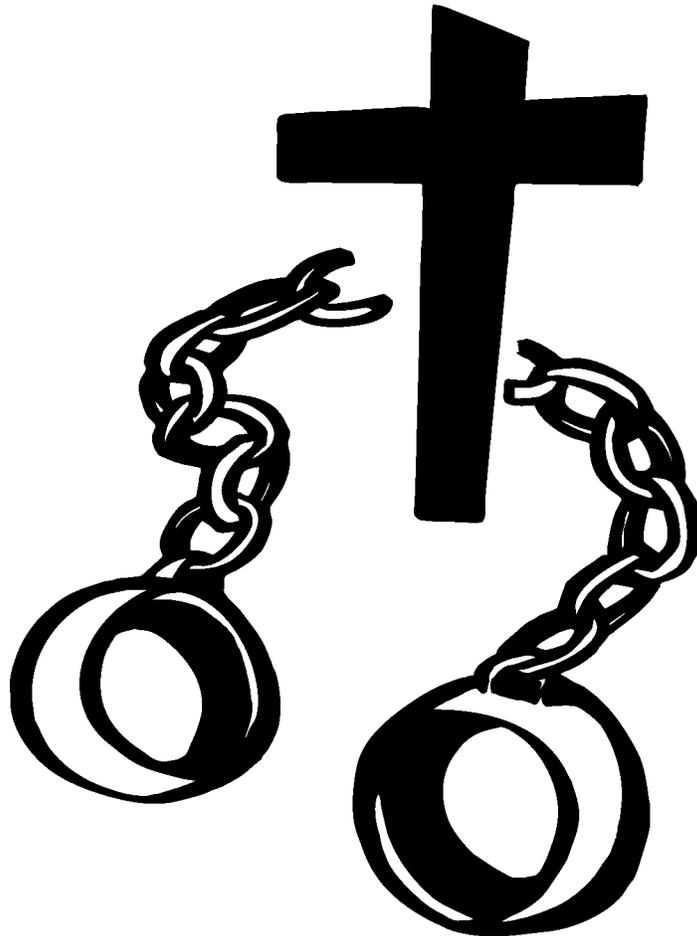


Reformation Sunday

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Reformation Sunday

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Adult and Handbell Choirs

Johann Sebastian Bach

(Choral: Text: Seelen Wonne; arr. Ruth Artman © 1988 Hope Publishing Company)
(Handbell: Douglas E. Wagner © 1984, 2014 Beckenhorst Press, Inc.)

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW 504

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| <p>1 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.</p> | <p>2 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.</p> |
| <p>3 Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us, we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us. Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage! His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.</p> | <p>4 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!</p> |

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

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 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**

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. 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**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL**John 8:31-36**

The Holy Gospel according to John.

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***Letters from Martin and Katherine**Please stand as you are able.***HYMN OF THE DAY*****Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word******ELW 517***

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| <p>1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word; curb those who by deceit or sword would wrest the kingdom from your Son and bring to naught all he has done.</p> | <p>2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are Lord of lords alone; defend your holy church, that we may sing your praise eternally.</p> |
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- 3 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.

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

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

PEACE The peace of the Lord 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 *Rondeau (from Suite 1, Movt. 1-Symphonies de Fanfares)* *J J Mouret*
 Trumpeter: Alan Meyers

*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 884*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

(Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, alt.)

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

The image shows a musical score for 'The Great Thanksgiving' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: '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.

The image shows a musical score for 'Holy, Holy, Holy' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: '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.'

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the

body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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.**

FRACTURE

The breaking of the bread.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

COMMUNION

The body and Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION HYMN

Break Now the Bread of Life

ELW 515

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord; my
spirit waits for you, O living Word.

2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me,
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace, my All-in-All!

3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
your holy word the truth that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live with you above;
teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

(Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt.; Music: William F. Sherwin, 1826-1888)

Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

ELW 729 (vv. 1, 2, 5)

- 1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age beset by change, but Spirit-led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.
- 2 Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.
- 5 We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord; to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word.

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

Announcements

October Worship Schedule – 10 am - In-person & live streamed worship

- Please join us Sunday, November 7th for All Saints Day as we remember our loved ones who passed away over the last year.
- Daylight Savings Ends on Sunday, November 7th. Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour.
- On Sunday, November, 21st we will have our Congregational Meeting after the 10 am worship service. We will be voting on the 2022 Budget and our new council members. We need your vote, so please plan to attend.



