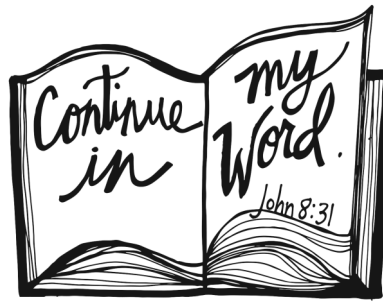


REFORMATION SUNDAY



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
October 29, 2023
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor
Larry Peterson, Dir. of Worship and Music Karl Dietmeyer, Conductor COS Brass

☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation *ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)*
⤴ Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in C minor, Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction: you may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine or white grape juice. Or you may pick up a prefilled communion "kit" on the altar rail as you approach the altar. Please tell an usher if you need a communion kit brought to you where you sit.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Miriam

⤴ EXCHANGING THE PEACE

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always

☑ **And also with you.**

We share a sign of God's peace.

⤴ GATHERING HYMN: *Thy Strong Word, setting by John Behnke*

ELW Hymn 511

Led by the Joyful Noise Ringers and the Christ Our Shepherd Brass

**1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; at thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee, while thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

2 CHOIR ONLY: *Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, dark as night and deep as death,
broke the light of thy salvation, breathed thine own life-breathing breath.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!*

**3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; bright with thine own holiness,
glorious now, we press toward glory, and our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

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⤴ GREETING

☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☑ **And also with you.**

Refrain-This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. *to Refrain*
Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. *to Refrain*
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *to Refrain*
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. *to Refrain*

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ 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.

READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

see insert

READING: Romans 3:22-28

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↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

ELW Hymn 517

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word; curb those who by deceit or sword would wrest the kingdom from your Son and bring to naught all he has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are Lord of lords alone; defend your holy church, that we may sing your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity on earth; support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.

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↑ GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

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SERMON

Pastor Miriam

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God-Setting by Michael Costello*

ELW Hymn 504

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
 he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
 The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
 With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.
 But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
 You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
 Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.
- 3 **CHOIR ONLY:** *Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,
 we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us.
 Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage! His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
 One little word subdues him. One word fells him.*
- 4 God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
 for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
 Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
 though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The kingdom's ours forever!

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↑ OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "God of Grace," please respond, "Hear our prayer."

The prayers are ended with these words, "Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray,... through Jesus Christ, our Savior." Please respond, "Amen."

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MUSICAL OFFERING *Be Still and Know, S.C. Chapman*

Sanctuary Choir

↑ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

—ELW page 144

↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

↑ THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Please approach the altar using the diagonal aisles and return by the side or middle aisles.

You will be offered a wafer, which you may dip in either the chalice of wine or the white grape juice.

You may also choose a packaged cup with wine or grape juice, or a gluten-free wafer with wine.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Amazing Grace*

ELW Hymn 779

1 **Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**

Hymn continues on next page.

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2 **'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**
- 3 **Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**
- 4 **The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**
- 5 **When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.**

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5
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COMMUNION HYMN: *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

ELW Hymn 645

- 1 **Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.**
- 4 **Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son,
praise and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!**

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
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↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

- ☞ The God of glory, ✚ Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.
- ☞ **Amen.**

↑ SENDING HYMN: *Thy Strong Word*

ELW Hymn 511

- 5 **Give us lips to sing thy glory, tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
throats that shout the hope that fills us, mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia! May the light which thou dost send
fill our songs with alleluias, alleluias without end!**
- 6 **God the Father, light-creator, to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light of Light begotten, praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever praise the holy Trinity!**

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↑ SENDING

- ☞ Go in peace. God is at work in you. Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.
- ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

↑ POSTLUDE

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Altar Guild: Susie Lucsko

Lector: (8:30) Kathy Manes; (11:00) Becky Lee

Tech crew: (8:30) Davida Kilgore, Dakota Atkins (11:00) Joni Siepert, Linda Volckmann, Brad Milburn

Usher: (8:30) Mark Barbour; (11:00) Tom Conrad

Altar flowers given in memory of Patrice Mason by Kayleigh Pointek.

Christ Our Shepherd Brass: see back of Lesson insert for complete listing

THE LESSONS

Sunday, October 29

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Old Testament reading is from Jeremiah, the 31st chapter.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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.

☒ The Word of the Lord. ☑ Thanks be to God

Second Reading: Romans 3:22-28

The New Testament reading is from Romans, the 3rd chapter.

²²the righteousness of God (comes) through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

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

☒ The Word of the Lord. ☑ Thanks be to God

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

☐ The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter. ☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They 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’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

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

OF PSALM 118, LUTHER WROTE, “THIS IS MY OWN BELOVED PSALM.”

From Psalm 118 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

- ¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!
⁴ Let those who fear the LORD say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”
⁵ Out of my distress I called on the LORD and he answered me and set me in a broad place.
⁶ With the LORD on my side I do not fear. What can mortals do to me?
⁸ It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to put confidence in mortals.
⁹ It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.
¹⁰ All nations surrounded me; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!
¹¹ They surrounded me on every side; they surrounded me like bees.
¹³ I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the LORD helped me.
¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.
¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of the LORD.
²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Ephesians 3:14-21

- ¹⁴ For this reason ...
¹⁶ **I pray** that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit
¹⁷ (**I pray**) that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.
¹⁸ **I pray** that you may have the power to comprehend, ... the breadth and length and height and depth
¹⁹ (**I pray** you come) to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
SO THAT you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
²⁰ **NOW, to him** who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ **to him** be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Christ Our Shepherd Brass

Karl Dietmeyer, Conductor

Morgan Hebert, trumpet	Elliott Keyser, trombone
Richard King, trumpet	Oliver Ravita, trombone
Ethan Hoellrich, trumpet	Mayson Groover, trombone

Lauri Gambrel, alto horn	Dave Byers, euphonium
Chelby Gambrel, French horn	Xander Lee, euphonium

Dominic Ravita, saxophone	Xavier Lee, tuba
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Elizabeth Wampler, timpani
Sarah Wampler, percussion
Penny Kahley, percussion

Joyful Noise Ringers

Linda Grabill	Lynn Kalinke	Minka Fulton	Sara Turk
Joni Siepert	Lauri Gambrel	Penny Kahley	Casie Groover
Karl Dietmeyer	Marty Benoit	Pat Oliver	David Turk

Moravian Christmas Love Feast

All those wishing to sing in the choir for this year’s Moravian Christmas Love Feast, are welcome and strongly encouraged to attend choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings. Rehearsals begin at 7:00 and will rehearse the Love Feast music at the beginning of the rehearsals on November 1, 8, 15, 29 and December 6.