

FAITH

LUTHERAN CHURCH



Commemoration of the Lutheran

REFORMATION

On the Eve of All Saints, October 31
(Celebrated on October 25, 2020)

SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS MORNING

Martin Luther nailed 95 theses, or statements, onto the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany the day before All Saints Day (October 31st) in 1517. He was trying to point out the abuses of the church of his day, which had strayed from proclaiming free forgiveness in Christ to instead making forgiveness something

that needed to be earned - or bought. In so doing, Luther began what we now refer to as the Reformation. He wasn't trying to begin a new church, but reform it.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher:	Rev. Jeff Hendrix
Organist:	Caroline Rehborg
Altar Guild:	Mary Meylor

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SERVICE OF PREPARATION



The first part of our service prepares our hearts to come before God. God forgives our sins and the theme for the day is set in the introit.

ENTRANCE HYMN (Ps. 46)

A Mighty Fortress is Our God | 250

The Introit for Reformation Day, Psalm 46, emphasizes God's deliverance in spite of the devil's persecution. 'A Mighty Fortress' is Martin Luther's metrical setting of Psalm 46, which he composed circa 1529. It has been closely associated with the Reformation ever since


INVOCATION & CONFESSION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

KYRIE [*"Lord, Have Mercy"*]

Thou Highest Comfort | 33 v. 4

- C** ♪ **Thou highest Comfort in ev'ry need,
Grant that neither shame nor death we heed,
That e'en then our courage may never fail us
When the foe shall accuse and assail us.
Lord, have mercy!**
- P** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

C  **All glory be to God alone,
 Forevermore the Highest One,
 Who doth our sinful race befriend
 And grace and peace to us extend.
 Among mankind may His good will
 All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.**

The Gloria is the oldest song of our liturgy, sung here in the form of a hymn. This song was the song that the angels sang as Christ made his dwelling on earth at Christmas. Through God's Word, Christ will again abide with us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P O Lord God, heavenly Father: Pour out, we beseech You, Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people; keep them steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptation, defend them against all enemies of Your Word, and bestow upon Christ's Church militant Your saving peace; through the same, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**SERVICE OF
THE WORD**



Our service builds towards the hearing of the Gospel. The lessons and even the chief hymn all reflect the theme of the Gospel.

OLD TESTAMENT

2 Chronicles 29:12-19

¹²These are the Levites who responded:
 from the descendants of the Kohathites: Mahath son of Amasai and Joel son of Azariah,
 from the descendants of Merari: Kish son of Abdi and Azariah son of Jahallelel,
 from the Gershonites: Joah son of Zimmah and Eden son of Joah,
¹³from the descendants of Elizaphan: Shimri and Jeiel,
 from the descendants of Asaph: Zechariah and Mattaniah,
¹⁴from the descendants of Heman: Jehiel and Shimei,
 and from the descendants of Jeduthun: Shemaiah and Uzziel.
¹⁵They gathered their brother Levites, consecrated themselves, and went to cleanse the House of the Lord, as the king commanded by the words of the Lord.
¹⁶The priests entered the inner part of the Lord's house to cleanse it. They brought every unclean thing that they found in the Lord's temple out into the courtyard of the House of the Lord. The Levites took it and carried it out to the Kidron Valley.

¹⁷On the first day of the first month, they began to consecrate the temple. By the eighth day of the month they had gotten as far as the porch of the Lord. They continued to purify the House of the Lord for eight more days. On the sixteenth day of the first month, they completed the work.

¹⁸They went in to King Hezekiah and said, “We have cleansed the entire House of the Lord, the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and the table for the presentation of bread and all its utensils. ¹⁹We have prepared and consecrated all the utensils which King Ahaz discarded during his reign, when he was unfaithful. Look! They are right there in front of the altar of the Lord.”

EPISTLE LESSON

Revelation 14:6–7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying in the middle of the sky. He had the everlasting gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth, to every nation, tribe, language, and people. ⁷He said with a loud voice:

Fear God and give him glory,
because the hour of his judgment has come.
Worship him who made the sky, the earth, the sea, and the springs of water.

CHIEF HYMN

Salvation Unto Us Is Come | **227 vv. 1, 6, 9, 10**

“Salvation Unto Us Is Come” has been called “the true confessional hymn of the Reformation.” In numerous cities throughout the era of the Reformation, when priests tried to preach false doctrine, the lay people began singing this song to drown them out, refusing to let the Gospel be slandered.

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:12–15

¹²From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been advancing forcefully and forceful people are seizing it. ¹³In fact, all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. ¹⁴If you are willing to receive it, he is the Elijah who was to come. ¹⁵Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear.

P This is the Gospel of Christ.

