



Reformation Sunday

October 30, 2022
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

ELW Setting 4

“Living God’s Love”

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GATHERING

** Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

D: God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: 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.

D: 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.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song:** *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* No. 504

*Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

***Kyrie** Page 147

***Hymn of Praise** *This is the Feast* Page 149

*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

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.

R: 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

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.

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**

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***Gospel**

John 8:31-36

P: The holy gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

Hymn of the Day:

Built on a Rock

No. 652

Apostle's Creed (8:30)

**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.

*Affirmation of Baptism (11:00)

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*Prayers of Intercession

D: In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

D: God our fortress, we pray for the church. Write your law of love on the hearts of your people, that we remain steadfast in our witness to your grace. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: God our liberator, we pray for your earth. Bring new life to overused land and contaminated rivers. Reform and reorient our relationship with the environment, that we faithfully care for all of your creation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: God, our refuge and strength, we pray for the nations. Where they are in an uproar, bring wise leadership and comfort for those in distress. Make wars to cease and peace to enter every land. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: God, our very present help in trouble, we pray for those in need. Show mercy to refugees and all fleeing from danger. Shelter any without homes. Calm all who are facing illness, surgery, or a new diagnosis especially Arline, Don, Judy, Peggy, Pat, Steve and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: God our redeemer, we pray for our congregation. Bless all who are preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Open their hearts to your Holy Spirit, teach them your word, and give them courage to proclaim their faith. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

D: God our stronghold, we give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith, especially Martin Luther and all reformers. Renew and reform us as we strive to continue in your word. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

D: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice
Martin Luther/Joseph M. Martin

Luther Choir

Offering Prayer

P: 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.

C: Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

***Proper Preface**

***Holy, Holy, Holy**

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***Eucharistic Prayer**

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

***Invitation to Communion**

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

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

No. 654

***Prayer after Communion**

P: 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.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P: 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.

C: Amen.

***Sending Song:**

The Church of Christ in Every Age

No. 729

***Dismissal:**

D: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

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PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God with thanks for their granddaughters, Elizabeth and Charlotte's birthday, by Mary and Andy Dunham.

Memorial Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the life of Benjamin Reber (1980-2017), by his mother, Judy McLaughlin. "*He has gone no further from us than God, and God is very near.*"

****Mistakenly omitted from last week's bulletin: Memorial Flowers** were given to the glory of God in celebration of their anniversary (October 30) by Corey and Thaddues Neururer.

Prayers for Healing: Arline, Don Baker, Judy McLaughlin, Peggy, Pat, and Steve Combs.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Today, Reformation Sunday, we worship in person at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. with *ELW Setting 4* liturgy and holy communion and Affirmation of Baptism at 11:00. Livestream at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Bar - Enjoy the coffee bar before or after each worship service. So as not to disrupt worship, please do not visit the coffee bar during worship. Thank you!

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

Reception for confirmands at 9:45 a.m. Confirmands are Mason Cooper, Jacob Gabler, Emma Gierhart, Ella Heinz, Lucas Hogan, Trevor Rohde, Addison Shook, Kayla Shook, Trevor Terihay, and August Weight.

Halloween Activity for Luther Littles and Middles at 9:45 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, All Saints Sunday, we will worship in person at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. with *Now the Feast* liturgy and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

Noisy Offering at both services for local families in need this Thanksgiving. *Sponsored by Luther Littles*

Canned Food Drive 12:30-1:30 p.m. *Sponsored by Luther Littles/Middles*

Foundry Social Outing 2-4 p.m. *Small Groups*

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Date	Sunday October 30	Sunday October 30	Sunday November 6	Sunday November 6
Service	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Lucy Brown-Serban	Logan Naida		Evan Hogan
Reader	Jen Knaggs	Mason Cooper		
Ushers	Bruce Reed Alan Ivan Delores Ivan	Melody Costello Thad Neururer		
Communion Assistants	Nancy McNeal	Peg Huber Christy Gabler		
Sound	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler
Video	Owen Blakslee	Owen Blakslee		
Altar Guild	Peg & Ron Huber, Joan Batke			

UPCOMING EVENTS

Watch your bulletins and Shout-Outs for details.

Sunday, November 6, 2-4 pm - The Foundry Social outing. *Small Groups*

Sunday, November 6, "Turkey Drive" Noisy Offering, both services. *Luther Littles*

Sunday, November 6, 12:30-1:30 pm - Canned Food Drive. *Youth*

Friday, November 11, 7:00 pm - Game Night. *Small Groups*

Sunday, November 13, 5:00 pm, Thanksgiving Dinner for 65+. *Hosted by Luther League*

Wednesday, November 30, 2:00-8:30 pm, Directory Pictures. *Communication Evangelism*

Thursday, December 1, 2:00-8:30 pm, Directory Pictures. *Communication Evangelism*

Sunday, December 4, 12:30 pm - Annual cookie exchange and evergreen cross making, fellowship hall. *Small Groups*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seeking all Thrivent members! If you belong to Thrivent, please contact Pastor Steve.

