



MESSIAH
LUTHERAN CHURCH
MADISON, ALABAMA
God's People. Reaching Out

October 30, 2022
Reformation Sunday



Good Morning and Welcome

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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THE PRELUDE

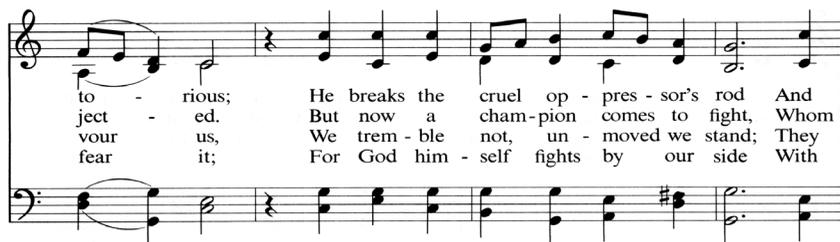
WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

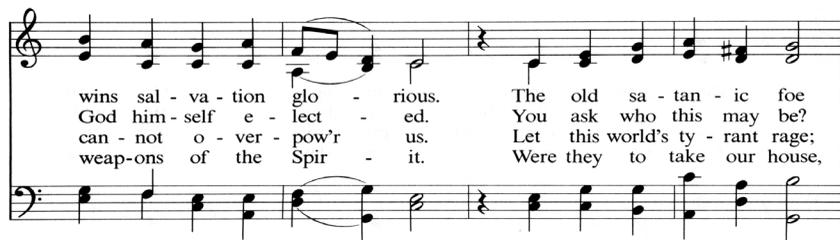
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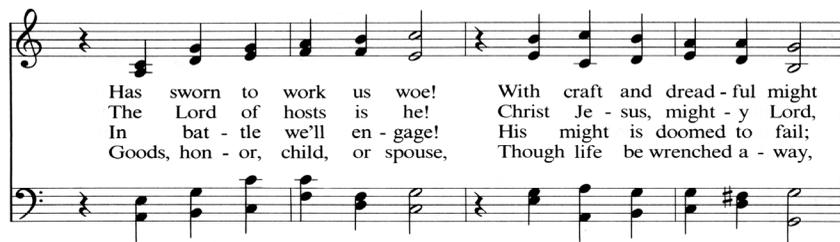
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat - ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



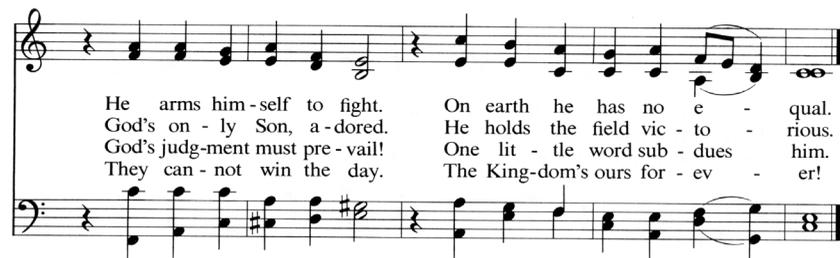
to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They
fear it; For God him - self fights by our side With



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



Has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
In bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
Goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way,



He arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
They can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

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

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

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.

(silence for reflection and self examination)

Most merciful God,

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

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

*THE 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.

*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHOIR ANTHEM: *Built on a Rock*

THE FIRST LESSON

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.

THE PSALM: *Psalm 46*

- ¹ God 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 be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- ³ though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- ⁴ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- ⁵ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God.
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁶ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;
God shall help her at the break of day.
- ⁷ The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- ⁸ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- ⁹ Come now and look upon the works of the LORD,
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- ¹⁰ It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- ¹¹ “Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”
- ¹² The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

THE SECOND LESSON

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.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go"

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

*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

*THE GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

³¹Then Jesus 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

1 The Church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age Be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, The vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant Church a - rise, A car - ing
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, Can cure the

change, but Spir - it - led, Must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry For shel - ter and for
 Church that longs to be A part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, And teach us how to

her - i - tage And keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, And nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, And clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread And feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.

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.

*THE 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

*THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

THE OFFERING: *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

Instrumental Ensemble

*THE OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards"



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and



dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble



with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING and THE PREFACE**

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 him thanks and praise.

***THE SANCTUS**

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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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

THE AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the last staff.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your Word; Curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, For you are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from your
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend your ho - ly Church, that
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

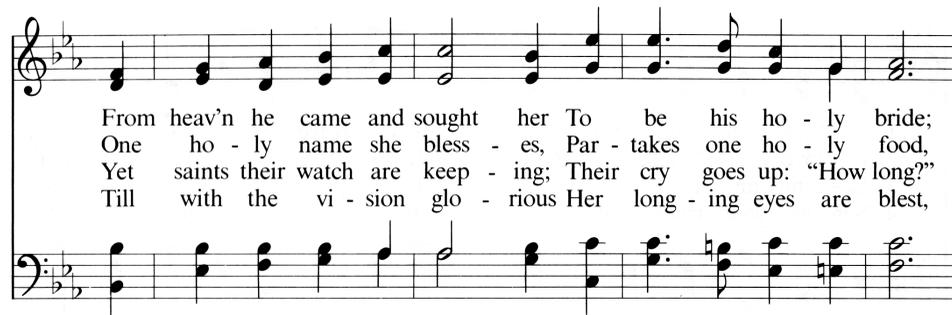
Son And bring to nought all he has done.
 we May sing your praise tri - um - phant - ly.
 strife And lead us out of death to life.



