

November 6, 2022

Reformation Sunday

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THE COSMIC
CHRIST
COLOSSIANS 1:15-18



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PRE-SERVICE WELCOME

Psalm 105:1-3

Many, O LORD, my God, are Your wonderful works which You have done; And Your thoughts toward us cannot be recounted to You in order; If I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered. . . I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your loving-kindness and Your truth from the great assembly.” (Psalm 40:5, 10)

We welcome all in the Name of Jesus!

“We all like to “sound off” these days about how things are and how they are becoming in our country. This is our privilege, perhaps, at times, even our responsibility, as free citizens in America. “Sounding off” is not, however, the work which Christ called His disciples to perform in the world. We have been called to “declare” His saving Word to the nations, not to merely “sound off.” To set forth our opinions on the economy, education, and so on, is one thing; it is quite another to declare the truth of Christ. Our opinions are always debatable; the truth of God’s Word is not. Our opinions as a “church” are not essential to the welfare of our nation and its citizens; but the truth of God’s Word is.

May this truth again impress itself on our hearts and minds this worship hour, so that we may receive strength and courage to be the “salt and light” our God has graciously made us and every Christian to be through the gospel of Christ.

If you are a guest among us, please ask our ushers for any assistance you may need during the service. You are invited to sign we would freely give.

Order of Divine Worship

P Pastor

C Congregation

OPENING PRAYER

Hymn: TLH #352

“O Savior, Precious Savior”

THE INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

P We have come here today to receive assurance from God that our sins are truly forgiven because of Jesus, and since many of us intend to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord, it is necessary that we examine ourselves. The pronouncement of the General Absolution as well as the forgiveness that is

given in the Sacrament of the Altar are intended by our God for the comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins, and who hunger and thirst after righteousness.

P I ask you therefore, in the presence of Almighty God, Who searches the heart: Do you truly acknowledge, confess and sorrow over your sins, that by not doing what is good, and by doing what is evil you have grieved and offended your God and Savior by thought, word, and deed, and therefore deserve His eternal condemnation? If so, answer: Yes.

C Yes

P Do you believe that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, that He has redeemed all mankind from sin and its temporal and eternal punishment, and that all who believe on His Name receive the forgiveness of sins? If so, answer: Yes.

C Yes

P Do you sincerely desire that for Christ's sake your heavenly Father would put away your sins; and do you intend to strive daily to live in holiness of heart and life, as the Holy Spirit gives you strength? If so, answer: Yes.

C Yes

P Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and for the sake of the sufferings, death, and resurrection of His dear Son Jesus Christ, forgives us all our sins. As a called servant of the Word, I therefore declare unto you the forgiveness of all your sins, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

LORD, HAVE MERCY and GLORY TO GOD

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics. The third staff contains the melody for the third line of lyrics. The lyrics are: "C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The music is in common time (C) and consists of simple, rhythmic patterns.



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shipped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

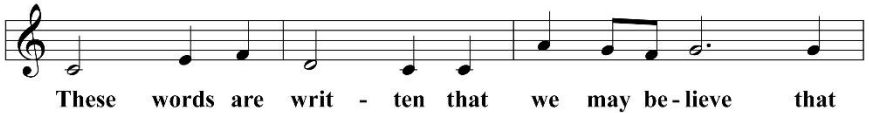
P O God, the Strength of all who put their trust in You; mercifully forgive our sins, accept our prayers, rule all things for the sake of Your Church on earth, and bring Your believing people safely to heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Job 9:1-13 “Then Job answered and said: 2 “Truly I know it is so, But how can a man be righteous before God? 3 If one wished to contend with Him, He could not answer Him one time out of a thousand. 4 God is wise in heart and mighty in strength. Who has hardened himself against Him and prospered? 5 He removes the mountains, and they do not know When He overturns them in His anger; 6 He shakes the earth out of its place, And its pillars tremble; 7 He commands the sun, and it does not rise; He seals off the stars; 8 He alone spreads out the heavens, And treads on the waves of the sea; 9 He made the Bear, Orion, and the Pleiades, And the chambers of the south; 10 He does great things past finding out, Yes, wonders without number. 11 If He goes by me, I do not see Him; If He moves past, I do not perceive Him; 12 If He takes away, who can hinder Him? Who can say to Him, ‘What are You doing?’ 13 God will not withdraw His anger, The allies of the proud lie prostrate beneath Him.

