

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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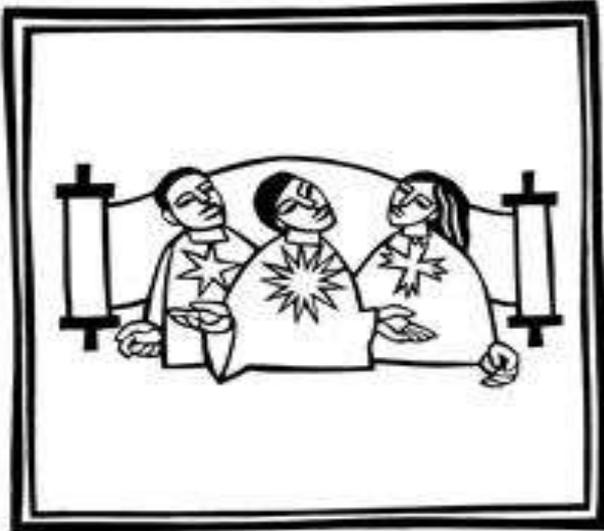
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Reformation Sunday

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.

Romans 3:24-25

To listen to the service, please turn your radio to

FM 90.5

Thank you for joining our service today.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, [God] who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

Martin Luther describes the confession this way: “Confession consists of two parts. One is that we confess our sins. The other is that we receive the absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God himself and by no means doubt but firmly believe that our sins are thereby forgiven before God in heaven.” (Small Catechism. ELW page 1135.)

This morning we confess to God in silence.

You may use these questions as your guide:

—Did I mess up last week? Did I hurt anyone?

—Did I love God with all my heart?

—What troubles me this morning?

We will take a moment of silence to bring our shortcomings to God and ask God’s forgiveness.

P: Here the word of God. “⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved.” (Ephesians 2:4-5) Our sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God’s work in the world. Amen.

Hymn **“A Mighty Fortress is our God”** ELW# 504

Hymn will be played. You may hum along.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Scripture Reading

Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

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.

L: Word of God, word of life. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Message

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A _____

C _____

E _____

Hymn

"Listen, God is Calling"

ELW# 513

Hymn will be played. You may hum along.

Prayer

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. Merciful God we give thanks to you that you give us new life every day. Strengthen us to be your hands and feet to the world you love.

We especially pray

for your church and its ministry of love,
for your creation
for those who govern nations of the world
for all who work for peace
for the hungry and the oppressed
for the sick, the despairing, or suffering
for those who are grieving.

Additional prayer will be lifted here.

L: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen**

Prayer will conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

Leader will lead the Lord's Prayer and you may pray in silence .

Sending

God bless us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing and Dismissal

P: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord's face shine on us with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace. **Amen.**

P: Go in peace. Christ is with us. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"The Church's One Foundation"

ELW#654

