

# Reformation Sunday



Justified  
by God's grace  
as a gift

ROMANS 3:24

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October 31, 2021

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, ELCA

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Service of Holy Communion – WOV Setting 5-Bread of Life

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# GATHERING

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## +Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure,  
and whose love is endless.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence for reflection.*

P God, our comforter,

C **like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**

**We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.**

**We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.**

**Free us from our sin, gracious God.**

**Listen when we call out to you for help.**

**Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Amen.**

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in ✝ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C **Amen.**

## +Gathering Hymn

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

ELW 504



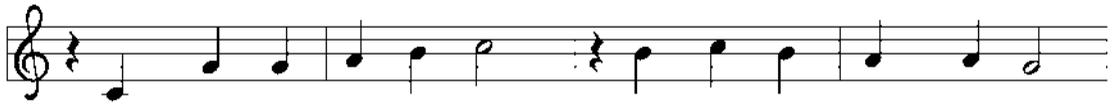
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
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?  
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
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,  
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
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.  
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther  
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## +Greeting

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

## +Kyrie



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord. . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son:      **C** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ. . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord. . . . . have mer - cy:*

## +Hymn of Praise



**C** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## +Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

God of memory and reformation, in the darkness of the void you call us into being, a people for your heart:

we thank you for this Church, built on your grace and truth; may it hold us and empower us to hear and follow him to whom all things were given, Jesus Christ, our cornerstone

**C** Amen.

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# WORD

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## First Scripture ♦ Jeremiah 31:31–34

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. It 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. But 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. No 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.

L Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 46

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

behold 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.

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

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

## Second Scripture ♦ 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, 22the 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.

L Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God.

### +Gospel Acclamation



## **+Gospel ♦ John 8:31–36**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C 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; 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.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon**

Pastor Nic Leither

*We hear God's Word as it is spoken in the preaching.*

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

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## Hymn of the Day

*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

ELW 517



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, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR. J. Klug. *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

## Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,**

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,**

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation**

he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary

and became truly human.

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

he suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Assisting Minister: Hear us, O God.

Congregation: Your mercy is great.

### **Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with these or similar words:*

**Peace be with you.**

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## **MEAL**

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### **Stewardship Temple Talk**

Clark Gilbert

### **Offertory Prayer**

A Let us pray.

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert  
and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us.

Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so  
dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

## 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.**

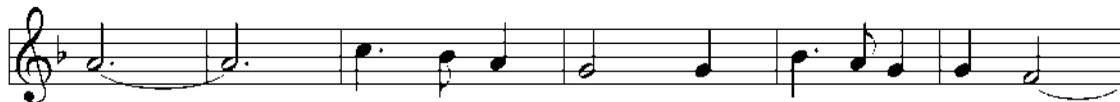
## Preface

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

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and



might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

P Eternal God, in the abundance your love...  
...All honor and glory be yours, for ever and ever.

C **Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

P Let us live and pray together the prayer Our Lord taught us:

**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**

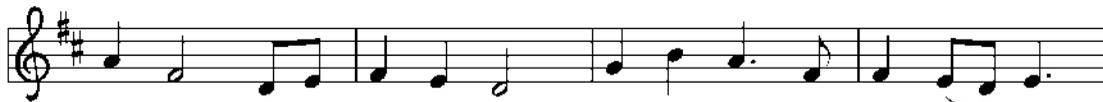
P Behold who you are.  
Become what you receive.

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## Communion Hymn

*We Come to the Hungry Feast*

ELW 479



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever

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## Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

**P** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen.

**A** Lord of life,  
in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Announcements

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# SENDING

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## +Blessing

P You are the children of God.  
Gifted with dreams and visions.  
Upon you rests the grace of God like flames of fire.  
May the deep peace of Christ ✝ be with you.  
The strong arms of God sustain you.  
And the Holy Spirit strengthen you in every way.

C Amen.

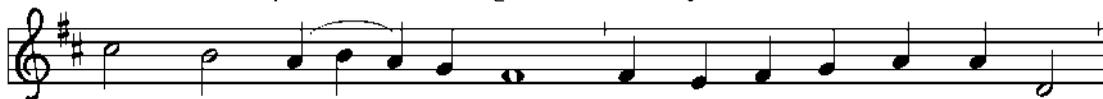
## +Sending Hymn

*Rise, O Sun of Righteousness*

ELW 657



1 Rise, O Sun of righ - teous - ness; with your  
2 Rouse our hearts from slum - ber deep; may your  
3 Gath - er in your scat - tered flock; give us  
4 Burst the bars of stub - born pride; make the  
5 Hon - or, praise, and glo - ry be to the



might cre - a - tion bless. Shine up - on your church to - day,  
word with - in us leap. Give us voic - es to pro - claim  
wa - ter from the rock. Bless the u - ni - ty we share  
heav'n - ly path - way wide. Raise us up from sin and death  
ho - ly Trin - i - ty! May your gra - cious will be done:



show - ing all your gen - tle way. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
prais - es to your ho - ly name. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
in our shep - herd's lov - ing care. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
with your Spir - it's liv - ing breath. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
make us one, as you are one. Have mer - cy, Lord.

