

The Lakes Lutheran Church

Las Vegas, NV

Reformation

October 31, 2021 9:30 a.m.

Service of Word & Sacrament

Prelude

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
J. S. Bach

Gary Cordell
Trumpeter

Gathering

Welcome

PM: We gather today to worship God our creator, Jesus the Son, and in the power of the Holy Spirit our comforter and guide.

C: **Amen.**

PM: This is the day that the Lord has made.

C: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

PM: Five hundred and four years ago Martin Luther, a German monk, took a bold stand.

C: **He said grace could not be earned nor purchased. Grace was God's gift to all humankind.**

PM: Today we remember that day.

C: **We celebrate the grace God has given us all. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Evangelical Lutheran Worship 504

Please stand as you are able

**A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.**

No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship
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Greeting

PM: 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.**

Prayer of the Day

PM: Let us pray

A brief silence

PM: 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

Psalm

Psalm 46:1-3,7

Read Responsively by verses

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**²Therefore 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.

**⁷The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

Creed

Reader: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C:

**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.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

Evangelical Lutheran Worship - Setting Three

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

Gospel – John 8:31-36

Please stand as you are able

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Dr Mark Wickstrom

Offering Hymn

We Give Thee but Thine Own (verses 1, 2, 4)
Evangelical Lutheran Worship 686

**We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our firstfruits give.**

**And we believe thy word,
though dim our faith may be:
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,
we do it unto thee.**

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

Offering

We give to support the mission of Christ's church as a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for God's gifts. For those here, please use the blue Offering boxes in the sanctuary and the narthex. For those worshiping from home, offerings may be given online at www.thelakeslutheran.org, donate, or you may mail a check to the church.

Offering Prayer

PM: Let us pray,

A brief silence.

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Sacrament of Baptism

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Prayers of Intercession

PM: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

PM: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your promise, through Christ, who is Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Confession & Forgiveness

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

C: **Amen.**

PM: 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.**

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

Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive 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.

PM: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

C: **Amen.**

Peace

PM: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Great Thanksgiving

PM: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PM: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Preface

PM: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

PM: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.**

Invitation to Communion

PM: These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

All open wafer.

The Body of Christ given for you.

Eat wafer. All open cup.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Drink cup.

Communion Hymn

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word
Evangelical Lutheran Worship 517

**Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;
curb those who by deceit or sword
would wrest the kingdom from your Son
and bring to naught all he has done.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
for you are Lord of lords alone;
defend your holy church, that we
may sing your praise eternally.**

**O Comforter of priceless worth,
send peace and unity on earth;
support us in our final strife
and lead us out of death to life.**

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Prayer after Communion

PM: Let us pray,

A brief silence.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Sending

Announcements

Blessing

PM: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

The Church's One Foundation
Evangelical Lutheran Worship 654

**The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.**

**Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.**

Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us,
may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

Dismissal

PM: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
Evangelical Lutheran Worship 654

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