

Reformation Sunday

October 30, 2022



St. John's Lutheran Church of Parkville

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Welcome to St. John's—we are glad you're here! Whether you have worshiped with us many times, or this is your first time, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift.

Introduction to the Day

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

(Please take a moment to silence all electronics. Thank you!)

(Hymns are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red book in the pew rack.)

WELCOME

PRELUDE

How Firm a Foundation

Handbell Choir

(Music: Early American tune; Arr. Sandra Eithun © 2003 Choristers Guild)

(Please stand as you are able.)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven ☩ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

ELW 504

(Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship; Music: Martin Luther; Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress)

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Notice of live streaming:

Today's worship service is being live streamed to YouTube with video coverage of leaders and worshippers.



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This week's schedule

Today	9 am Sunday School and Faith & Fellowship 9 am Handbell Choir (Music Room) 10 am Live & Online Worship
Mon.	
Tues.	
Wed.	9:30 am Busy Bees (Smith Building) 7 pm Preschool Board Meeting (Preschool Room) 7:30 pm Adult Choir (Music Room)
Thurs.	
Fri.	
Sat.	

Counting our Blessings

Sun. 10/23	Attendance: 91	2022	
	Offering: \$4,914	August Offering Income	\$20,049
	Homebound: 20	August Other Income	\$ 1,406
		August Total Income	\$21,455
		August Expenses	\$25,423
		YTD Offering Income	\$165,035
		YTD Other Income	\$ 6,858
		YTD Total Income	\$171,893
	YTD Expenses	\$239,419	

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(The assembly is seated.)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

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.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It 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. But 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. No 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 *(Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses)*

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

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

**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

behold 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.

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

The 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.

Now 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. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom 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; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Raymond Miller, Matthew Miller, Bill & Bonnie Rogers, Jim Morrow, Mardi Nickel, Kim Townsley, Thomas McDonough, Bett Murphy, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, Tony Jasinski, and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Jen Schoenfliess, Pearl Johnson, Sharon Hunt, Lee Hall, Patricia Kuklinski, David Warren, Judy Taylor, Sean Pullen, John Bowman, Norma Weber, Rejena Hartlove, Chuck Miller, Jeanne Edmunds, John Miller, Arlo Jones, Denise Ferguson, Mary Jo Rother, Bonnie Kellner, Kristin Weger, Linda Fliegel, Helen Bender and Doug Adams

For the military and their families: Kalib McCann, Mason Ledbetter, Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm’s way

For those grieving family & friends of:

For St. John’s Caring Friends: Trudy Anderson, Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Paul and Alberta Nolder, Patrick O’Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Janet Roth, Patricia Sollanek, Kim Townsley, Cass Tracey and Emma Volz



Social Ministry is again participating in the **Shoeboxes for C.A.N. Program**. The shoeboxes will be filled and donated to children in need at the Eastside Shelter. **Items needed are: shoeboxes, matching hats and gloves, small toys that will fit in the shoeboxes. (Please no matchbox cars, we have plenty).** Please drop your donations in the bins in the 2nd & 3rd floor stairwells or in the church office. Donations are due by Sunday, November 27th. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Buckless.

St. John's Youth is sponsoring **Breakfast with Santa** on Saturday, December 10th from 9 am—11 am. Flyers are located on the counter outside of the Sanctuary. Please fill out a form and drop it in the box or return it to the church office. Reservations are requested.



 We invite you to participate in the **Wreaths across America** event on December 17th at 2 pm in St. John's Cemetery. The cost of the wreaths are \$15 and \$5 from each wreath sold will go to St. John's. Flyers with more information are located on the counter outside of the Sanctuary, in the weekly emails and on the website.

Save the Date for St. John's 4th Annual Bull and Shrimp Roast. Friday, February 17, 2023 from 6:30 pm—10:30 pm at Columbus Gardens. Flyers are located on the counter outside of the Sanctuary, on the website and in the weekly emails .



 **Ushers Needed!** For more information, contact Tony Jasinski at polishfossil29@verizon.net.

Venmo is Here! We are happy to announce that you can now give your offering using Venmo. Enter @stjohnsparkville in the Venmo App or scan the QR code.



**Next weekend
Daylight Savings time ends.
Don't forget to turn your clock
back 1 hour.**

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For 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.

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

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

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They 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’?”

Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(The assembly is seated.)

SERMON

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

ELW 517

(Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.; Music: J. Klug, Geistliche Lieder, 1543)

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(We offer each other a sign of God's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.)

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC *How Beautiful the Church of God* Adult Choir
(Text: J. Paul Williams; Music: Joseph M. Martin; © 2010 Hal Leonard-Milwin Music Corp.)

*(An offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of God's Church.)
(Please stand as you are able.)*

OFFERING HYMN *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* ELW 885
(Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711; Music: Louis, Bourgeois 1510-1561)

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Announcements & Upcoming Event

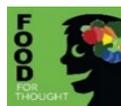
Next Week— All Saints Sunday, November 6th
† 9 am— Sunday School and Faith & Fellowship
† 10 am—Worship in-person and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel at stjohns.lutheran.church.parkville.md.



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of Donna Nicholson's birthday by Mom and Gina

We are now taking altar flower dedications for 2023. Most dates are available at this time. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers.

Nursery Care for infants through age 2 is available during the Sunday School hour while parents are attending Faith and Fellowship. During worship, care is available for infants through kindergarten.



Food for Thought Program has begun. We are again partnering with Carney Elementary. Items that we need at this time are: pudding cups, breakfast bars and cereal (single serving boxes or bags).

St. John's Annual Christmas Bazaar is back! The date is Saturday, November 12th from 9 am—2 pm. Many of your favorite things will be available this year like homemade food, crafters, jewelry table, bake table, homemade candies, jelly & jams, quilt raffle, white elephant sale, homemade items and more.



