



# 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.
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- 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.
- Please join us for Bible class at 9:15 AM on Sunday.  
*Times of Trial...Times of Opportunity*: Fellowship Hall, lower level of church  
A staffed nursery is available during Bible class.

# Reformation

## October 27 & 28, 2018

Reformation: Grace alone, faith alone, Scripture alone

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### Prelude

**Lord, Keep Us Steadfast**

*Arranged by Walter Pelz*

**A Mighty Fortress**

*arranged by Robert Powell*

### Call to Worship (Sunday)

*Adult Choir*

**O Praise the Lord, All Ye Nations**

*by Georg Philipp Telemann*

O praise ye the Lord God, all ye nations!

O praise him, all ye people.

For his steadfast love is great to us, great his steadfast love to us,

And the truth of the Lord endures forever. Alleluia!

*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 Heidelberg Disputation

**M:** The law of God, the most salutary doctrine of life, cannot advance man on his way to righteousness, but rather hinders him.

**C:** Now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

*Romans 3:21*

**M:** Much less can human works which are done over and over again with the aid of natural precepts, so to speak, lead to that end.

**C:** **There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.**

*Romans 3:10-12*

**M:** The person who believes that he can obtain grace by doing what is in him adds sin to sin so that he becomes doubly guilty.

**C:** **No one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.†**

*Romans 3:20*

*Be seated*

### **Hymn**

*Adult Choir & Congregation*

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

### **Thy Strong Word**

*setting by John A. Behnke*

**C:** **Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
At thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank thee,  
While thine ordered seasons run.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia without end!**

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**† Luther’s Heidelberg Disputation:** The Heidelberg Disputation is one of the earliest reformational writings from Luther. It was presented on April 26, 1518, just six months after the famous posting of the 95 theses. Where the 95 theses is a pointed attack on a handful of misdeeds from the Roman church, the Heidelberg Disputation is a sweeping offensive meant to restore the foundation of all Christian doctrine. The presentation of doctrine found within its theses is referred to as the “Theology of the Cross.” Luther argues that the cross is the lens through which we can understand all Christian doctrine because the cross alone stands as a corrective to the ideas and philosophies we try to force on the Word of God (taken from *The 1517 Legacy Project*, [www.1517.org](http://www.1517.org)).

Choir: Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,  
Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of thy salvation  
Breathed thine own life-breathing breath.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia without end!

**Women: Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;  
Bright with thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory,  
And our lives our hopes confess.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia without end!**

Choir: From the cross thy wisdom shining  
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth  
All thy bright redeeming light.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia without end!

**Men: Give us lips to sing thy glory,  
Tongues thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats to shout the hope that fills us,  
Mouths to speak thy holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the light which thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias,  
Alleluias without end!**

**C:**     **God the Father, light-creator,  
To thee laud and honor be.  
To thee, Light of Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
Glory, glory be to thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
Praise the holy Trinity!**

*Please stand*

**REFORMATION DIALOGUE (part 2)  
from Martin Luther's Heidelberg Disputation**

**M:**     The law brings the wrath of God, kills, reviles, accuses, judges, and condemns everything that is not in Christ.

**C:**     **I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death...I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.**

*Romans 7:10, 18*

**M:**     He is not righteous who does much, but he who, without work, believes much in Christ.

**C:**     **If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.**

*Romans 10:9, 10*

**M:**     The law says, "Do this," and it is never done. Grace says, "Believe in this," and everything is already done.

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

*Romans 10:4*

*Be seated (Sunday)*

**Response to the Word (Sunday)**

*Adult Choir*

**Every Word and Thought**

*by Dietrich Buxtehude*

Ev'ry word and thought and also all your endeavor,  
All must honor the name of Jesus, and worship God and the Father by him.

All, O lord of all creation, all with heart and soul afire,  
Knowledge, wisdom, and desire I do offer an oblation.  
May it, dutifully bound, only to thy praise resound!