Brenda Disbrow, Parish Nurse will be out of the office, attending a Parish Nurse education in-service, on Tuesday, November 1. Please leave a message with Deb in the church office.

Bible and Brew Update - The weekly Bible Study will be meeting each Thursday at Forest Meadows Villas community room, located at 574 Leisure Lane, Medina. We will continue our study in the book of Acts. Feel free to bring a drink and/or a snack.

Luther Littles “Turkey Drive” and Noisy Offering- Each November Feeding Medina County collects funds and turkeys to be donated to local families in need at Thanksgiving. The Luther Littles are trying to raise at least \$200 for a sponsorship this year. They will have the opportunity to bring in offering for the next couple Sundays to contribute to this endeavor. To wrap things up, on Sunday, November 6, we will collect a “Noisy Offering” at both services. We encourage the congregation to contribute to the Luther Littles at this time. We think this is a great way to teach the children about giving back to our community. If we are able to raise more than the \$200 we will purchase turkeys and gather as a group to turn these in on the day of collection. If you have any questions, please reach out to Christy Gabler or Julie Shrader.

2nd Annual Foundry Social Outing - Sunday, November 6 from 2-4 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person, up to \$20 max per family. Please pay Corey Neururer via cash or check, if dropping in the Small Groups mailbox, please be sure your name is on the payment, as well “Foundry Social” on the envelope. Food will be provided along with Duckpin Bowling. **Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, November 2** so we know how much food to order. Sign up in the narthex or via Sign-Up Genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A45AFAE2CABFF2-thefoundry>.

Operation HOMES will be at St. Matthew the week of November 7-14. *We are currently in need of a St. Matthew coordinator.* BREAKFAST AND LUNCH ITEMS NEEDED. If you are able to supply breakfast items (cereal, milk, fruit) or lunch items (lunch meat, bread, fruit), please let Sandy Andrews know as soon as possible.

Bible Presentations - The tradition has been for children to receive their first Bible in 2nd grade. While this is still the practice, this year’s group consists of a few age groups due to Covid delays, new membership, etc. Youth and their families will be invited to come forward (at either service) for a blessing during worship on Sunday, November 13 and will be presented with their personalized Bible.

65+ Thanksgiving Dinner - Luther League invites St. Matthew members 65 and over to Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 13 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Dine in and carry-out available. Please RSVP by Friday, November 11 to Luther League at stmatllmedina@gmail.com, sign up in the narthex, or call the office at 330-725-8885. ***Postcard invitations were mailed on Thursday. If you did not receive one, please contact Deb in the office to update your member profile.***

Blood Pressure Screening before both services, in the Parish Nurse's office, Sunday, November 20.

Church Directory - St. Matthew is having a new pictorial directory created and we need your smiling faces to make it complete! Universal Church Directories will be here on November 30 and December 1 from 2:00 – 8:30 to take photos and provide proofs for you to view and purchase, if you wish. Please make an appointment at www.ucdir.com; select the photography schedule button on the right.

Enter **OH2620** and **photos** to login (open M-F). Select the day that works best for you; find a time and select the pencil. Enter your information and you're done. Each photography session takes about 45 minutes from start to finish.

We will have volunteers in the narthex on Sundays (not at 11:00 today) to help schedule anyone that would like help. If you have questions, please call/text Melody at 330-461-1149.

Church Directory Volunteers- We need volunteers to assist our congregation with online appointment scheduling on Sundays following our services. If you are willing to help, please contact Melody Costello at 330-461-1149 or sign up at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1q0n9P9Wbt2OyFFLjLV2B5hGIHb92FehS0L_qV7gVYzQ/edit#gid=0.

Advent Devotions - Would you like to be a contributor to our 2022 Online Advent Devotions? Each day during Advent (beginning Sunday, November 27), a link to a new devotion, written by our own members, will appear on our church website homepage. All completed devotions will be also available on an archived webpage.

· Each devotion is inspired by a Scripture Reading. · It may be as brief as one short paragraph... or it may be 300 words. · Each devotion may close with a prayer or a reflection question. · Deadline for submission (to Beth Johnson) is November 15, 2022. Contact Beth Johnson for further information at 301-501-0473 or sboyumj@gmail.com

Use this link to see the list (and add your name). <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1c8UrCP4GOW98l3yGITjOQM4byfJbl5J0jeZUQaaO0Oo/edit#gid=0>

Journey to Bethlehem - We are once again planning a group event to see the Journey to Bethlehem in Walnut Creek, December 3, 2022. We will meet for dinner at Der Dutchmen at 3:45 (if you don't plan to have dinner please indicate that and meet us in the parking lot at 4:45) and then "journey" by caravan around Walnut Creek experiencing the immersive Journey to Bethlehem. While this is sponsored by Comprehensive Youth, we invite and encourage all members to join us! If you have questions please feel free to reach out to Christy Gabler 330-441-1841. Please sign up in the narthex or via this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054FADAE2DA46-journey>

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St. Mathew invites you to join us in celebration of Holy Communion!

The Lord's table is open to all who believe and are baptized.

Please join us as we receive the means of grace, where Jesus promises to meet us in the bread and the wine.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM



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System available.