Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
October 29, 2023   9:45 a.m.
REFORMATION SUNDAY

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor   Miriam Beecher, Pastor
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Ⓟ= Pastor   Ⓒ = All   Ⓛ = Leader

PRELUDE: *LIVING WATERS*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OPENING SONG: *FREEDOM*

⇧ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Ⓛ Let us pray.

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 31:31-21

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

Ⓛ The 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 oth-er, "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**

READING: Romans 3:19-28

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

Ⓛ Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. 20For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. 21But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, 22the righteousness of God 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. ▶

[28]For 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.**

Ⓟ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; [32]and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." [33]They 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'?" [34]Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. [35]The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. [36]So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

Ⓟ The Gospel of the Lord.

Ⓒ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Miriam

⇧ **SONG OF THE DAY:** *HOLY FOREVER*

⇧ **OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
When the petition concludes "God of grace," please respond, **"hear our prayer."**
When the prayers conclude, please respond, "**Amen.**"

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Ⓟ The Lord be with you.

Ⓒ **And also with you.**

Ⓟ Lift up your hearts.

Ⓒ **We lift them to the Lord.**

Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Ⓟ In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ⓒ **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

SHARING COMMUNION AT CHURCH
or at home with your household

COMMUNION SONG: *SALT & LIGHT*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & 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 SONG: *THE BLESSING*

DISMISSAL

Ⓛ Go in peace. Serve in love.
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

Ⓒ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE