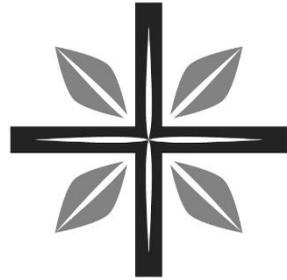




# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



## Welcome to our visitors!

- It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace that only God can offer and the joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.
- Large print service folders are available from an usher. Assisted listening devices, including both ear bud and loop receivers for digital hearing aids, are also available from an usher.
- Children's service folders and worship notes are available in the round tract rack in the entry area.
- Parents may take small children into the entry area, mother's room (at the back of the church), or nursery (lower level of church) as needed and follow the worship service on the TV monitor. Changing tables are available in the mother's room and in the room adjacent to the nursery.
- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.
- As the offering is received, members and guests are asked to sign the Friendship Register. Please pass the register to your neighbor and then return it to the center aisle. Visitors are also asked to fill out a guest card and give it to an usher.

# Reformation

## October 26 & 27, 2019

Promises of the End: The truth will set you free.

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### Call to Worship (Sunday)

*Adult Choir*

### Psalm 111

*edited & arranged by William Braun*

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
In the company of the upright,  
Great are the works of the Lord,  
Studied by all who delight in them.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
His praise endures forever!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be;  
World without end. Amen.

*Please stand*

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

### REFORMATION DIALOGUE (part 1) from Martin Luther's *A Treatise on Christian Liberty*

**M:** One thing, and only one thing, is necessary for Christian life, righteousness, and freedom. That one thing is the most holy Word of God, the gospel of Christ.

**C:** **Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.**

*Romans 10:17*

**M:** Therefore it is clear that, as the soul needs only the Word of God for its life and righteousness, so it is justified by faith alone and not any works.

**C:** **For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last.** *Romans 1:17a*

**M:** From this anyone can see how a Christian is free from all things and over all things so that he needs no works to make him righteous and save him, since faith alone abundantly confers all these things.

**C:** **Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.†** *Romans 10:4*

*Be seated*

### **Hymn**

*Adult Choir & Congregation*

*Congregation will sing all stanzas on Saturday and **bold stanzas** only on Sunday*

### **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

*arranged by Hal H. Hopson*

**C:** **A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.**

**No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.**

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**† Luther's *A Treatise on Christian Liberty*:** Written in October 1520, Martin Luther's *A Treatise on Christian Liberty* (also known as *On the Freedom of a Christian*) is one of his three great Reformation treatises from that year along with *To the Christian Nobility of the German Nation* and *The Babylonian Captivity of the Church*. This treatise clearly establishes Luther's teaching on the relationship between justification and sanctification. It is organized around a seemingly contradictory thesis statement: "A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all." This paraphrase of 1 Corinthians 9:19 captures the fact that while no outward works can produce saving faith, saving faith will by its very nature produce outward works.

Choir: Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,  
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpow'r us.  
This world's prince may rage, in fierce war engage.  
He is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.

**C: God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
For God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
Though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The Kingdom's ours forever!**

*Please stand*

**REFORMATION DIALOGUE (part 2)**  
**from Martin Luther's *A Treatise on Christian Liberty***

**M:** Although the Christian is thus free from all works, he ought in this liberty to take upon himself the form of a servant, and in every way deal with his neighbor as he sees that God through Christ has dealt with him.

**C: Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.**  
*Philippians 2:4*

**M:** I will therefore give myself as a Christ to my neighbor, just as Christ offered himself to me.

**C: Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus...who made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant.**  
*Philippians 2:5, 7*

**M:** I will do nothing in this life except what I see is necessary, profitable, and salutary to my neighbor, since through faith I have an abundance of all good things in Christ.

**C: Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.**  
*Philippians 2:3*

*Be seated (Sunday)*

## **Response to the Word (Sunday)**

*Adult Choir*

## **God is our Refuge and Strength**

*by Johann Pachelbel*

God is our refuge, our refuge and strength,  
Yea, a very present help in trouble,  
Therefore fear not, and tho' the earth be removed  
And the mountains by the sea be drowned,  
And tho' the sea roar, and rage, and be troubled,  
Tho' the mountains shake and sway. Amen.

And yet shall the streams make glad God's city.  
Yea, the holy place of God's habitation.  
God is in his city, which shall never be moved.  
God's help is nigh.

