

# ST. LUKE'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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We are affiliated with the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC).

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021, 10:30 a.m.

## REFORMATION SUNDAY

Ruth Wiechmann

Organist

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## WELCOME!

*"A man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law." --Romans 3:28*

THE LUTHERAN REFORMATION ("Reform" means to change and improve): In the 1500's the Lord used Professor of Theology, Dr. Martin Luther, of the University of Wittenberg, Germany, to restore to the church the Gospel message of forgiveness of sins through Christ alone. On October 31, 1517, Dr. Luther nailed 95 Statements or Theses onto the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. The doors were the common bulletin board. He was inviting theologians to debate him on the value of buying "indulgences" from the church. The Pope said indulgences would grant release from the penalties of sin. Luther had learned from Scripture that man is not saved by human efforts, connections, or money; but by faith in Christ alone, who was punished at the cross for us and rose in victory also for us. *Romans 3:28 "A man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law."* Historians use October 31, 1517, to mark the beginning of the Lutheran Reformation. We remember this day.

**Hymn 261** Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word !

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS: *I John 1:7---2:2 (KJV)*

P: The blood of Jesus Christ His Son

**C: Cleanses us from all sin.**

P: If we say that we have no sin,

**C: We deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.**

P: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,

**C: And to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: If we say that we have not sinned,

**C: We make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us.**

P: My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate [spokesman] with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous,

**C: And He is the propitiation [payment] for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world**

**Hymn 652 v. 1** I Lay My Sins on Jesus

**OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 46** *God's people—the Invisible Christian Church—are always safe and secure. God is with us. (NKJV)*

P: God is our refuge and strength,

**C: An ever-present help in trouble.**

P: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea;

**C: Though its waters roar and foam, and the mountains quake with their surging.**

P: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

**C: God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.**

P: Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; He lifts His voice, the earth melts.

**C: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

P: Come and see the works of the LORD, the desolations He has brought on the earth.

**C: He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear, He burns the shields with fire.**

P: Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.

**C: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress!**

NEW HYMN: Please see bulletin insert.

**EPISTLE: Romans 3:19-24, 27-28**

P: We know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law,

**C: So that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.**

P: Therefore, no one will be declared righteous in His sight by observing the law.

**C: Rather through the law we become conscious of sin.**

P: But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known—to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

**C: This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.**

P: There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

**C: And are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.**

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P: Where, then, is boasting?

**C: It is excluded.**

P: On what principle? On that of observing the law?

**C: No, but on that of faith. For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14.** The Pharisee bragged before God about his good life in comparison with others. However, he was **not** justified--declared not guilty—by God! The tax collector stood at a distance, ashamed. pleading for God’s mercy, trusting in God’s promise. The tax collector was justified—declared righteous. ---- The just shall live by faith!

**THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION** (selected excerpts): *See insert.*

**Hymn 262** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God  
v. 1 Sunday School  
vv. 2 - 4 All

**SERMON: Matthew 11:28-30**  
**CHRIST CARRIES THE LOAD FOR YOU**

*Come unto Me, all ye [you] that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

*Take my yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye [you] shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.*

**Hymn 266:1-2** O God, Our Lord, Thy Holy Word Was Long a Hidden Treasure

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

**Hymn 266:3-4** O God, Our Lord, Thy Holy Word Was Long a Hidden Treasure

Closing Prayer

Benediction

**Hymn 283** God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage!

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**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS:** Please turn clocks back one hour next Saturday night 11-6-21.

**CALENDAR:**

11/07 10:30 Worship with COMMUNION 9:30 B.Class & Sun. Sch.  
6:00 **(CST)** Joint Area Reformation Service at Jamestown, ND  
11/14 10:30 Worship 9:30 Bible Class & Sunday School

**MEMORIAL GIFT:** The reading lamps on the lectern and on the pulpit have been given in memory of Evelyn Rieger, from the remaining memorial funds in her name. Thank you to the family and friends for this very helpful aid.

**JOINT AREA REFORMATION SERVICE, NOVEMBER 7, 6:00 PM.:**  
The annual Joint Area Reformation Service will be held at Our Savior's, Jamestown, ND, on Sunday, November 7, at 6:00 pm. (CST) A fellowship meal will follow. You are invited!

