

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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Pastor

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Autumn 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: To “reform” means to improve or change something for the better.. In the 1500’s the Lord used Professor of Theology, Dr. Martin Luther, of the University of Wittenberg, Germany, to reform the church by restoring the Gospel message of forgiveness of sins through faith in Christ alone. On October 31, 1517, this thirty-three year old professor, priest, and monk nailed 95 Statements, or Theses, onto the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. Its doors were the common bulletin board. Dr. Luther was inviting theologians to debate with him on the value of buying “indulgences” from the church. The papacy in Rome said indulgences would grant release from the penalties of sin. Luther had learned from Scripture that man cannot be saved by human efforts, connections, or money; but by faith in Christ alone, who was punished on the cross for every sin and rose in victory 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 that date as well..

THE ORDER OF “MATINS”(*of the morning*), **Hymnal p. 32**

Hymn 266 O God, our Lord, Thy Holy Word Was Long a Hidden Treasure!

Opening: *pp.32-33*

The Venite: O, Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord! *pp. 33-34*

Hymn 263 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe, Who Madly Seeks Your Overthrow!

PSALM 130

Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice!

Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If You, LORD, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with You,

That You may be feared [*respected*].

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

And in His word I do hope.

My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning;

Yes, more than those who watch for the morning!

O Israel [*believers in Christ*], hope in the LORD;

For with the LORD there is mercy,

And with Him is abundant redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

P+C: 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 eternally. Amen!

THE LECTION: 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.

RESPONSE: P: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

♪ C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

Hymn 262:1-3 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, a Trusty Shield and Weapon!

SERMON Psalm 46

SAFE AND SECURE WHILE UNDER ATTACK

(The word “selah” perhaps indicates a musical interlude.)

God is our refuge and strength,

A very present help in trouble.

Therefore, will not we fear though the earth be removed,

And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled,

Though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God,

The holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved:

God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved:

He uttered His voice, the earth melted.

The LORD of hosts is with us;

The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

Come, behold the works of the LORD,

What desolations he hath made in the earth.

He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; He breaketh the bow,

And cutteth the spear in sunder; He burneth the chariot in the fire.

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen,

I will be exalted in the earth.

The LORD of hosts is with us;

The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

Offering:

The Te Deum Laudamus We Praise Thee, O God! *(pages 35-37)*

(Omit alternate “The Benedictus” page 38)

PRAYERS:

RESPONSE: ♪ C: **Lord, have mercy upon us! Christ, have mercy upon us!**

Lord, have mercy upon us!

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Closing: (age .40)

HYMN 262 v.4 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, a Trusty Shield and Weapon!

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RETURN TO STANDARD TIME: Turn clocks back one hour next Saturday night 11/4.

NEXT SUNDAY, 11/5, MISSION FESTIVAL:

- 9:30 Bible Class & Sunday School
- 10:30 Worship with COMMUNION
- 12:00 Fellowship Meal—potluck
- 1:00 Presentation by Missionary Bruce Naumann by “live” video.

THANK YOU: “For the kind words, greeting cards and thoughts last Sunday. Thank You to the children for your drawings and coloring papers! The thoughtfulness means much.” -- Pastor and Judy

CHURCH CLEANING: With thanks and appreciation!

November: Kerry C. (5th and 12th). Autumn W. (19th and 26th)
December: Katie W. (3rd and 10th).

CHURCH CLEANING: We still need volunteers for December 17th and 24th. Thank you!

REPORT FROM VOTERS MEETING 10-22-23:

Attendance: Voters 10, Pastor 1

Financials: (Reports available in the church entry)

Business:

- Clayton Pederson received into voting membership. Welcome!
- Mission Festival: November 5, video connection with Missionary B. Naumann
In lieu of mileage payment, \$250 will be sent from St. Luke's general fund to synod missions .
All undesignated offerings on Miss. Fest. with be designated for missions
- Church office steps and landing are completed. Replacement door underway.
- Church insurance is switched to North Star Mutual.
- New green altar, pulpit, and lectern paraments will be purchased with funds from R. Rieger memorial
- November-December-January Calendar approved.

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