

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Jackson, Minnesota

Reformation Day

(Observed)

October 25, 2020

Welcome to this Divine Service. We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Please sign the attendance card in pew and place in offering plate.

Communion Policy: In the Lord's Supper, the Risen Christ gives us His true Body & Blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. As we participate in the Lord's Supper we declare doctrinal unity. Therefore we ask guests who are not members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church to speak with Pastor before communing with us.

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Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Anthem "We Are the Church" Adult Choir

Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" 656

Confession and Absolution

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Introit Ps. 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Ps. 119:46

- **P** I will speak of your testimonies before kings, O Lord,
- **C** and shall not be put to shame.
- **P** I will bless the Lord at all times;
- C his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- **P** My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
- C let the humble hear and be glad.
- P Come, O children, listen to me;
- C I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- **P** The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
- none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

- P I will speak of your testimonies before kings, O Lord,
- **C** and shall not be put to shame.

Kyrie 152-3

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C (sung) And also with you.
- 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 ESV

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷ And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 48:1a, 12-14a

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

Epistle

Romans 3:19-28 ESV

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show

God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia 156

Holy Gospel

St. John 8:31-36 ESV

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

C (sung) Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C (sung) Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed 158

Hymn "God Has Spoken by His Prophets" 583

Sermon St. John 8:31-36

"Freed to Be God's People"

Prayer of the Church

Kristi Herrig, Nouan Phaly (Linda Phaly's father), Helen Mekosch, Travus Mekosch, Kim Nesmoe. We remember in our prayers the family and friends of JCCHS student Holden Broitzman, who recently passed away.

Petitions conclude:

P ... Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Final petition:

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

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 Amen.

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Service of the Sacrament 160-166

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Postlude

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