Volunteers are needed for the Christmas Bazaar. We will need help with set up, help the day of the event, and clean up after the event. Check out the display in the church hallway for specific needs. Whether you can help all day or just a few hours, your help is needed and greatly appreciated.

Tickets are available for the Busy Bees Quilt Raffle. Tickets are 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5 and 13 for \$10. Tickets are available for purchase before and after worship and in the church office. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Christmas Bazaar. You do not need to be present to win.



Join us for our Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service with Hiss UMC and St. Ursula Catholic Church on Wednesday, November 23rd at 7 pm. Pastor Mathew and Pastor Amy will be preaching and St. John's Choir will also be participating in the service. The service this year will be held at Hiss UMC. We hope to see you there!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

ELW 729

(Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000; Music: William Knapp, 1698-1768; Text © 1971 Hope Publishing Company)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

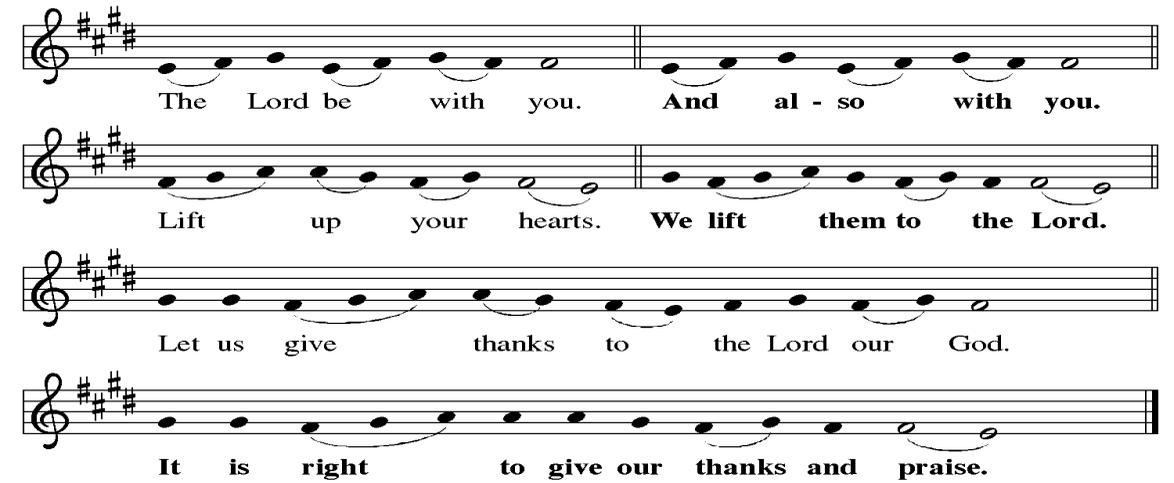
Tocatta in D Minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Lee Smith
Crucifer	Brody E.
Acolyte (s)	Emily R.
Lector	Vickie Jasinski
Communion Assistant	Vickie Jasinski

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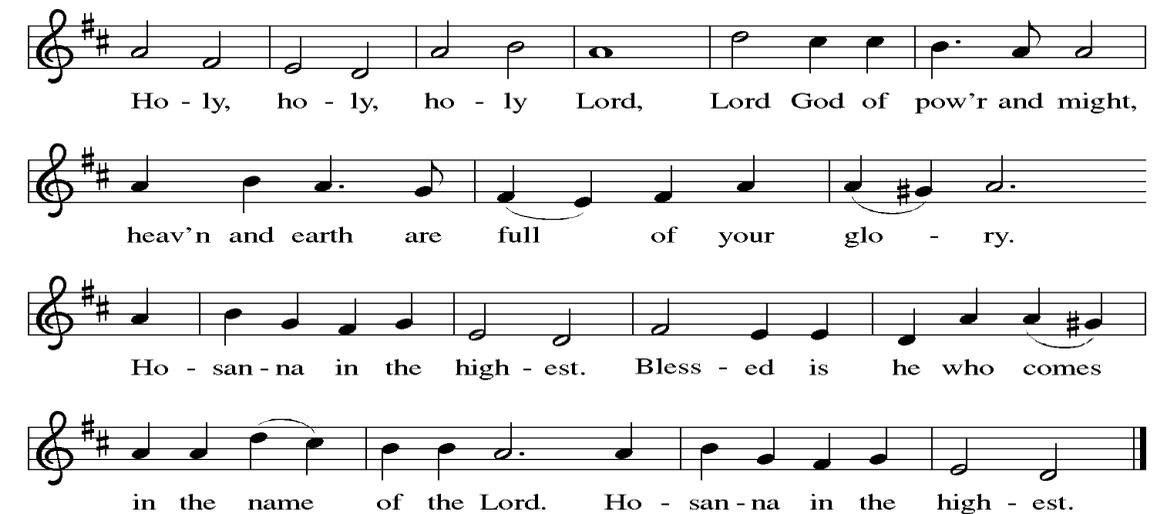


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God,
creator of heaven and earth.
You rescued your covenant people,
led them on all their journeys,
and taught them by the prophets.
You so loved the world
that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
may not perish but may have eternal life.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

As often as we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit
in this meal,
and make us one
in this community of faith
and with your people
throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God,
Author of life,
Word made flesh,
Power of the Most High,
now and forever.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

(The assembly is seated.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table.
Come, taste and see.

COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available-if you need one, please ask the pastor. To receive the wine, take an empty cup and the communion assistant will fill it with a sip of wine. The cups that are already filled contain grape juice. After drinking, place the used cup in the basket on your way back to your seat.

*If you are not communing you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,
crossing your arms over your chest.*

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

ELW 654

(Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900; Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.