

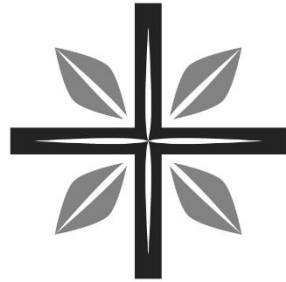


St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.



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.
- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.
- Large print service folders and assisted listening devices are 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.
- During the offering, all worshippers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder or available online at www.sjtosa.org/Connect). Completed cards can be placed in the baskets by the exit.
- Please join us for Bible class at 9:15 a.m.
A Punch in the Gut: Fellowship Hall, lower level of church
A staffed nursery is available during Bible class.

Reformation

October 30 & 31, 2021

Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone

Prelude

Opening Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Please stand to sing the final stanza

edited by Anton Armstrong and John Ferguson

The congregation will sing all stanzas on Saturday and the indicated stanzas on Sunday.

**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.**

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

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.**

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

C: Amen.

REFORMATION DIALOGUE
from Martin Luther's *Commentary on Galatians*⁺

M: For the one doctrine which I have supremely at heart is that of faith in Christ, from whom, through whom, and unto whom all my theological thinking flows back and forth day and night.

C: **I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.**
Galatians 2:20

M: Justification is the doctrine that we are redeemed from sin, death and the devil, and made partakers of eternal life, not by ourselves but by the help of another, the only-begotten Son of God, Jesus Christ.

C: **The Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe.**
Galatians 3:22

M: For in the righteousness of faith we work nothing, we render nothing unto God, but only we receive and suffer another to work in us, that is to say, God.

C: **We know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ.**
Galatians 2:16a

⁺ **Luther's *Commentary on Galatians*:** Based on a series of lectures delivered by Luther in 1531 at the University of Wittenberg, the *Commentary on Galatians* stands as a beautiful exposition of salvation through Christ alone apart from observing the law. In the introduction, Luther writes, "I have taken in hand...to expound this Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians: not because I do desire to teach new things...but for that this we have to fear as the greatest and nearest danger, lest Satan take from us the pure doctrine of faith, and bring into the Church again the doctrine of works and men's traditions... wherefore this doctrine can never be taught, urged, and repeated enough."

M: I rest only upon the righteousness of Christ and of the Holy Ghost, which we have not, but receive; God the Father freely giving it unto us through Jesus Christ.

C: **All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.” Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, “The righteous will live by faith.”**

Galatians 3:10, 11

M: For I am baptized, and by the Gospel am called to the partaking of righteousness and of everlasting life, to the kingdom of Christ, wherein my conscience is at rest, where no law is, but altogether forgiveness of sins, peace, quietness, joy, health and everlasting life.

C: **You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.**

Galatians 3:26

Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated

THE WORD

First Lesson

Daniel 3:16-28

Nebuchadnezzar's opposition gives three men an opportunity to witness.

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if he does not, we

want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. The king’s command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace.

Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, “Weren’t there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?”

They replied, “Certainly, O king.”

He said, “Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.”

Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, “Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!”

So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.

Then Nebuchadnezzar said, “Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king’s command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.”

Psalm of the Day (Saturday)

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

Response to the Word (Sunday)

Adult Choir

Salvation Unto Us Has Come

edited by William Braun

Salvation unto us has come by God’s free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom, they help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, who did for all the world atone;
He is our one Redeemer.

Since Christ has full atonement made and brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad and build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, your death is now my life indeed,
For you have paid my ransom.

All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise to Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by his grace; all glory to his merit.
O triune God in heav’n above, you have revealed your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.

Before the end, all nations will have the opportunity to hear the witness of the gospel.

Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth – to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Verse of the Day

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**Mark 13:5-11**

The opposition of kings and princes will lead to opportunity for the apostles to witness.

Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

“You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be seated

Anthem (Sunday)

Adult Choir

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word

by Dietrich Buxtehude

Lord, keep us steadfast in thy Word;
Curb those who fain by craft and sword
Would wrest the kingdom from thy Son
And set at naught all he hath done.

Lord Jesus Christ, thy pow'r make known,
For thou art Lord of lords alone;
Defend thy Christendom that we
May evermore sing praise to thee.

O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth,
Support us in our final strife,
And lead us out of death to life.

Hymn of the Day

Thy Strong Word

Christian Worship '21 630

Sermon

Mark 13:5-11

Standing Firm in the Gospel

Please stand

Confession of Faith based on the Formula of Concord, Article III

- M:** On the basis of God's Word and in accord with the content of the Augsburg Confession, we unanimously confess that our righteousness before God consists in this:
- C:** **We poor sinners are justified before God – that is, pronounced free from sin – and are saved only through faith in Christ. Therefore Christ alone is our righteousness.**
- M:** We believe, teach, and confess that our righteousness before God consists in this: that God forgives our sins by sheer grace, without any works, merit, or worthiness of our own. He gives us and reckons to us the righteousness of Christ's obedience.
- C:** **Because of this righteousness, we are accepted by God into grace and regarded as righteous.**

- M:** The Holy Spirit conveys these benefits to us in the promise of the holy gospel.
- C:** **Faith is the only means through which we lay hold of them, accept them, apply them to ourselves, and appropriate them.**
- M:** Faith itself is a gift of God, through which we acknowledge Christ our redeemer in the Word of the gospel and trust in him.
- C:** **Only because of his obedience does God the Father forgive our sins by grace, regard us as upright and righteous, and give us eternal salvation. Amen.**

Be seated

Offering

Members of St. John's give offerings to support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors are welcome but not obligated to give an offering. To submit your offering electronically or to fill out an online Connection Card, scan the QR code or visit www.sjtosa.org/offering.



