



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reformation Sunday

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Introduction

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.

The Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.**

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,

and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.
Hear the truth that God proclaims:
Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

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Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

We Pray: **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 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.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 46

- ¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**
- ³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- ⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- ⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
- ⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**
- ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- ⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**
- ⁹behold 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.
- ¹⁰**"Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**
- ¹¹The 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.

¹⁹Now 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. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand to welcome the Gospel

L: The Holy Gospel according to John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The 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.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They 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’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to

sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you , O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn Of The Day

“Amazing Grace”

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Apostles Creed

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Prayers for Healing, Strength, and Good Health

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

Grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console;

To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved, as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive,

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

The Sending

Blessing

May the God of Grace,
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

“I Love to Tell the Story”

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Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church

For the week of October 25, 2020

Prayer Concerns at Peace Lutheran Church

FOR HEALING, STRENGTH & GOOD HEALTH:

Deidra Shannon (Terry H. cousin)

Megan Grabow (Shelby & Derek Sister-in-Law)

Navah DenHerder

Ervin & Florence Heidecker

Eric Sellers (Cancer)

Tammy McReynolds (Terry Halversons Sister)

Matt Ellerkamp (Brain Tumor Treatment)

Lea Madler (Lung Cancer)

Bonnie Heidecker (Throat Cancer)

Beth Fugle (Candy H. Sister- Cancer)

Dan (Coyote) Feragen

Holly (Cancer)

Family of Jean Miller

Sharon Meissel (cancer)

Lakin Dvorak

**Marge Gulbranson
Jackson Portra & his Parents Jared & Mandy Portra**

Tim Holdahl

Family of Don Mathias

COMMUNITY PRAYERS:

All those serving in the military & their families. Our partner congregations: St. John's Lutheran in Richardton & St. John's Episcopal of Dickinson partnering ministries: Lutheran Social Services, Badlands Ministries, the Ministries in the Central African Republic.

Announcements

Peace Lutheran's focus for October: Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

Kool Gang and Confirmation students next service project is the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. This project fills shoe boxes with toys and other fun items and delivers them to children in need around the world. The congregation is invited to join the youth in collecting gift items for the shoe boxes. The pickle jars will also be passed around in October to collect change to help cover the shipping expense of the shoe boxes. (Each shoe box costs \$9.00 to ship.) On Wednesday, November 11th the shoe boxes will be packed and delivered to a collection site in Dickinson.

The following is a list of appropriate items that you can donate for the shoeboxes.

A "WOW" Item such as a doll, stuffed, animal, soccer ball with a pump, shoes, musical instruments

Toys such as cars, jump ropes, yo-yos, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

Non-liquid Hygiene items such as toothbrushes, washcloths, bar soap, combs

School Supplies such as pens, pencils, crayons, notebooks, markers, sharpeners, coloring books, solar calculators

Accessories such as socks, hats, sunglasses, jewelry, watches, flashlights with batteries, hair clips

Please Do Not Include candy, toothpaste, gum, war related items, seeds, food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items or glass containers, or aerosol cans.

Wednesday Night Worship October 28th

This week following worship at 6:30, Faith Formation will have a Halloween party where we will decorate mini pumpkins, decorate cookies and perhaps play games. Families, please bring your own decorating supplies for the pumpkins and cookies. Mini pumpkins and cookies will be provided.

Thank You to All Who Helped on the Church Work Day!

A lot was accomplished by a small group on a cold day during our church work day last Sunday at Peace Lutheran. THANK YOU SO MUCH to the church members who were able to stay and help out with the work.

U.S. Election Night Prayer Service

On Tuesday, November 3rd at 7:00 pm MST via livestream only St. John Lutheran Church in Dickinson will stream a live election night prayer service. Please create a worshipful space in your home using any sort of cross you have and join the ministers from "Devotions from the Badlands" for an evening of prayer as we prepare our hearts and minds for the future of our communities and country. That evening, we invite you to please take some time away from news outlets and social media to join us at the foot of the cross, centering ourselves in the true Savior of the world, the One who redeems us, Jesus Christ. Anyone can access the livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/st.johnlutheranchurch.9>

It's Time to Make Lefse Again!

Peace Lutheran will be making lefse this year on November 19, 20, and 21. Set up will be on Wednesday, November 18th starting at 5 pm. There are signup sheets at the church for members to donate the needed ingredients (potato buds, flour, margarine, salt, sugar, Ziploc storage bags, etc). Please sign up in person, email or call the church and leave a message. The best times to drop off donations are Tuesdays 1-4 pm, Wednesdays 8:30-Noon and 6:15-8:15 pm, and Sunday mornings.



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