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of my wife Janet's birthday from Malcolm Neifeld.

We are taking flower dedications for 2022. The dates available are: January 2nd, 16th, 23rd and 30th, February 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th, March 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th, April 3rd, 10th and 17th. Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers.

Save the date for our next Restaurant Night at Ledo Pizza & Pasta located at 5350 Campbell Blvd., on Monday, November 22nd from 5 – 9 pm. Flyers may be found on the counter outside of the Sanctuary, in the weekly emails and on our website.



We are now taking orders for Christmas plants. Flyers are located on the counter outside of Sanctuary, in the weekly emails and on our website. Please have your orders in by Sunday, November 28th.

Candy Sale...Are you craving the delicious homemade candy that is usually sold at the Christmas Bazaar? You are in luck because our Candy Makers are taking orders for candy this holiday season! Order forms are on the counter outside of the Sanctuary, in the weekly email, and on our website. Orders may be given to Judy Jasinski or brought to the church office. The deadline for orders is November 1st.



The Busy Bees invite you to participate in their Jelly and Jam Sale. They are offering the same delicious flavors as in the past along with bread & butter pickles and apple butter. Order forms are on the third floor counter, in the weekly emails, and on the website. You may also contact the church office to place your order.

Thanks to everyone for donating yams/sweet potatoes for Thanksgivings bags for Victor's Vittles. Because of your generosity, we have reached our goal. We collected 46 cans.





Social Ministry is participating in the “Food For Thought Program”. With your help, we are providing weekend take home food bags for children in need. This program would not be possible without the help of our congregation and community. **Our greatest need at this time is applesauce, pop tarts and single serving cereal.**

The Veterans Counseling Center provides counseling to Veterans suffering from PTSD and their families. The funding they receive from the Federal Government is inadequate to meet their needs, so we felt called to help. Needed items are: coffee, tea bags, sugar and sugar substitute packets, individual creamers and hot cups. There are donation bins in the 2nd and 3rd floor stairwells. Thank you for your help.



Our clothing shed is open. All donations must be bagged. Acceptable donations are: All clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys. Thanks for your cooperation.

Are you doing any online shopping? Is so, support St. John’s when you shop. Go to: smile.amazon.com/ch/52-6012034 and Amazon donates to Saint John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church of Parkville Inc



Don’t forget to support Victor’s Vittles, the food pantry at Christus Victor Lutheran Church. You can drop off your donations to St. John’s. Items needed are cereal, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, instant mashed potatoes, can potatoes, hamburger and tuna helper and taco kits.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata in D Minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

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This week's schedule		
Today	9 am	Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10 am	Live & Online Worship
	11:30 am	Worship & Music Meeting (Music Room)
Mon.		
Tues.		
Wed.	9 am	Busy Bees (Smith Building)
	6:45 pm	Handchimes Rehearsal (Music Room)
	7:45 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Thurs.		
Fri.		
Sat.		

Those Serving Today	10 am
Assisting Minister	Claire Miller
Crucifer	Brody Evans
Acolyte (s)	James & Julianna Johnson
Lector	Tony Jasinski
Communion Assistant	Tony Jasinski

Prayer List



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Elaine Reid, Helen Baker, Bett Murphy, Laurie Krieger, Cam Houston, Mike McDonough, Dave Kocan, Debbie Miller, Pat Denk, Sandy Scott, John McLaughlin, Tony Jasinski, Patty Schwab, Ardi Scarborough and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Roy Kline, Michael Albrecht, Rose Alexander, Cynthia Shepler, Rita Brady, Zita Dabars, Anna Meyers, Norma Weber, Lou Ermer, Ralph Clark, Jackson Clark, Helen Marcomin, Mary Macreadie, Rosemay Balmos, Roberta Wiessner, Helen & Don Bender, Doug Adams, Linda Asplin, Karen Ehrenberg and Linda Fliegel

For the military and their families: Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Jacob Verble, Lance 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: Ellsworth Weant

For St. John's Caring Friends: Trudy Anderson, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Patrick O'Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Janet Roth, Patricia Sollanek, Cass Tracey, Emma Volz, Doris Warfield, and Clara Westphal

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