

Reformation Sunday



WORD & SACRAMENT

“Not Just Going to Church, but BEING the Church”
Saint Bartholomew Lutheran Church

October 25, 2020 11:00 am



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Welcome to Worship!

This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Saint Bart's welcomes you to this worship and our believing community. This morning we celebrate **Reformation Sunday**. The worship service can be followed entirely in the bulletin which can be found at www.stbartlutheran.org. You can download today's bulletin and follow along with the service! The lyrics to the hymns are included for you to sing along!

Holy Communion

Saint Bart's celebrates the real presence of Jesus through the bread and wine. We invite all to come and share. At the time of communion, the pastor will drop a pre-packaged communion kit in your cupped hand. We will all take the elements together!

Children

We welcome all children to worship.

Praying People

Everyone is invited to offer their prayer concerns out loud during the Prayers of the Church. There will be an opportunity to speak individual names and concerns during the prayer petitions offered by the pastor or assisting minister.

Reformation Sunday

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.



Food Pantry will be running as on a limited schedule. **It will be open the 2nd and 4th Saturday at 10am in November.**

We will be looking for creative ways to hopefully continue serving meals at least twice a week. Stay Tuned!

The Clothes Closet will be operating along with the Food Pantry on a limited basis.

Bible Study- Questions for study will be posted on the Webpage every Wednesday for an interactive experience! Please Email Barb Fletcher! You can find her email on the webpage!

We can use any food or monetary donations to help our community in need.

We will be continuing with outdoor worship as long as we are able to. Stay posted for any changes.

General Guidelines for Outdoor Worship
Outdoor parking lot 11:00AM

Must wear face coverings.

Keep at least 6 feet away from people not in your own households.

Maintain physical distancing

Restrooms cannot be used unless it is an emergency.

Passing the Peace: a peace sign

No Fellowship hour or lingering after Worship.

The facility will remain closed.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C **Amen.**

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

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Lord of all,

C: **The demands of your righteousness are too hard for us to fulfill alone, so we rush off with this excuse and ignore your law. You forgive our iniquity and remember our sin no more, and we abuse this freedom as if it were a license to selfishness, self-indulgence and self-righteousness. You give us the gift of grace: atonement in the blood your Son, yet we make it cheap without serious repentance. We fail to see the power of your faithfulness. We are your people, but do we know you as our God? Forgive us Lord, the sins we know in our heart. Save us Lord from the sins we hide. God of our refuge and strength have mercy on us, write on our hearts.**

Amen

P: God does show us God's own righteousness, and divine forbearance. Through the work of the Holy Spirit given to us, we may come to know the truth and be made free. Jesus Christ the Son of God sets us free from our slavery to sin. Our sins are forgiven. Through his death and resurrection a place is made for us in the household, and we may be known as children of God. To the glory of the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 504

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



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
vour 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 Lcird 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!