Text: Christian David, et al.; tr. Frank W. Stoldt, b. 1958  
Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng.* 1566  
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## +Dismissal

A Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C Thanks be to God.

## Announcements

<b>SUMMARIZED REPORT OF INCOME &amp; EXPENSES</b>			
Submitted by Bill Stephenson, Treasurer			
<b>September, 2021</b>			
<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Total Income	\$19,072.62	Total Income	\$149,927.87
Total Expenses	-\$13,640.05	Total Expenses	-\$109,330.55
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$5,432.57</b>	<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$40,597.32</b>
<i>Less Foundation Grant for 2020 Budget Deficit</i>			- \$7,187.24
			<b>\$33,410.08</b>
<b>BUDGET COMPARISON OF ENVELOPE OFFERING</b>			
<b>Monthly Budget Amount</b>	<b>Actual Current Month</b>	<b>Budget Year to Date</b>	<b>Actual Year to Date</b>
\$11,931.67	\$13,449.62	\$107,385.03	\$98,838.51
<b>Over/Under Budget</b>	<b>\$1,517.95</b>		<b>-\$8,546.52</b>

St. Mark's needs your financial support no less than your prayers and concern for one another. You can mail your offerings to the church. You can also give electronically, via Tithe.ly, at <http://bit.ly/St-Marks-Tithely>.

**Weekly Enews** If you are not already receiving our Weekly Enews email sent out via MailChimp on Thursdays, please provide your email address to the church and we will add you to our mailing list for our primary means of communication throughout the week.

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## OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH:

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*We welcome your requests for prayers for persons in need or prayers of thanksgiving for blessings received. Please note that prayer requests will remain on the list for four Sundays; a request may be extended by contacting the church office.*

### **Recent hospitalizations, illnesses, and concerns:**

Robert Dominguez (*Mary Ann's son, shoulder surgery*)

Lucy Woodall (*Pastor Nic's grandmother-in-law*)

Nancy Larson (*Gilberts' friend, West Nile*)

Juan Carlos Cortez Ibarra (*Laura Garcia's friend, ICU for COVID-19*)

Tom Rose (*heart valve procedure*)

Anne Hermanson (*friend of church, brain tumor*)

### **For homebound members and friends:**

Gil Bliss (*skin cancer treatments*)

George Devers

Colleen Graham

James & Marie Hughes

Palma Kruger

Christel Loftness

Les and Diana Ortt

Dorothy Parker

Gerry Redlin

Daphne Remington

Arlene Selk

Vernita Wild

Don Snook & Trish Kulp

### **For the faithful departed and those who mourn:**

#### **For those with ongoing concerns:**

José Luis Mendia (*Santi and Diana's father, surgery*)

John Nelson (*Kinna Kemp's uncle, kidney tumor surgery*)

Alice Thurlow (*health and physical rehab*)

Jay Coyle (*Ellie Weaver's son's father-in-law, bladder cancer*)

Doug Benson (*health*)

Jared Elvir and family

Steve Brelsford (*Bob's son, stroke recovery*)

Greg Kimball (*Ann Howell's husband, breathing health and cancer treatments*)

Jeff Martin (*health*)

The Pulido and Nava families

Gene (*physical rehab for partial paralysis, Joan Gustafson's son-in-law*)

Karl Feller (*chronic lymphatic leukemia*)

Ollie Daniels (*pain/ breathing issues*)

Irene Seelmeyer (*at home physical rehab*)

Sally Lynch (*pain & breathing issues*)

Cesar Lomeli & Alvaro Cassillas Garcia

(*nephew & friend of Laura Garcia, missing*)

Jeannie Blom (*former member, corneal transplant surgery*)

Norman (*Diana Ratliff's uncle, hospice*)

Ele Lopeman (*health*)

Karen Schelm (*Randy Jensen's daughter*)

Kevin Gustafson (*back pain*)

Brian Hodgson (*long-term recovery, heart surgery*)

Monaliza Abdo (*Chris Prillwitz's friend, health*)

Lydia Scott (*cancer*)

Patrick Stephenson (*melanoma reoccurrence*)

Rose Kvern (*health*)

Judith Graham (*Quai Barker's mother, cancer*)

Jeff Gamel (*health*)

Jean Rose (*back pain*)

Sandy Day (*health*)

Jeff (*Hugo Redlin's son, health*)

*In the interest of keeping concerns timely, all prayer requests more than a year old without a recent update have been removed from under Ongoing Concerns.*

*If someone you care about is still in need of prayer, please submit a new prayer request/ update.*

## Assisting with Worship:

Pastor	Nic Leither
Pianist	Sara Jensen
Assisting Minister	Mary Stephenson
Lector	Mary Stephenson
Acolyte	Patrick Stephenson
Sound Engineer	Bill Stephenson
Assisting with Virtual Worship	Mary Katherine Smith
Cameras	Matthew/Abi Napitupulu



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If you are in need of help, be it spiritual or in physical resources, please share your need with the church and we will help you as best as we can during this challenging time.