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Luke 13:1-9 There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 And Jesus answered and said to them, “Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? 3 I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. 4 Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.” 6 He also spoke this parable: “A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. 7 Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, ‘Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?’ 8 But he answered and said to him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. 9 And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.’ ”

P Here ends the reading of the Scripture lessons. Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and guard it. Alleluia!



CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down

from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #437 "Who Trust in God, A Strong Abode"

SERMON – Colossians 1:15-18 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

THE COSMIC CHRIST – IN HIM WE ARE VERY _____ !

OFFERTORY

C ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.



– OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:



HYMN: WS #744 "How Great Thou Art"

GENERAL PRAYER and the LORD’S PRAYER

P The Lord be with you.

The Order of Holy Communion



C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts!

C We lift them up to the Lord!

P It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God: Who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

C ♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabbaoth, adored; Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." And the peace of the Lord will be with you always!

O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

A special note to our visitors:

We practice "Close(d) Communion" in accord with the practice of the Apostolic and Ancient Christian Church of the first four centuries, as well as the confessional Lutheran Churches since the Reformation. The Lord's

Supper is no ordinary meal, and requires true understanding and faith in order for the communicant to receive its blessings. Therefore, in loving concern for those visitors, who are not members of the CLC (Church of the Lutheran Confession), and as a testimony of the closeness of our own faith and confession, we limit participation in the Supper. If you are looking for an altar at which to commune, please speak with the pastor. Our practice is not a judgment of anyone's faith, but a confession of our own before God and before the world.us, you'll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

THE DISTRIBUTION

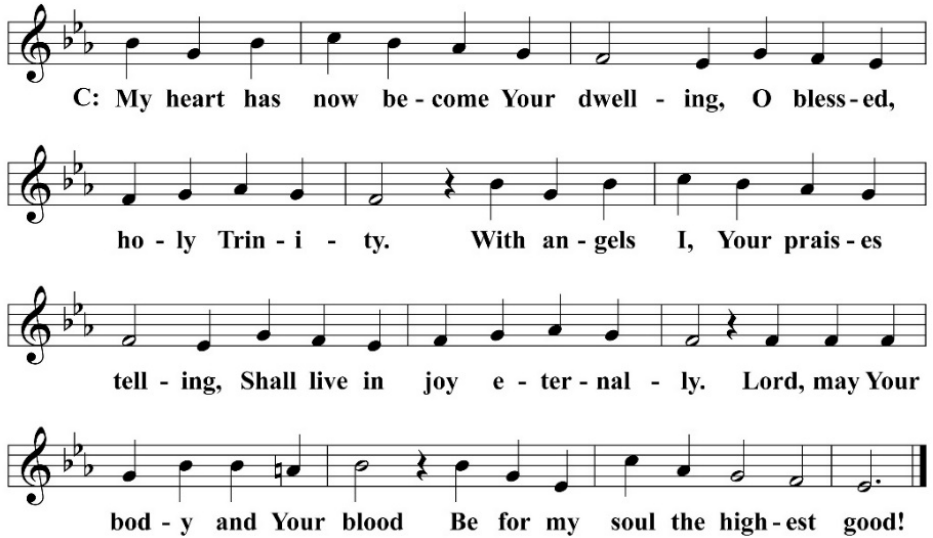
Please remain seated.

P Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink. This cup is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. May this body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace. Amen.

C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For
light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.



C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

PRAYERS & the BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C Amen!

