

Reformation Sunday



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 28, 2018

Service of the Word

ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcoming all to know and love Jesus.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

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GREETING

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM *The Time For Turning*

Courtney/Martin

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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.

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

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.**

⁷The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

⁸**Come 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.

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.

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

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GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

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

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

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.”

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

SERMON

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Longing for God's will to be fulfilled among us, we pray persistently for the church, the world, and all people in need.

Holy God, work in your church across denominational and cultural divisions to form us into a more complete expression of your holy community. Show the world your likeness through us. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

By rain, rivers, and oceans, remind us how your word flows through this world, surrounding us with grace. Keep us always in the covenant that is sealed in water and Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Free us from the lies we tell ourselves or others in order to justify our words and actions. Lead us to speak honestly and to listen humbly, and reveal your truth among us. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Heal the divisions in our nation. Help us all to listen to one another and work together for the good of all people. Guide the leaders of our nation with your wisdom. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Be a stronghold for people who are in danger this day. In your righteous presence cause the evil that surrounds them to flee, and clothe them with your mercy. Heal all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Continue making all things new. Guide this congregation during times of change so that the good news of Jesus is the focus of all that we do. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Guide all the saints in proclaiming the good news of salvation in Christ as you did with the apostles Simon and Jude. Bring your people eternally into Christ's presence on the last day. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

OFFERING

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING

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THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

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DISMISSAL

SERVING TODAY: Greeter: Carol Vogel; Ushers: Bob Beier & Dwight Dundas; Acolytes: Jack Wiegand & Isabelle Furtah; Scripture Reader: Mark Fisher; Projectionist: Kathy Nummer.

ATTENDANCE: Saturday 24; Sunday 80

ANNIVERSARIES: 11/3 Pam & Ron Lindsay 28 years

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We welcome those who are visiting with us. Please take time to sign the registration book or the guest register in the lobby and introduce yourself to Pastor Ken. We hope that you will find our worship edifying and our congregation warm and receptive. We are glad that you are here.

DVD copies of the 9:30 a.m. worship service can be produced for those who are shut-in or others who would like a copy. Let us know in advance if there is a service that you would like recorded.

Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday, November 4. Remember to turn your clock back one hour.

Our annual meeting will be held on November 4 after the 9:30 am worship service. There will be many things to go over and discuss including a change to staff. Please prayerfully consider the next steps for our congregation and plan on attending the meeting. Copies of the Annual Report are available on the usher's table. If you take one today, remember to bring it back for the meeting on November 4.

Coming Soon! Digital giving will soon be available. We have signed up with a company and are working to make sure everything is set up and ready to go by mid-November. Should you choose, you will be able to make your offering donations via a computer or hand-held device. Regular envelopes will still be available for those who want to go the paper route. The congregation will be notified once the program is ready for use.

The worship services on November 10 and 11 will feature the Service of Oils and Healing. As a part of this service, the Oils of Healing are placed on the foreheads of worshippers as a reminder that all healing, physical, spiritual and emotional, comes from God. Please invite family and friends who may welcome the healing power of God.

Pastor Ken will be offering a 2-week class for those interested in becoming members of St. Peter's on Sundays, November 11 and 18. Please let Pastor Ken know if you are interested. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside of Pastor Ken's office.

On November 10, our Sunday School and parents are invited to join in the Kim Behn Annual 5K Fun Run. See the fliers in the lobby for details.

St. Clair area churches will join in a Thanksgiving worship service on Tuesday, November 20 at 7 pm. This year the community will gather at First Congregational UCC. Participating congregations include St. Peter's, First United Methodist Church, and Holy Family Episcopal.

Middle school and high school youth will be going to the Corn Fun Corn Maze on Sunday immediately after worship. Lunch will be provided before we leave. While we are there we will explore the corn maze and take a hay ride. Cost is \$6 per person.

There is a fundraiser on Sunday, October 28 to support Stacy Yax and help with her medical expenses. Come to Murphy's Inn from 3-7 pm, and for all those who present the flier, Murphy's will donate 20% of all sales to Stacy! Fliers are available on the table in the lobby.

The November newsletter is available in your mailbox today.

IN NEED OF PRAYER Dennis Rocker, Mary Forys, Janice Convis, Guy MacIntosh, Sue Kasemeyer, Paul & Ruth Reyelts, Delores Cook, Vi Dunn, Will Tanner, Clyde Moore, Louis Eisen, Loretta Lukasak, Suzanne Morris, Elizabeth MacDonald, Sharon Ann Wheeler, Patty Armstrong, Adeline Harsch, Pat Greenwood, Don Schroeder, Patricia Jones, Marc Dease, Stacey Yax, Ruth Morris, Bernie Nummer, Carole Stiefvater, Ed Myers, Jeremy Bryan, James Mitchell, Marlene Hand. (Please call or email the office at stpeterelca@sbcglobal.net to update information.)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Happy Halloween! Prayer 9:30 am Bible Study 10 am	Choir 7 pm	Pastor's day off	Worship, Communion 5 pm	Sunday School, Worship, Communion 9:30 am Annual meeting 10:45 am