C Praise be to You, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

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 is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall 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 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 life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON “The Everlasting Gospel: Fear God” (Revelation 14:6–7)

PULPIT VERSE

He That Believes and Is Baptized | **241 v. 1**

Your offering to the Lord may be placed in the back in one of the plates, or you may set up direct deposit by filling out a form available on our website.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. _____

Pastor prays on behalf of the congregation. Each prayer ends with:

P ...Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.** _____

P ... one God, now and forever.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



Christ, our crucified and risen Lord, now brings us His Body and Blood which were shed for us, whereby He forgives all our sins.

EXHORTATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

SANCTUS *[Holy, Holy, Holy (Isaiah 6:3)]*

Isaiah, Mighty Seer, in Days of Old | **40 v. 1**

The Sanctus is the canticle the Seraphim chant in endless exultation before the Throne of God in Heaven, as the prophet Isaiah saw in a vision thousands of years ago. Martin Luther wrote this metrical setting of the Sanctus, "Isaiah Mighty Seer," as a proclamation of Isaiah's narrative. The song of Heaven becomes our song on earth as we join our voices with the Seraphim in adoration of our God and Lord Jesus Christ, who in the Sacrament, is truly present..

Jesaia, dem Propheten, das geschah
M. Luther, 1483-1546, st. 1; *Tr.* composite
D. Marzolf, b. 1958, st. 2

JESAIA, DEM PROPHETEN
M. Luther, 1483-1546

I - sa - iah, might - y seer, in days of old The Lord of
all in spir - it did be - hold High on a loft - y throne, in
splen - dor bright, With flow - ing train that filled the Tem - ple quite.

A - bove the throne were state - ly ser - a - phim; Six wings had
 they, these mes - sen - gers of Him. With twain they veiled their fac - es,
 as was meet, With twain in rev - 'rent awe they hid their feet,
 And with the oth - er twain a - loft they soared, One to the
 oth - er called and praised the Lord: "Ho - ly is God, the Lord of
 Sab - a - oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth!
 Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Be - hold, His
 glo - ry fill - eth all the earth!" The beams and lin - tels trembled
 at the cry, And clouds of smoke en - wrapped the throne on high.


WORDS OF INSTITUTION & PAX DOMINI

P ...The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI [*Lamb of God (John 1:29)*]

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy | 41 v. 3

C  **Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**

DISTRIBUTION

- *Holy Communion is limited to communicant members of our fellowship, who have properly announced themselves to the pastor beforehand.*
- *Please limit one family per side of the communion rail, or two individuals per side.*
- *To receive the host, form a cup with your hands to receive.*
- *While others commune, take this time to pray the prayers for Communion (ELH pg. 40) or read the hymn "O Lord, We Praise Thee, Bless Thee, and Adore Thee" (327).*

THANKSGIVING

P Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your great mercy You have given us Your holy and blessed Word, by which You also among us gather Your Christian Church. We humbly entreat You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we receive Your Word with thankful hearts, and live according to it, and ever increase in Christian faith, and hope, and love, and at last obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

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 peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Thy Word | 589

NEW PARAMENTS

New red paraments have been purchased/donated for Faith's 40th Anniversary: A pulpit fall, a lectern fall, a chalice veil, missal bookmark, and chasuble. The normal price for all these is over \$2100, but we managed to get them all for \$500. We still would like to purchase a matching superfrontal for the altar. Cost for this will be around \$1000. If you would like to donate, please make a special offering notated "paraments." It is the hope of the Altar Guild to replace our other original paraments (white [Trinity/Christmas], green, and violet) by our 50th anniversary in 10 years.

About the Paraments

Each parament has a brocade featuring the Luther Rose emblem and Fleur Cross, encircled with a vine and grape pattern. The color **red** is the color of blood and fire, symbolic of zeal and confession; secondarily symbolic of praise and thanksgiving. It is used on days which mark great events in the work and ministry of the Christian Church.

On the **pulpit fall**, a stylized blue octagon, surrounded by a gold ribbon, symbolizes baptism, and the 8th day, or eternity, which baptism brings us into. Baptism is where the church is born. In the center of this are the Greek Letters *Chi* (X) and *Rho* (P), the first two letters of the name *Kristos* (Christ). On either side of the *ChiRho* are the Greek letters *Alpha* (A) and *Omega* (Ω), representing Christ who is the first and the last.

On the **lectern fall**, a descending dove symbolizes the Holy Spirit being poured out on Pentecost. 12 tongues of fire above the dove represent the 12 apostles. It is upon the Apostolic faith – the confession of Christ – that the New Testament Church is founded upon. Around this are blue jewels surrounded by a gold aureole.