Please stand

Prayer of the Church

- M:** Lord, our refuge and strength, we gather to worship and praise you for your ongoing work of reformation in your Church.
- C:** **Lord, to you alone be glory.**
- M:** God of grace, in unfathomable love you pitied us sinners and sent your Son as our substitute to deliver us from sin, guilt, death, darkness, and despair.
- C:** **For your grace, Lord, to you alone be glory.**
- M:** By your grace you sent your Spirit to call us to repentance. Your powerful gospel rescued us from rebellion and fills us with faith in you, the true and living God.
- C:** **For saving faith, Lord, to you alone be glory.**

M: By your grace we are heirs of your eternal Word and trustees of the inspired Scriptures, through which you proclaim your saving truth to every generation. By these Scriptures you overthrew the darkness of those who perverted your teachings and restored to your Church the message of salvation by grace alone.

C: **For the holy Scriptures, Lord, to you alone be glory.**

M: As we celebrate the Reformation that restored your pure gospel to your Church, we also celebrate our common confession of the pure gospel in Word and sacrament.

C: **For this unity of faith, Lord, to you alone be glory.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

M: In thanksgiving for the many and amazing blessings restored to your Church through the Reformation, we now commit ourselves to your care.

C: **Lord, be our mighty fortress, our trusty shield and weapon. 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.**

Be seated

Hymn

Built on the Rock
Christian Worship '21 856

Please stand

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: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated

Closing Hymn

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage
Christian Worship '21 640

Announcements

St. John's Spotlight

Getting Involved at St. John's

Postlude

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Serving at Worship

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Presiding Minister

Pastor Kyle Bitter

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Mandy Treder, organ (Saturday)
Lynn Kozlowski, organ (Sunday)
Hannah Braun & Anne Steeves, violin
Adam Sipe, trumpet

Adult Choir Director

Dr. William Braun

Worship Notes

- The flowers are placed by Jeff and Susan Scheibe in celebration of the marriage of Mike Williams and Alexandra Scheibe on Saturday, October 30.

In Our Prayers

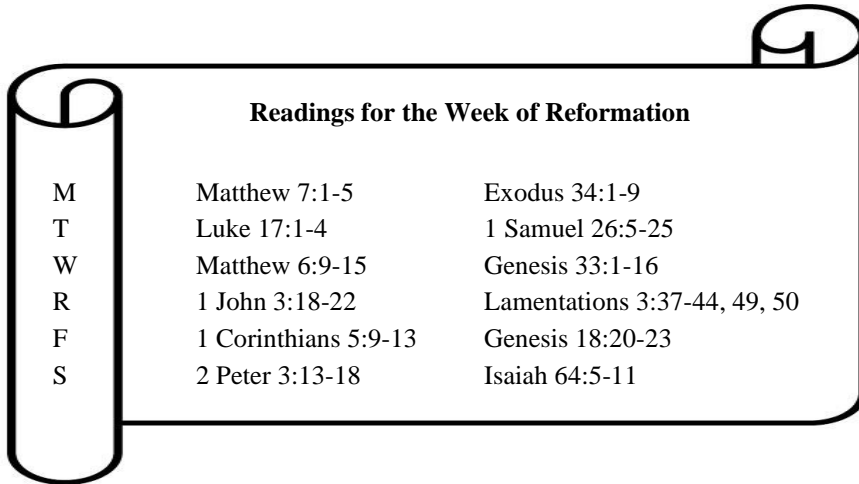
- Renee Pastorek, as she deliberates the two divine calls she now holds.
- Opal Hackbarth, now back at home after several weeks of convalescence at the Congregational Home.

Sunday Bible Study

A new Sunday morning Bible study begins **next week (November 7)** at 9:15 a.m.

The Joyful Christian: Paul's Letter to the Philippians **Taught by Pastor Joel Leyrer in the Fellowship Hall**

Given his personal situation, it seems hard to believe Philippians is Paul's most upbeat letter. But it is. Radiating confidence, warmth, and joy, this short epistle reminds us that what we are and what we have transcends the inevitable stresses and strains that accompany our earthly pilgrimage. By his inspired words as well as his inspiring example, Paul helps us understand the difference between the temporary nature of happiness and the permanent state of joy. This is a letter for our times.



| Readings for the Week of Reformation | | |
|---|----------------------|------------------------------|
| 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 |

Parents' Preview for November 7

The Parents' Preview highlights an aspect of next week's service: a liturgical song, a Psalm refrain, or a hymn stanza. Our hope and prayer is that parents will teach this portion of the service to their children at home during the week so that children can participate more fully in the worship service.

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

(Christian Worship '21 563)



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no oth -
his un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm -
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly prop
then in him be found, Clothed in his right - eous - ness



er claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
a - lone, Fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All



oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

The Mission of our Church

As God's people gathered together at St. John's, we live to declare the praises of our Savior God who called us out of the darkness of sin into the light of his grace.

As 21st century disciples of Jesus, we reflect the light of God's love by:



Making worship of our Savior the top priority in our lives



Growing in our faith through daily contact with God's Word



Fostering Christian friendships for mutual encouragement and support



Using our unique gifts to glorify God and serve God's people



Sharing the good news of God's forgiving love with others

Worship Services

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Worship in Chinese

Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.

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