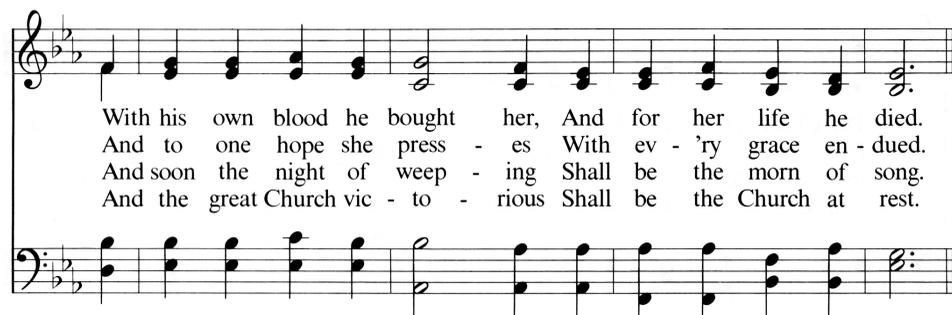
1 The Church's . . . one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der This world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war,



She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
 By schisms . . . rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more;



From heav'n he came and sought her To be his ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up: "How long?"
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,



With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union
 With God, the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion
 With those whose rest is won.

O blessed heav'nly chorus!
 Lord, save us by your grace,
 That we, like saints before us,
 May see you face to face.

*THE POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev - 'ry - one what



he has done. Let ev - 'ry - one who seeks the Lord re -



joice and proud - ly bear his name. He re - calls his prom - is -



es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -



giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*THE BENEDICTION and DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE

WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Redacted Content

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Kari & Tim Pitchko in celebration of Greyson, Colin and Noah's baptisms, and from Linda & Paul Zutter in memory of family and friends.

A NURSERY with audio is available through the double doors. Please check at the start of service if there is an attendant. Applicants or volunteers wishing to serve in this area are encouraged to call the office or contact Gary Heideman. Information is also on www.mlutheran.org

ALL ARE INVITED to enjoy coffee, tea, and fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

PASTOR DIANA'S LECTIONARY STUDY continues this Wednesday, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and explore this coming Sunday's lectionary text. The class will be about an hour. Bring your favorite Bible translation to use.

CHILI & CHILLIN' AT MESSIAH! MLC members and friends are invited to the *Annual Chili Cookoff and Costume Contest* TONIGHT Sunday, October 30 at 4:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. If you would like to bring chili, donate candy, or help in some other way, please sign up at the Welcome Center in the Narthex or via the link on mlutheran.org.

THE ANNUAL SILENT QUILT AUCTION located in the Narthex and runs through Wed., Nov 30. Funds raised help MLC's Comforter group purchase notions, batting, and other supplies to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief's Mission Quilt program. Place your bid on the quilt's corresponding bidding form on the table. Highest bid wins. *Please note minimum bids on items.*

MLC'S PLANNING FOR MISSION CONGREGATION MEETING will be Sun., November 13th at 9:45 a.m.

KIT MINISTRY BAKE SALE is planned for Sun. Nov. 13. Bakers wanted! POC: Rhonda Gaede

KIT MINISTRY ITEM - Single Toothbrushes **FOOD PANTRY** - Cake Mix & Frosting

COORDINATORS ARE NEEDED for Greeters, Coffee Makers & Wednesday Night Dinner

<u>Interim Pastor</u>	Pastor Diana Bottin	<u>Acolytes</u>	Olivia Sullivan (8:30)
<u>Director of Music Ministries</u>	Lois Graff		Hannah Seitz (11:00)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand	<u>Bible Bearer</u>	Logan Rydbom (8:30)
<u>Communication & Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby		Kinsley Dorminey (11:00)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt	<u>Crucifer</u>	Sarah Rydbom (8:30) - (11:00)
	Meredith Kilby	<u>Greeters</u>	Ellie Nelson (8:30) - (11:00)
<u>Choir Director</u>	Randall Fields	<u>Ushers</u>	Kirk Hamlet, Glen Long (8:30)
			Dorothy Seitz, Jacob Dorminey (11:00)
		<u>Lector</u>	Laura Peterson (8:30)
			Bonnie Flowers (11:00)
		<u>Stream Team</u>	Danny Hopkin, Paul Zutter(11:00)
		<u>Altar Guild</u>	LeeLinda Bagget(8:30)
			Jutta DeMarsh (11:00)
		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Janice Aldaco, Jan Murphy

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****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, October 30 - Reformation Sunday

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
4:30 p.m. - Chili Cookoff - Halloween Party

Tuesday, November 1 -

9:00 a.m. - Comforters

Wednesday, November 2

9:30 a.m. - Pastor's Lectionary Class
5:00 p.m. - 2nd Year Confirmation Class
5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir
6:30 p.m. - Notabella
7:30 p.m. - Messiah Choir

Thursday, November 3

7:00 p.m. - Kit Ministry

Sunday, November 6

8:30 a.m. - Service of Worship: *Now the Feast* with the Lord's Supper
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m. - *Service of Worship: *Now the Feast* with the Lord's Supper
12:15 p.m. - Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. - Jr/Sr Youth

**These services are live streamed on mlutheran.org*

LOOKING AHEAD:

November 13: Congregation Meeting at 9:45 a.m. Kit Ministry Bake Sale

November 30, December 7, 14, 21: Advent Services of Worship at 12 noon and 7 p.m.
Theme: "Amazing Births"

December 11: Ring and Sing Concert at 6:30 p.m.

December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services of Worship at 5 and 7 p.m.

December 25: Lessons & Carols Services of Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Attendance:

October 16: Online - 52

October 23: 8:30 a.m. - 65, 11:00 a.m. - 65

Offerings Counted October 23, 2022

Church Ministries
Current Mortgages
Wednesday Night Dinners
Outreach
Lunches for Learning Mission

German Food Fest*
Handmade Market*
Flowers
Property
**Does not include credit card totals*

ONLINE GIVING

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