On the **Chalice Veil**, surrounding a Greek Cross are the letters VDMA, an acronym that stands for the Latin slogan: *Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum* ("the Word of the Lord endures forever"), which was used throughout the Lutheran Reformation. It originally appears in Isaiah 40:8 and was also used by the

Apostle Peter in his first epistle (1 Pt. 1:24-5). Both scriptural passages refer to the eternal faithfulness of God and his living Word. The unchanging faithfulness of God to his Word is at the very heart of the gospel as understood by the Lutheran reformers. It is appropriate for the chalice veil as the Lord's Supper is "visible Gospel."

On the **Missal Bookmark** is a chalice and host, representative of the Lord's Supper.

The **Chasuble** ("outer garment") is an ornamental version of the cloak which St. Paul wore (2 Tim. 4: 13). It is a traditional garment worn by pastors during the Service of Holy Communion, as a way to draw attention to the importance of the Sacrament. While the chasuble was relatively uncommon for many German Lutherans (including the predecessors of the Wisconsin Synod), Norwegian Lutherans tended to retain its use. The first Norwegian Lutheran Pastor to conduct a Divine Service in America was J.W.C. Dietrichson in 1844 at Western Koshkonong near Stoughton, WI. His chasuble (pictured below) can still be found today at St. Paul's Liberty, Deerfield, WI. On our chasuble is the Luther Rose on

the front, and the motto of the Lutheran Reformation, VDMA on the back.



On one **Banner**, are the Fruits of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23), along with a host of believers with tongues of fire, calling to mind Pentecost. On the other is a flaming sword, representing the Gospel, with the letters VDMA engraved on the sword (see above), a Bible forming the handle with the letters *Alpha* and *Omega*, and a Crucifix below. The dove, representing the Holy Spirit, is present on both.

NEWS & NOTES

Today	9:00am	Reformation Sunday Service
	10:00am	Fellowship outside
	10:15am	Bible Study: the Body of Christ, a study of 1. Cor.
Thursday	All Day	Private Communion Available at Church <i>(Please sign up online)</i>
	3:40-5pm	Confirmation Class
Sun., Nov. 1	9:00am	All Saints Day Service

FAMILIES IN THE FAITH

A Bible Study plan has been put together for our congregation. Each child/family will take home (for free) at least one book, based on age. A church year calendar and a suggested reading schedule is provided. Please see Pastor to get your books.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU!

To Members of Faith Lutheran Church:
As we continue to clean up and repair the damage to our church and home from the

Midland flood we experience an outpouring of love and support. We especially thank you for your concern, your prayers and the gift of Christian Worship Hymnals to our church, that you have so generously given to replace those damaged by the flood water. Thank you! May the Lord's blessings rest upon you.
Sincerely, Rev. Paul Schneider, Pastor

LAKESIDE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL - TOP 1% IN STATE

Lakeside placed #1 among area high schools and in the top 1% in the state in ACT scores. The ACT tests college readiness for math, science, english and reading. While Lakeside graduates are ready for college, Lakeside strives to educate,encourage and equip students for whatever lies ahead, whether that be a 4-year college, post graduate work, a technical college, the military, or entering the workforce right out of highschool. The one thing that ties it all together is a foundation built on Christ and his Word.

GOSPEL OUTREACH WITH MEDIA

The Christ In Media Institute: Gospel Outreach With Media 2020 Conference is now open for online discussion until November 9th at www.gowm.org

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who have volunteered to do various projects around church, including painting the bathrooms and entry ways, installing new routers for the basement.

HYMNARIES

If you purchased a hymnary, you may pick them up from the back of church. Thanks to all those who donated extra, as we now have enough for our sanctuary.

LUTHERAN MILITARY SUPPORT GROUP AMMO CAN CAMPAIGN

– As Veterans Day approaches, Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG) is seeking donations in support of our military men, women and their families. LMSG, a partnership of ELS and WELS veterans, is working to grow awareness of and bring Christian support to military members and their families in our congregations and beyond. By placing your gift in the AMMO can located in the narthex, you are supporting the work of local congregations that are ministering to nearby military families, the WELS chaplain program, the MCP (Military Contact Pastor program training and more. Questions? Visit lutheranmilitary.org. THANK YOU for standing shoulder to shoulder with those serving our nation!

ELS WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY FUNDS VARIOUS GOSPEL-MINDED MINISTRIES

Restrictions on in-person gatherings, due to the coronavirus pandemic, meant that the 2020 ELS Wisconsin Women's Missionary Society Fall Rally was canceled. This is the first time the rally was canceled in its 49-year history. Even though we couldn't hold a traditional rally, President Diane Baxter led a Zoom meeting for the planning committee on Saturday, Oct. 17, so decisions could be made as to where the Society's funds could be distributed so that God's saving word could continue to be spread here in the U.S. and abroad. A poster is in the narthex detailing the areas funded.