



October 25, 2020 Reformation Sunday

21st Sunday of Pentecost

Joint Worship to be the church together.

Voices from Augustana & First Lutheran

Worship broadcast via radio and YouTube. YouTube links found on:

www.augustanalutheran.org www.firstlutheranchurchff.org

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; **it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.** For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, **“The one who is righteous will live by faith.**

GATHERING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

HYMN #504, v.1,2,4

A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed; But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: Martin Luther, 1483–1546

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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.**

KYRIE

p. 184 Congregation sings the refrain

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.
 Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** Gracious God, **have mercy on us we confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen!** God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
Refrain
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of
 vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -
 le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us look to our God in prayer:

O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen!**

SPECIAL MUSIC "Great is Thy Faithfulness" arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

Hosanna Handbells

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

KRISTY WICKLUND

READING: Romans 3:19-28

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. For 'no human being will be justified in his sight' by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom 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; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. 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 ACCLAMATION

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Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to St. John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

REV. DAVID STROM

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Thy Word

HYMN #517, v.1-3

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and
 by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife
 and bring to naught all he has done.
 may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, alt.
 Music: J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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APOSTLES' CREED

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 INTERCESSION

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Brief Silence

Renew and inspire the church in the freedom of the gospel, O God. Where the church is in error, reform it. Where the church speaks your truth, strengthen it. Where the church is divided, unify it. Ignite in us the working of the Holy Spirit. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide areas of the world divided or traumatized by conflict, especially in our own land. Free all from slavery and human trafficking and protect all in harm's way. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Release those living in bondage to debts, chronic pain, or addiction. Grant your healing touch to those who are ill (especially...). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In these families of faith we give thanks for courageous voices that have remained firm in their commitment to the one who frees us from sin and death. Entered in your grace, unify us in the hope of the gospel. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Even in death, you free us and give a place in your house. We give thanks for our ancestors who have shown us truth and freedom, especially Martin Luther and those who work for the renewal of the church. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen!**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

WORSHIP & PRAISE #41

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

COMMUNION

This is the Lord's Table, all are welcome here. In your home is an ordinary table now set apart and holy, Christ is present there. All are welcome to partake in the Lord's Supper, wherever you may be.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, throughout the generations you have come to be present with us at our tables, turning ordinary meals into holy moments for us to experience your grace in tangible ways. In an upper room of a guest house 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.

The body of Christ given for you. *(all share in eating the bread)*

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 blood of Christ shed for you. *(all sharing in drinking of the cup)*

Together as the body of Christ, trusting that the distance that separates us is bridged by the Holy Spirit who makes us one, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

COMMUNION HYMN

O Lord, We Praise You

HYMN #499 v. 2

Your ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en, life to
win for us in heav - en. No great - er
love than this to you could bind us; may this feast of
that re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cý!
Lord, your kind - ness so much did move you that your
blood now moves us to love you. All our debt you have paid;

peace with God once more is made. O Lord, have mer - cý!

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

HYMN #645, v.1,3,4

Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
with the bless - ed church to re - tain; and here - af - ter
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
Music: Henry Purcell, 1659-1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802-1868

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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FIRST LUTHERAN ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY OCTOBER 25, 2020

Reformation Sunday

Church phone number 739-3348 and email office@flcff.org

The flowers on the altar are given by Pete & Jody Thom.

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Jim & Kathy Domholt from Augustana Lutheran Church.

The rose on the altar is in celebration of the baptism of Payton Marie Kamrath, daughter of Sidney & Harley Kamrath. Payton will be baptized at 11:00 am today.

Coming up this week:

- Today, Sunday, October 25 at 11:30 pm Usher Training in Narthex.
- Monday, October 26 at 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study "Battlefield of the Mind" in the Narthex.
- Wednesday, October 28 FLY K-6 Halloween Party after school until 4:30 pm at Roosevelt Park.
- Wednesday, October 28 at 6:00 pm Hosanna Handbells (smaller group) meets in the Chapel.
- Wednesday, October 28 at 6:30 pm Confirmation 8th graders meet in Sanctuary.
- Thursday, October 29 at 1:00 pm Bible Study on Luther's Small Catechism in the Narthex.
- Thursday, October 29 at 4:00 pm Finance/Budget meeting in the Narthex.
- Thursday, October 29 at 5:00 pm Usher Training in Narthex.
- Friday, October 30 5:30 to 7:30 pm Trunk or Treat at Fleet Farm.

USDA Fresh Food Box Drop will be held on Saturday, October 31. General public pickup is from 9:30 am to noon at Bethel Parking Lot, 702 West Alcott Avenue.

