

*Grace Lutheran Church  
Welcomes You!*



**REFORMATION**  
**–Sunday–**

*By Grace you have been saved!  
“We have decided to follow Jesus and  
There’s no turning back!”*

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**REFORMATION DAY**

**October 31, 2021**

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Prelude & Announcements

Opening Hymn      "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"      LBW Hymn # 229

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

**C: Amen**

P: 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.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage 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**

Kyrie: **C: response... "Lord, have mercy. ....Amen**

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father. We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day

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The First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

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Psalm 46

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Second Lesson: Romans 3:19-28

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**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Gospel: John 8:31-36**

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**P: The Gospel according to St. John, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**P: ....The Gospel of the Lord"**

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Message**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" LBW Hymn # 230**

**Apostles' Creed**

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

**Offering**

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

**Offering Prayer**

**Prayers of the Church ....**

**P: Lord in your mercy,**

**C: hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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, the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Hymn      "The Church of Christ, in Every Age"      LBW Hymn # 433

Postlude

***We pray always for . . .***

*Robert Armknecht, Bill Bohling, Jodell Bridgmon, Luetta Bruns,  
Linda Daniels, Eric Fass, Bruce Gerking, Mary Goudie, Jan Rader,  
Gene Rosenthal, Axl Walters, Carol Wiebke*

***We also remember in our prayers . . .***

*Erick, Diana & Meshack, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania.*

**Today 10/31/2021**

*Worship – 8:30 a.m.*

*Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.*

*Trunk or Treat @ Grace Lutheran – 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.*

**Wednesday 11/3/2021**

*Confirmation – 4:00 p.m.*

**NEXT SUNDAY 11/7/2021**

***All Saints Sunday***

*Worship – 8:30 a.m.*

*Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.*

*LL Aluminum Can collection after  
worship*





# Today's Readings

Reformation Day  
October 31, 2021

## 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.**

## First Reading

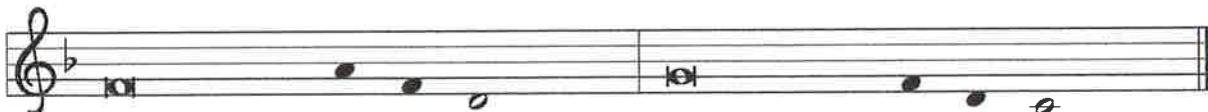
**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

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. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>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. <sup>34</sup>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.

## Psalm

**Psalm 46; tone 11**



God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear,  
though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake  
in the depths of the sea;  
<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble  
with its tumult.  
<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams  
make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation  
of the Most High.  
<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city;  
it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it  
at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup>The nations rage,  
and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks,  
and the earth melts away.  
<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob  
is our stronghold.  
<sup>8</sup>Come now,  
regard the works of the LORD,  
what desolations God has  
brought up on the earth;  
<sup>9</sup>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.

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<sup>10</sup>“Be still, then,  
and know that <sup>1</sup> I am God;  
I will be exalted  
among the nations;  
I will be exalted <sup>1</sup> in the earth.”

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of <sup>1</sup> hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob  
<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup>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.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift,

through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>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; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

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

## Gospel

## John 8:31-36

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

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

November 7th is the Annual Talmage Fire and Rescue Pancake Feed - serving breakfast from 8 am-1 pm at the Talmage Fire & Rescue Hall.

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402-864-2113 (home) or 402-826-0613(cell)**

*The Luther League will once again be collecting pop cans to help raise money for the trip to the National Youth Gathering. Cans will be collected on the first Sunday of every month. The youth will be in the parking lot to collect your donations after the church service. Please make sure cans are rinsed, crushed and in a bag to make collection easier. Thank You! Luther League*

Our thoughts and prayers to the families of Eleanor Tehee. Eleanor was the sister of Louis & Grace Bentzinger, Gayleen Eden, Joan Staack, & Margaret Damme. Eleanor passed away in Lincoln on October 24th.

Herbert Panko of Columbia, Missouri passed away on October 28th. He was the brother of Diane Ekhoff.  
Prayers to the families.