HYMN: WS #784

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

- ✚ **Nov. 6** 9:15am Bible Class
10:15am Communion Service,
Board of Education, Church
Council, Trustees, and Ladies’
meetings after church
- ✚ **Nov. 6** Open House at
Parsonage
- ✚ **Nov. 12** Work Day at the
parsonage 9am
- ✚ **Nov. 13** 8am Orlando service
10:15 am WH
- ✚ **Nov. 20** 10:15am WH service
- ✚ **Nov. 24** 10:15am Thanksgiving
Service WH
- ✚ **Nov. 26** 9am Christmas
decorating at church

✚ **Announcements** ✚

Last Week: WH – 28 **Total**
Offering = \$1756.25 |

Gen. = \$1056.25 | ILC Sch. = \$50

Pastor Fossum Pastor Fossum will conduct Bible class November 6 at 9:15 am followed by the communion service. After church there will be an open house to tour the renovated parsonage. There will be meetings after church for the Board of Education, Church Council,

Trustees, and Ladies meetings. The following week Orlando service will be at 8:00 am followed by the Winter Haven service at 10:15 am.

Work Day November 12 at 9:00 am we will be having a work day at the parsonage. There are many projects that need to be completed. If you have time and the ability to help, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thanksgiving Service Thursday, November 24 we will be having our Thanksgiving Day Service at 10:15 am. Come praise and thank the Lord for all the spiritual and physical blessings He has given to us.

Christmas Decorating Saturday, November 26 at 9:00 am we will be decorating the church in preparation for Advent which begins November 27. We will be decorating the tree, the church, and putting up the Nativity scene.

Cleaner (11/12): Ream | **Acolyte (11/13):** Seth Bernthal

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Nov. 07 – Nov. 12, '22

Mon Luke 6:20-23 Man looks on the outward appearance, and sees the poor, the hungry, the weeping, the hated. Jesus has a forward look which even now brings great joy. “Blessed are you!” As we approach the end of another year, may it be with the forward look, “for behold, your reward is great in heaven” (v23).

Tues Hebrews 11:32-40 The saints of old did great things and suffered great things, but the distinguishing mark in all of them was their forward-looking faith in Christ, the gift with more promise than anything else in the world.

Wed Revelation 21:1-6 When God came to see our first parents in the Garden of Eden (Gn3), they hid from Him in fear, but in the new heaven and new earth, God’s dwelling place is with mankind, and His presence brings joy and every blessing in Christ, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end (cp22:13).

Thurs Luke 20:27-38 Jesus was approached by some who thought the promise of resurrection was foolishness, and tried to make it look so with an extended example of a widow remarrying. Jesus points out that the resurrection we look forward to is to a new life, not the same world we left behind. To show that there is a resurrection, He quotes from Moses to show that even after the patriarch believers had died, the LORD at the burning bush called Himself their God.

Fri Revelation 22:1-5 The angel shows John the new heaven and earth using images which the Scriptures and our present life have made familiar to us: a river, the water of life, bright as crystal, the throne of God, the Lamb, the tree of life, worshipers belonging to God the original source of light (cpGn1:3).

Sat Isaiah 65:17-25 The prophet looks forward to a world in which the taint of sin and all its effects are no more to be found. This is the kingdom of God and of His Christ, which shall continue to be a joy forever, free from all hurt and destruction, says the LORD! (v 25)

“In Every Changing Scene There Is the Unchanging Christ!”
(“Master’s Minute” radio broadcast – November 27, 2006)

Some farmers will always complain about the weather that decreased their crop-yield at harvest. Others will be thankful that the low yields have also raised the market prices for their crops. For some, change seems bad, for others change is good.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says that there is a “time for every purpose under heaven.” God is always changing things for the good of the Christian, whether we realize it or not (Rom. 8:28). In fact, God must make many changes in our lives if He is going to save us from the devil, our sinful flesh, and this perishing world.

Whether we understand the changes in our lives, or whether they bring pain or pleasure, one thing the Christian knows for sure: “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever” (Heb. 13:8), and He is “the Alpha and the Omega – the beginning and the end” (Rev. 21:6)!

Because God’s love and merciful kindness in Jesus Christ does not change, the Christian is confident that despite his own sins and unworthiness, he may pray to His Savior God in every time of need. We may see change and

decay everywhere we look. We may find it hard to understand or to accept the difficult changes we experience. Yet, because of Jesus, we know that God will never turn us away. May you know this Christ and the certain hope He brings to every changing scene of your life.