Worship Singers - if you are interested in coming to worship in person, we are looking for volunteers who are willing to help with COVID friendly singing for November 1st, 15th, and 29th. Call Harriet (701) 426-4003 or the church office.

All Saint's Sunday is on November 1. If you would like a loved one remembered on that Sunday, please print their name in the book in the Narthex, or contact the church office (739-3348 or office@flcff.org) with the names before tomorrow, October 26. The names of your loved ones will be printed in the bulletin on All Saint's Sunday, November 1.

FLY 7-12 Bonfire, S'Mores & Charades on Sunday, November 1 from 6 to 7 pm. Bring your own chair, beverage and s'mores stick. We'll meet in upper parking lot for some socially distanced fun!

Blood Drive at First Lutheran Tuesday, November 10 from 1 to 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. To register call 1-800-733-2767 or go to RedCrossBlood.org. Sponsor code: Fergus First Lutheran.

Sponsorship Sheets for 2021 Radio Broadcasts and Altar Flowers are on the kiosk in the Narthex. You are welcome to stop by to select a Sunday you would like to sponsor, or you can call the office at 739-3348 to check on availability. Radio broadcast cost is \$100.00, and flowers run approximately \$45.00. Thank you.

How Can I Help?

- **The Riverside Lions collect eyeglasses** for reuse. There is a collection box in the Narthex for your convenience.
- **Mitten Ministry** – we are collecting new mittens, hats & scarves (purchased or homemade) to help those in need of winter wear. Please leave your donation in the basket in the Narthex.
- **Change to Make a Change** – There is a large plastic bottle in the Narthex and we invite you to put your spare change in the bottle. The money collected will go to help feed the hungry – 75% locally and 25% worldwide.
- **Fleet Farm Trunk or Treat** will be on Friday, October 30 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. First Lutheran will be participating. **If you would like to donate candy**, there is an orange bowl located in the Narthex.
- **2020 Fall Campaign "Coins, Cash & Checks Change Lives"** – the women of First Lutheran are reaching out for financial support for missions that are important to all of us. Please place your donation in an envelope marked *WELCA Fall Campaign* and leave it in the office or mail it to First Lutheran before the end of October.

Thank YOU!!!!

Zoom Fellowship will begin on Sunday, November 1 from 11:00 to 11:30 am. The purpose of this is twofold: 1) to connect with people and 2) to talk about a fun topic! For November 1, All Saints Sunday, the topic will be – what deceased loved one do you remember fondly? Zoom link is: www.flcff.org/zoom-fellowship

Financial Update: As of October 19, 2020, year-to-date revenue: \$376,579, year-to-date budget \$432,890, last year: \$382,844.



What Does This Mean?

Teach what accords with sound doctrine. TITUS 2:1

As the events of the Reformation continued to unfold and the Gospel was proclaimed, it was found that many church members—children, adults and even pastors—did not fully grasp the new teachings. Martin Luther, after visiting churches in 1528, wrote of the “miserable condition” he encountered. People had little knowledge of Christian doctrine and many did not even know how to recite the Lord’s Prayer, the Apostles’ Creed or the Ten Commandments—much less understand these things.

To remedy the situation, Luther composed his Small Catechism, a book of questions and answers concerning the Ten Commandments, the Apostles’ Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, Baptism, Confession and the Lord’s Supper. Breaking down each of these basic Christian teachings into smaller parts, Luther asked each time, “What does this mean?” and then provided simple answers. First published in 1529, the Small Catechism was printed on large posters to be displayed in the home. Each section is introduced with the words, “As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household.”

Luther was a professor, but he was also a pastor who cared deeply for the people he served. He wanted them to understand the rich teachings of Scripture as summarized in the catechism. Some of his sermons on these basic Christian teachings were compiled in the Large Catechism for the instruction of pastors and to provide deeper knowledge for other church members.

Luther recommended that the same catechism text be used from year to year to avoid confusion. He also suggested that special attention be given to topics where there was the greatest need. For example, among those who might be tempted at work to steal, Luther recommended that Lord’s command against stealing should be carefully emphasized. Children especially should learn about the command to honor their parents. Catechism lessons were to be reinforced with the example of people in various Bible stories.

Through the correct, biblical preaching of the good news of salvation in Christ, people would be encouraged to believe and to live God-pleasing lives. Each believer and Christian household even today might follow the example of Luther himself, who remained a lifelong student of the catechism, daily reciting the Lord’s Prayer, the Commandments and the Creed.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:16-17