**NOVEMBER-DECEMBER-JANUARY CHURCH CALENDAR:** The three-month calendar is available in the entry area. .

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Those dedicating their time and efforts to clean the church's premises in November, whom we heartily thank, are:  
C. Hourigan, D. Wenner, L. Schoon, J. Olson

**2022 CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE:** Please let me know if any changes need to be made on the tentative church cleaning list for 2022. Thank you  
--- Pastor Kanzenbach

**CALL NEWS:**

**Pastor David Ude**, Appleton, WI, has returned the call to Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA.

**Pastor Rob Sauers**, Fond du Lac, WI, has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

**Pastor James Albrecht**, Okabena, MN, has received the calls to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD, and to Zion Lutheran Church, Ipswich, SD. **Mrs.**

**Marcie Schierenbeck** has accepted the call to be a half time teacher in the lower grades of Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI.

**MARRIAGE:** Pastor Dave Naumann and his bride, Christy Mattson, will be joined together in holy wedlock today at Trinity Lutheran of Spokane WA. Please keep Pastor Naumann and Christy in your prayers, that God would richly bless their marriage and that the love of Christ may be reflected in their new life together.  
---- Pastor Drew Naumann

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## THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

*The Augsburg Confession was written in 1530 as part of the Lutheran Reformation. It was presented by the Lutheran princes of Germany—laymen, not clergymen—to Emperor Charles V at the city of Augsburg, Germany. Charles V was ruler of Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, the Netherlands, and Spain. This Statement of Belief was presented by the princes in response to Charles' invitation to present to him their disagreements with the Roman Catholic Church. Charles was seeking to end the religious strife within his realm. Martin Luther did not attend the meeting; the emperor had already declared him "wanted" in 1521. Using writings of Luther, Philip Melancthon, a trusted fellow professor of Luther, drafted the Augsburg Confession. The Augsburg Confession became the princes' statement of Biblical truth, to which they stood committed. The emperor was unable to force them to abandon their Confession.*

*The Augsburg Confession remains one of the staunch confessions of conservative Lutheranism today. The following statements are drawn from Articles 1-6 of the Augsburg Confession. The Augsburg Confession has 28 Articles.*

### THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION, ARTICLES 1-6

Our churches with common consent teach:

1

P: There is one Divine Essence which is called and which is God—

**C: Eternal, without body, without parts, of infinite power, wisdom and goodness, the maker and Preserver of all things, visible and invisible.**

P: And yet there are three Persons, of the same essence and power, who also are coeternal—

**C: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

P: The term "person" signifies, not a part or quality in God,

**C: But, as the church fathers used it, that which "subsists of itself."**

2

P: Since the fall of Adam, all people are born with sin,

**C: That is, without the fear of God, without trust in God, and with evil desire.**

P: This inborn, original malady is truly sin

**C: And brings eternal death upon those not born again through Baptism and the Holy Spirit.**

3

P: The Son of God took on man's nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary,

**C: So that in Him, two natures, the divine and the human, are inseparably joined in one Person, one Christ, true God and true Man.**

P: He truly suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, that He might reconcile the Father unto us,

**C: And be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of humanity.**

P: He also descended into hell, and truly rose again the third day;

**C: Afterward He ascended into heaven that He might sit on the right hand of the Father, and forever reign and have dominion over all creatures,**

P: And sanctify those who believe in Him, by sending the Holy Spirit into their hearts,

**C: To rule, to comfort, and to defend them against the devil and the power of sin.**

P: The same Christ shall openly come again

**C: To judge the living and the dead.**

#### 4

P: We also believe and confess that men [*mankind*] cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works;

**C: But are freely justified for Christ's sake through faith,**

P: When they believe that they are received into favor and that their sins are forgiven for Christ's sake, who, by His death, has made satisfaction for our sins.

**C: This faith God accounts as righteousness in His sight.**

#### 5

P: So that we may obtain this faith, the ministry of preaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments was instituted.

**C: For through the Word and Sacraments, as through instruments, the Holy Spirit is given,**

P: Who works faith where and when it pleases God, in all who hear the Gospel.

**C: And the Gospel is this, that God, not because of our own merits, but for Christ's sake, justifies those who believe that they are received into grace for Christ's sake.**

#### 6

P: We also teach that this faith is bound to bring forth good fruits,

**C: And that it is necessary to do good works commanded by God because it is God's will.**

P: Yet we should not rely on those works to merit justification before God,

**C: For the forgiveness of sins and justification are ours by faith in Christ**

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