Join your heart and voice in singing, make a joyful noise today.  
Come, rejoice, all ye who may, yes, let harp and chime be ringing!  
May they, dutifully bound, only to thy praise resound!

Father, in the name of Jesus, let our praises worthy be,  
Humbly rise to heav'n and thee; do thou our petitions grant us.  
Open now thy loving heart, saving grace to us impart.

Find delight in God always; and he shall give thee what thy heart desires.  
God shall do my advising, whose might with wisdom blends;  
May he bless rest and rising, my efforts, means, and ends!  
To God forever blest, will I with mine confide me and willing let him guide me  
As seemeth to him best.

Amen, I say, not fearing that God rejects my prayer.  
I doubt not he is hearing and granting me his care.  
Thus I go on my way and do not look behind me,  
But ply the task assigned me; God's help shall be my stay.

Ev'ry word and thought and also all your endeavor,  
All must honor the name of Jesus, and worship God and the Father by him.

*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*

**Hymn**

**Built on the Rock (stanzas 1 & 5)**

*Christian Worship 529*

## **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**

**Psalm 46 (see pg. 15)**

*We are witnesses of our God, a mighty fortress.*

### **Second Lesson**

**Revelation 14:6, 7**

*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**

**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**

**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*

**Hymn of the Day**

*Adult Choir & Congregation*

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

**A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

*setting by John Ferguson*

**C:** **A mighty fortress is our God,  
A sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressors' 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.

Though hordes of devils fill the land  
All threat'ning to devour us,  
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
They cannot overpower 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.

**Sermon**

**Revelation 14:6, 7**

A Timely Messenger

*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*

## THANKSGIVING

**Offering**

**Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word**

*arranged by Dietrich Buxtehude*

*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, 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.**

**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**

**Fanfare for Reformation**

*by Walter Pelz*

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

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# 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

<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Eric Schroeder
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Joel Leyrer
<b>Lector</b>	Pastor Kyle Bitter
<b>Adult Choir Director</b>	Dr. William Braun
<b>Musicians</b>	Carmen Rupprecht, piano (Saturday) Kathryn Hendee, French horn Ed Miller, trombone Carolyn Sachs & Adam Sipe, trumpet Cassie Avery, Hannah Braun & Diane Czaplewski, violin Abby Peterson, Abigail Rucht & Rachel Wendland, violin Erik Pyatt & Austin Wagenknecht, viola Tia Hankwitz, cello Lynn Kozlowski, organ & continuo
<b>Head Ushers</b>	Mark Naumann (Saturday) K Kuehn (8:00 AM) R Yahn (10:30 AM)
<b>Greeters</b>	M/M Meissner, C Sturdevant, S Vander Veen (8:00 AM) P Rauth, B Rehborg, M/C Rouse (10:30 AM)

## 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
TH	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

## **In Our Prayers**

- Joy Schnell and Suzanne Swenson, hospitalized at Froedtert
- Sue Pappalardo, hospitalized at Columbia-St. Mary's (Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center).

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## **New Bible Classes**

A new Sunday Bible Class begins **next Sunday** at 9:15 AM.

A staffed nursery is available during Bible class.

## **To the Ends of the Earth**

**Taught by Pastor Joel Leyrer in the Fellowship Hall**

Like the Apostle Paul, we live in an increasingly global and multicultural society, and so Paul's example is helpful for us as his modern day counterparts. By incorporating portions of the new WELS video production "To the Ends of the Earth" into each session, this Bible class explores Paul's life and missionary experiences, especially in Philippi. His approach and witness to people of various cultures and backgrounds provide us with insights and courage for our role as God's 21<sup>st</sup> century missionaries.

## Parents' Preview for November 4

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.

### “Holy, Holy, Holy”

This song of praise, sung immediately before the Words of Institution, echoes the words of the seraphim in Isaiah 6:3. It reminds us that one day, we will sing perfect praises to our God in heaven.

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

The musical score consists of six staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff starts with a common time signature 'C'. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music is a simple, melodic line with a steady rhythm.

# 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.



