their spiritual gifts with the congregation today!

Luther High Knightly News

For the weekly newsletter "Knightly News" from Luther High School please visit: https://lutherhigh.org/about/publications/knightl-news

November Worship Services:

The 4 Sundays in November are known as "End Times" Sundays. They are the last 4 Sundays of the Christian church year. Each Sunday has a different theme.

November 1 - Reformation Sunday urges us to reflect on the faith we confess.

November 8 - Last Judgment is a reminder that the end of the world is approaching.

November 15 - Saints Triumphant is a peek into heaven at the joy that awaits us there.

November 22 - Christ the King Sunday is a reminder that our Savior reigns forever!

November 25/26 - National Day of Thanksgiving.

November 29 - 1st Sunday in the New Christian Church year - Advent!

Offering Summary (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

Weekly Budget: \$9,948.43 Budget to Date: \$417,834.06 Received 10/25/20: \$5,823.45 Rec'd to Date: \$361,640.19

Attendance - 10/25/2020

8:00 am: 77 10:00 am: 50 Total: 127