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*23rd Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Reformation Sunday*  
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*9:30 A.M.*



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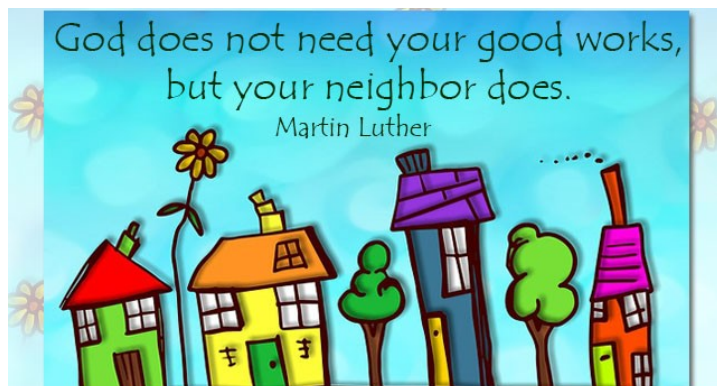
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**LECTOR**                      **9:30am**                      **Kathy Meckel**



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*Blessing*

P: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.

The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Sending Song:** "Let it be Said of Us"

**Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion,  
That with gladness we bore ev'ry cross we were given:  
That we fought the good fight, that we finished the course  
Knowing within us the pow'r of the risen Lord.**

**Refrain: Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song,  
By mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.  
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song  
Til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known.  
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.**

**Let it be said of us: We were marked by forgiveness,  
We were known by our love, and delighted in meekness.  
We were ruled by His peace, heeding unity's call;  
Joined as one body that Christ would be seen by all. Refrain**

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Noisy offering-** We are once again collecting any loose change you may have, bills or checks to combine to give a gift of love to those less fortunate than us.

**Save the date:**

Nov. 6 ~ Christian DeLeeuw Memorial

Nov. 7 ~ budget vote after worship

Nov. 14~ Last day to turn in Christmas Child boxes

Nov. 17~ Council Meeting

Nov. 19~ Lifeline screening~ make your appointment ASAP!

Nov. 23~ Book Club 7pm

Nov. 27~ Trim the Church 9:30am

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

**Holy, Holy, Holy:**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

*Words of Institution*

*Lord's Prayer: To Be Sung*

**C: 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 pow'r and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

*Invitation to Holy Communion*

P: All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

*(Please remain standing)*

*Distribution of Holy Communion*

**Communion Song: "Lamb Of God" Blue book page 39**

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

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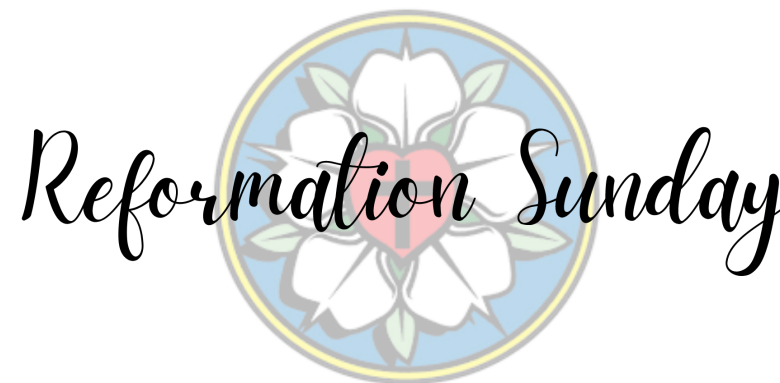
**grant us peace, grant us peace.**

*Blessing after Communion*

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

*Prayer after Communion*

P: 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. **Amen**



"Discovering Christ's community through building relationships"

Oct.31, 2021

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Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

*Prelude:* "The Basics of Life"

Welcome  
(Please stand as able)

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.

**C: God our comforter: 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. **Amen.**

**Gathering Song: "A Mighty Fortress is our God" Red book #504**

*Greeting*

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

*Kyrie*

Blue book page 28

Leader: Lord have mercy	<b>All: Lord have mercy</b>
Leader: Christ have mercy	<b>All: Christ have mercy</b>
Leader: Lord have mercy	<b>All: Lord have mercy</b>

(Repeat)

*Hymn of Praise:*

"Glory to God"

Blue book page 29

**Refrain: *Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.***

- 1) Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Refrain.
- 2) Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. Refrain.
- 3) For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Refrain.

*The Prayer of the Day*

**C: 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.**

*(Please be seated)*

We pray for all who long for healing in mind, body, or spirit (*especially*). Strengthen hospitals, clinics, counseling centers, nursing homes, and recovery centers to be holy spaces of renewal that all might live the abundant life you intend. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who seek to grow in faith and love of you. Guide teaching and learning in confirmation, small groups, Sunday school, youth groups, schools, seminaries, and universities. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

<sup>6</sup>We give thanks for all the saints and reformers who have gone before us who dwell in your holy habitation (*especially*). Give us courage through their example to challenge unjust systems and work toward life-giving reformation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

**Amen.**

*Offertory Prayer*

**C: 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. Amen.**

*(Please stand as able)*

*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.**

**Nicene Creed:**

**C: 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He 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.**

*(Please be seated)*

*Prayers of Intercession*

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

We pray for all who long for a word of truth and for the radical grace that flows from the cross. Inspire congregations to freely and boldly proclaim your love for all people with persistence and hope. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for your creation, for mountains, rivers, streams, cities, homesteads, and neighborhoods. Write in our hearts a new love and care for creation. Give us the will to curb wasteful habits and to hold accountable those who neglect the vulnerable. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*The First Reading is from the 31<sup>st</sup> Chapter of Jeremiah*

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

*The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.*

<sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>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. <sup>34</sup>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.

P: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Song:**

**"Open Our Eyes"**

**Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.**

**Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus**

*The Second Reading is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter of Romans*

Second 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.*

<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>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.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>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; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

P: Word of God. Word of Life.  
(Please stand as able)

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?  
Alleluia, You have the words of eternal life  
Alleluia, Alleluia**

*The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

Holy Gospel: John 8:31-36

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>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’?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord!  
**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**  
(Please be seated)

*Sermon*

(Please stand as able)

**Sermon Hymn: “They’ll Know We are Christians”**

**Verse 1: We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:**

**Refrain: And they’ll know we are Christians by our love,  
by our love. Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.**

**Verse 2: We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land:  
Refrain**

**Verse 3: We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
And we’ll guard human’s dignity and save human’s pride:  
Refrain**

**Verse 4 All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:  
Refrain**