

REFORMATION SUNDAY



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
October 27, 2024 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

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Larry Peterson, Director of Worship and Music

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

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 take a pre-packaged kit with grape juice and a gluten-free wafer from the center communion server. Please tell an usher if you need communion brought to you where you sit.

The prelude is the beginning of the worship service and is a time to prepare our hearts and minds for worship. Please be respectful of the worshippers around you who are using this time for that purpose.

PRELUDE *Marimba selections* *Bert Groover, marimba*

Today in worship, our recently renovated marimba is introduced by the talented Bert Groover. The marimba, J. C. Deagan, Inc. Model 4722, built ca. between 1923 and 1926, was donated to the church by COS member, Gene Bahls. The instrument served as a practice instrument for his wife, a professional percussionist. Dubbed a "marimba-xylophone" by Deagan, the instrument spans 3-1/2 octaves. The wooden bars, which produce the sound, are made of Honduran rosewood, the most musical wood on earth.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑ 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

**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!**

Choir ONLY:

2 *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!**

Choir ONLY:

4 *From the cross thy wisdom shining breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
from the cross forever beameth all thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!*

**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!**

Hymn continues on next page.

**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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↑ **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.**

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↑ **HYMN OF PRAISE** *This is the Feast*

ELW S140

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.**

FIRST READING Psalm 46

see insert

SECOND READING Romans 3:19-28

see insert

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?*

ELW S142a

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

↑ **GOSPEL** John 8:31-36

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SERMON

Pastor Carla

↑ **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 profess 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, "Into your hands, ... both now and forever." Please respond, "Amen."

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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MUSICAL OFFERING *Alleluia, O Praise the Lord Most Holy*
Sanctuary Choir and COS Winds

J.S. Bach, arr. Roman

↑ 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 power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

ELW S144b

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

↑ 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

*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 pre-packaged cup with grape juice and a gluten-free wafer.*

COMMUNION HYMN *Lamb of God*

ELW S146

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN *O Living Bread from Heaven*

ELW Hymn 542

1 O living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing! O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, in thankful song o'er flows.

2 My Savior, you have led me within your holiest place,
and here yourself have fed me with treasures of your grace;
for you have freely given what earth could never buy,
the bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.

Hymn continues on the next page.

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**3 You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted the cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit the favor you have shown;
and all my soul and spirit bow down before your throne.**

**4 Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened with heav'nly food, while here
my course on earth is lengthened, to serve you, free from fear;
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace destroy,
where I will ever raise you glad songs in endless joy.**

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↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

☞ God all mighty, God most merciful
✚ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

☞ Amen.

↑ SENDING HYMN *Founded on Faith* *ACS Hymn 1048*

**1 Founded on faith, the church—alive by grace—proclaims the gospel here and ev'ry place.
The word of God resounds through time and space: Alleluia!**

**2 Your cross, O Christ, renews our life each day. Baptized in you, we learn and teach and pray.
Fed by your love, with thankful hearts, we say: Alleluia!**

**3 Equipped by prayer, we live the Spirit's call. Empow'ed to serve with gifts, both great and small,
we bring the living hope of God to all. Alleluia!**

**4 Growing in grace for God's created earth, we yearn for justice, peace, and human worth;
a world restored; a faithful, caring church. Alleluia!**

**5 Founded on faith, called forth, empow'ed to serve, we share God's endless love without reserve.
Then let us shout aloud the living Word! Alleluia!**

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↑ SENDING

☞ Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
And invite all to join in connecting to His pathway of joy and life.

☞ Thanks be to God.

↑ POSTLUDE

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Altar Guild: Susie Lucsko

Lector: (8:30) Sue Blackburn (11:00) Marty Hagberg

Tech crew: (8:30) Davida Kilgore, Dakota Atkins

(11:00) Brad McCumber, Linda Volckmann, Brad Milburn

Ushers: (8:30) Stephen Gundersen

(11:00) Ethan Miller, Tom Smith

Altar flowers given by Judy Owen in honor of October and November family birthdays.

The Christ Our Shepherd Winds Karl Dietmeyer, conductor

Flute: Rita DeNell, Lynn Kalinke, Sara Turk, Sarah Wampler

Clarinet: Domenic Ravita, Elizabeth Wampler

Trumpet: Lauri Gambrel, Morgan Hebert, Ethan Hoellrich

French Horn: Chelby Gambrel, Madeline Therriault

Euphonium: Xander Lee

Timpani: Bert Groover

Percussion: Lynn Kalinke, Sara Turk, Sarah Wampler

Saxophone: Domenic Ravita

Alto Horn: Lauri Gambrel

Trombone: Mayson Groover

Tuba: Xavier Lee

Marimba: Bert Groover

THE LESSONS

Sunday, October 27

FIRST READING Psalm 46

☐ The first reading is Psalm 46. The congregation speaks the verses in **BOLD** print.

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING Romans 3:19-28

☐ The second reading is from Romans, the 3rd chapter.

¹⁹Now 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. 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 on the back.

GOSPEL John 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.

G **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.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**