The heathen rage in frustration,  
And the kingdoms fall and totter;  
God speaks and the earth melteth,  
And all men hear his voice.  
Lord of Sabaoth is with us,  
God of Jacob is our strength. Amen.

*Please stand (Sunday)*

### **Prayer of the Day**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, in your undeserved love you sent us your Son, Jesus, to be the only Savior this world will ever know or need. He who had no sin became sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Help us to daily live in repentance and to cherish his saving work for us, so that we no longer live for ourselves but for him who died for us and was raised again and lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Be seated*

## THE WORD

### First Lesson

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

*We live in freedom because of the new covenant established by the LORD.*

“The time is coming,” declares the LORD,

“when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.

It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers

when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt,

because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD.

“This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD.

“I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God, and they will be my people.

No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’

because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD.

“For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

### Psalm of the Day

**Psalm 46 (see pg. 12)**

*God, our refuge and strength, allows us to live in freedom.*

### Second Lesson

**Romans 3:19-28**

*Freedom from sin and freedom to live in righteousness is ours through faith.*

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished – he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.

**Verse of the Day**

**M:** Alleluia, alleluia. If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia.

*Please stand*

**Gospel****John 8:31-36**

*We are no longer slaves to sin but are family members living in freedom.*

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?”

Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated*

**Hymn of the Day****O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word***Christian Worship 204***Sermon****Jeremiah 31:31-34**

Jeremiah’s Reformation Reminder

*Please stand*

**Confession of Faith based on Luther’s Explanation to the Apostles’ Creed**

**M:** O Heavenly Father, you have created us and continually shower us with blessings.

**C:** **I believe that God made me and every creature, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.**

**M:** O Jesus, our Savior, you have redeemed us with your precious blood.

**C:** **I believe that Christ has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.**

**M:** O Holy Spirit, you have created faith in our hearts which clings to the Word and promises of the Bible.

**C:** **I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him; but the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

**M:** This is most certainly true.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Be seated*

## THANKSGIVING

### Offering

*The members of St. John's have joined together to do the Lord's work in our community and around the world, and our offerings are a joyful response of our faith. To submit your offering electronically, scan the QR code or visit [www.sjtosa.org/giving](http://www.sjtosa.org/giving). If you are a visitor today, you are welcome but not obligated to give an offering.*



*Please stand*

### Prayer of the Church for Reformation

**M:** Lord God, heavenly Father, you are our mighty fortress. In you we find our strength, our protection, and our peace. Through the shield of faith, protect us from the flaming arrows of the evil one.

**C:** **Help us to wield your Word as the sword of the Spirit so that the gates of hell may not prevail against us.**

**M:** The old evil foe has sworn to harm us, to deceive us, and to lead us away from you. We cannot fight him with our own strength or conquer him with our own power. Protect your Church, purchased by the blood of your Son, from Satan's attacks.

**C:** **Continue to provide your Church with faithful pastors who proclaim faith in Jesus as the only way to salvation.**

**M:** All have sinned and fall short of your glory, O Lord. Good works could not avert our doom. But through your strong Word, you have made us your own and clothed us with your robe of righteousness.

**C:** **Cause us to daily hold firmly to your promise that we are justified by faith apart from works of the law.**

**M:** In your love for us, you sent your Son as the Light of light into this dark world. Through your Church, continue to shine the gospel into our present darkness.

**C:** **Send out your light and your truth into all the world and remove all that would obscure your light from us.**

**M:** You have charged your Church with the work of proclaiming your gospel to every people, tribe, language, and nation.

**C:** **As we proclaim your Word, do not let it return empty, but accomplish through it what you desire.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow*

**M:** All honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**M:** O Lord our God, we give you heartfelt thanks for the gift of your pure Word. Grant us the grace to hold fast this treasure given to us and the earnest desire to faithfully proclaim this true and living Gospel. Strengthen us in the one true faith until at last we are reunited with all the faithful before your throne; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Be seated*

**Closing Hymn**

**God's Word Is Our Great Heritage**  
*Christian Worship 293*

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

*If you do not wish to take your service folder home, please place it in the basket so it can be reused.*

# Psalm 46

## *Refrain*



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

## *Psalm tone*



God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging. *Refrain*

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall;  
God will help her at break of day.