APOSTOLIC 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

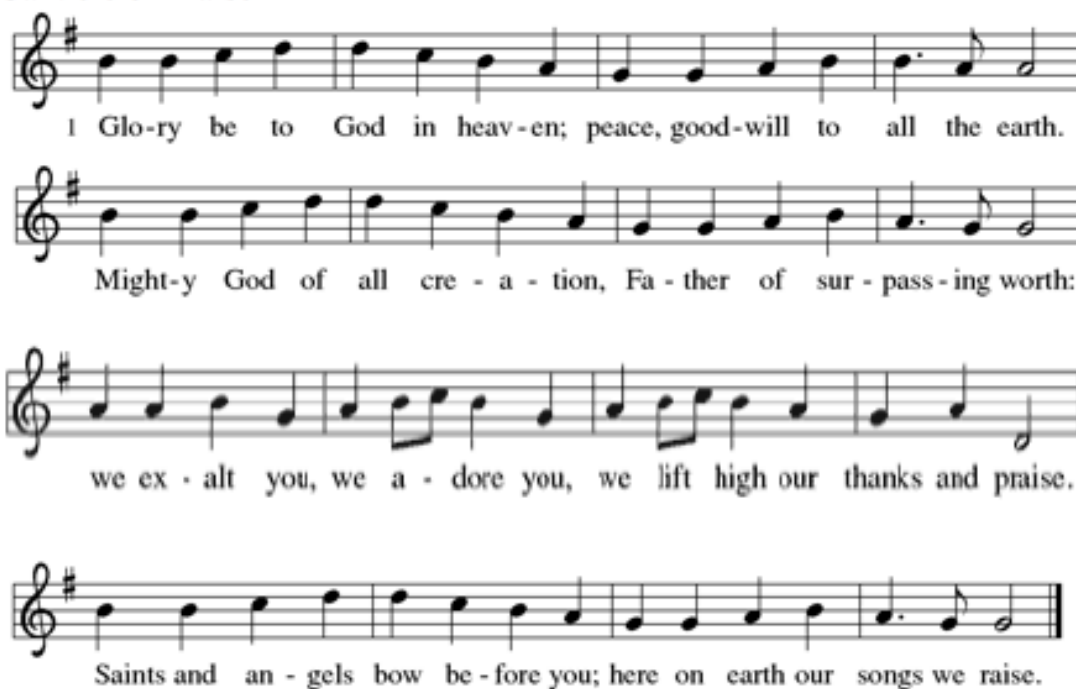


1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Canticle of Praise



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:

we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

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Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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.

C **Amen**

+Word+

A I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth (Psalm 34:1). Lord, bless the reading of your word. Make it come alive in our midst.

C **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. 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. 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. 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.

A Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading : Psalm 46

A God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

A Though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

C There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

A God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

C The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

A The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

C Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

A 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.

C “Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

A The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob 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. 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.

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 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; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



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P The Holy Gospel according to **John the 8th** chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” 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’?”

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

P The Gospel of the Lord
C **Praise to you O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 779

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Apostles Creed

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.

Prayers



Each petition ends:

A Lord, in your mercy

C **Hear our prayer.**

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Renew and inspire the church in the freedom of the gospel, O God. Where the church is in error, reform it. Where the church speaks your truth, strengthen it. Where the church is divided, unify it. Ignite in us the working of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As the earth changes, as mountains shake and the waters roar, may we care for this planet as a holy habitation for all living things. Sustain all peoples and lands recovering from floods, wildfires, and any disaster. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide areas of the world divided or traumatized by conflict, especially in our own land. Heal our land from the racial divide that pains us. Free all from slavery and human trafficking, and protect all in harm's way. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Release those living in bondage to debts, chronic pain, or addiction. Give healing to those who are suffering from COVID-19 Grant healing touch to those who are ill especially for - Mark, Michael Blackwood, Mary Caldwell, Bobby and Nancy Jo Durham, Kris, Myron, Wendy, Jim, Virgie, Enid, Bob Farr,

Bobby, Mary, Margaret, Dawn, Carol, Roger, Helena, Matt, Katrina, Ellie, Faye, Jodi, Joe, Seth, Daulton, George Mount, Billy, Claire, Pat, Kristy, Aiden, Ann, Dick, Bob, Colliney, Chips, Dorothy, Nancy, Will, and Michael and those we name now or silently in our hearts. (pause) Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We rejoice with all of those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week especially Kris Andrejco, Kathy McNulty, Shannon Conover and Gabriel Russo. Keep them in your care in the year ahead. Be with all of those traveling at this time. Bring them home safely and healthy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In this family of faith we give thanks for courageous voices that have remained firm in their commitment to the one who frees us from sin and death. Centered in your grace, unify us in the hope of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

At this time, you may offer up prayers for loved ones, thanksgivings to God, or any other intercessions silently or aloud **(Pause)** Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Even in death, you free us and give us a place in your house. We give thanks for our ancestors who have shown us truth and freedom, especially Martin Luther and those who work for the renewal of the church. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(Pastor) Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+Meal+

Sharing of the Peace (Peace Sign)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The Offering: (Place offering in Box as you leave)

A Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.
Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,
nourish us with this rich food and drink,
and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering
world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord.

C Amen.

Great Thanksgiving and Eucharistic Prayer

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 our thanks and praise

P It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father,
almighty and eternal God.

From sunrise to sunset this day is holy, for Christ has risen
from the tomb and scattered the darkness of death with
light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word, and makes himself known in the
breaking of the bread. And though the night will overtake
this day you summon us to live in endless light, the never-
ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so with choirs of angels, with all the heavenly host, we
proclaim your glory and join their unending song of praise:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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 kingdom, the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation

P Come to the banquet table
where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

C Amen.

Communion Reflection

Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

+Sending+

Benediction

P May all your expectations be frustrated;
may all your plans be thwarted;
may all your desires be withered into nothingness,
that you may experience
the powerlessness and poverty of a child,
and sing, dance, and trust in the love of God
who is Father, † Son, and Spirit. Amen.

C **Amen.**

Sending Hymn Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 796

How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C **Thanks be to God**

Postlude