

INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ Reformation Sunday • October 27th, 2024 ✠

Worship Notes: • Our Lector for today is Bill Behymer • Our Crucifer for today is Bill Williamson • Our Banner Bearer for today is Jeff Shealy • Our Bible Bearer is Ben Willhide • Reformation Sunday commemorates Martin Luther posting the 95 Theses in Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517. •

PRELUDE Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott Johann Nikolaus Hanff (1665-1711)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Please stand as able and face the back of the church.*
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for forgiveness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
EIN FESTE BURG

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: ELW 156

Leader Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, 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 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, 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 and hon - or,



glo - ry and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A-men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -



lu - ia. 3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

Please be seated.

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 46

Rick Erickson

The LORD of hosts is with us; the
God of Ja - cob is our strong - hold.

- ¹God is our ref- | uge 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 cit- | y 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. R**
- ⁷The Lord of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

⁸Come now, regard the works | of the Lord,
 what desolations God has brought up- | on 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. R

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

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 ACCLAMATION: ELW 175

Please stand as able.

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

Before the Reading: The Holy Gospel according to John. **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."

After the Reading: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Emily Willhide

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 654

Please stand as able.
The Church's One Foundation
AURELIA

THE 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

Each petition concludes "*God of grace.*" We respond: "**Hear our prayer.**"

PEACE

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

MEAL

The offering plate will be passed throughout the Congregation for those not using online giving.

OFFERTORY:

"All That I Am"

William Grant Still (1895-1978)

All that I am, all I ever can be
I owe to You, Lord, for You have molded me.
All that I have, all that I call mine
I owe to You, Lord, for all things are Thine.
You are the source of light: Light that's offered all.
In Your wisdom You give to each his due.
You are the source of love: Love that binds in unity.
In Your love and mercy I find lasting peace.

All that I love, all that's dear to me, All of my blessings come, my Lord, from Thee. All that I own, all that belongs to me, All I surrender, my Lord, to Thee.

OFFERTORY HYMN: ELW 565 (Verse 5)

Please stand as able.
All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night
TALLIS' CANON

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING: p. 144

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (F major). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff has lyrics: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff has lyrics: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

PREFACE

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: ELW 190

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

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

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

The image shows six staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (F major). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,'. The second staff has lyrics: 'ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,'. The third staff has lyrics: 'heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.' The fourth staff has lyrics: 'Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.' The fifth staff has lyrics: 'Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' The sixth staff has lyrics: 'Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.'

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

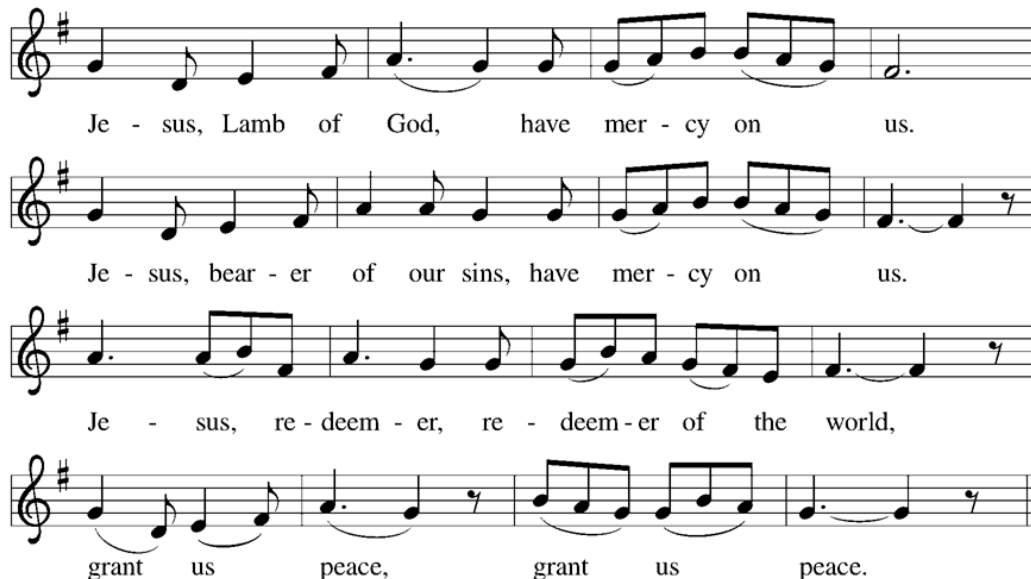
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

COMMUNION- *We invite you to join with us in the sacrament of Holy Communion, as Jesus invites us all to the table. Please take an empty communion glass from the trays at the front of the church. The innermost ring of glasses are pre-filled with grape juice for those who prefer juice to wine. There are discard trays by the side aisles. Please follow the directions of the Ushers.*

LAMB OF GOD: ELW 199



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 591

That Priceless Grace
THAT PRICELESS GRACE

COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 517

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word
ERHALT UNS, HERR

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as able.

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: ELW 729

The Church of Christ, in Every Age
WAREHAM

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee time.

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