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

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen. *Refrain***

# Serving at Worship

**Preacher** Pastor Joel Leyrer

**Presiding Minister** Pastor Eric Schroeder

**Lector** Pastor Kyle Bitter

**Adult Choir Director** Dr. William Braun

**Musicians** Carmen Rupprecht, piano (Saturday)  
Adam Sipe & Mark Maurice, Jr., trumpet  
Kathryn Hendee, French horn  
Ed Miller, trombone  
Cassidy Avery, Hannah Braun, Abby Peterson & Abigail Ruchti, violin  
Erik Pyatt, viola  
Tia Hankwitz, cello  
Michael Britz, double bass  
Lynn Kozlowski, organ & continuo

**Head Ushers** Mark Meissner (Saturday)  
Tom Wessel (8:00 a.m.)  
Doug Knuth (10:30 a.m.)

**Greeters** Mark & Mary Meissner, John & Carol Stearns (8:00 a.m.)  
John & Julie Rader, Matt & Jenny Bahr (10:30 a.m.)

**AV Operators** Dan Schmal (8:00 a.m.)  
Brian Cleary (10:30 a.m.)

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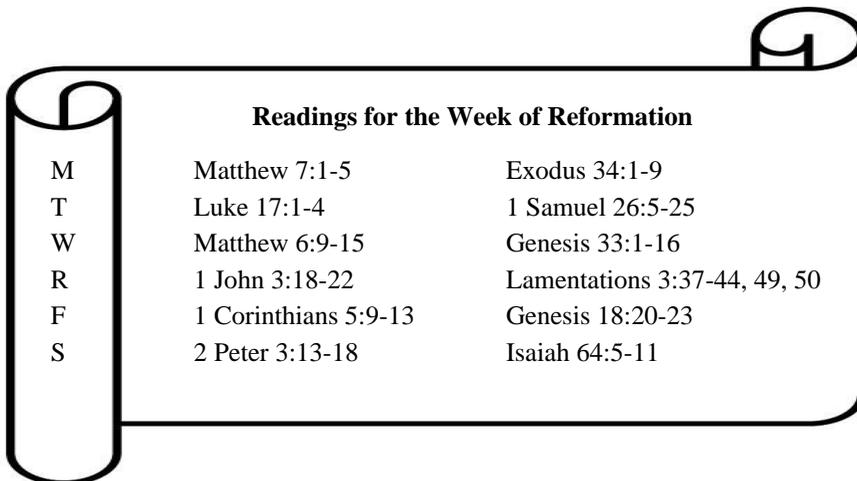
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## Worship Notes

- The altar flowers are placed by Barbara J. Weihing in memory of her father Gilbert W. Weihing and brothers Gordon G. and Merle R. Weihing and in thanks for blessings received.

## In Our Prayers

- Tom Wiedenhoeft, hospitalized at St. Luke's.
- Zachary Todor, hospitalized at Children's.
- Audrey Jade Deming, daughter of Nicholas and Carol (nee Ostrowski) Deming, baptized in a private ceremony on Saturday, October 26.



<b>Readings for the Week of Reformation</b>		
M	Matthew 7:1-5	Exodus 34:1-9
T	Luke 17:1-4	1 Samuel 26:5-25
W	Matthew 6:9-15	Genesis 33:1-16
R	1 John 3:18-22	Lamentations 3:37-44, 49, 50
F	1 Corinthians 5:9-13	Genesis 18:20-23
S	2 Peter 3:13-18	Isaiah 64:5-11

## The Luther Seal

This coat of arms, or seal, was designed at the request of Martin Luther to be a summary of his theology and an expression of his faith. He explained the seal in this way:

- In the center is a black cross, indicative of Christ's dreadful sacrifice on the cross for every sinner who ever lived. The cross is a reminder that faith in this crucified Christ saves us.
- The cross is in the center of a red heart, to show that faith causes love, joy, and peace to grow in the human heart.
- The red heart sits on a white rose (Luther's favorite flower) because white is the color of angels and blessed spirits.
- The white rose rests against a sky-blue background to symbolize that the joy caused by faith is a beginning of the future joy of heaven, which is grasped in hope and not yet revealed.
- The seal is enclosed in a golden ring, showing that the bliss of heaven is unending and is as precious as gold.

