Reformation Sunday October 29, 2023



WELCOME VISITORS

We invite you to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave the service today. Thank you for joining us this morning! We are blessed by your presence.

Children are always welcome in church, If desired, there is an unstaffed nursery for those age 4 and younger located downstairs past the elevator, across the hall from the bulletin board.

Large print bulletins for today's worship are available, please feel free to ask an usher if interested.

| THIS WEEK AT FIRST October 29 to November 5 | | | | |
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| Sunday | 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. | Sunday School Worship w/Holy Communion Reformation Sunday | | |
| Monday | 7:00 p.m. | Scouts | | |
| Tuesday | 7:00 p.m. | Scouts | | |
| Wednesday | 9:30 a.m. | Quilting | | |
| Thursday | 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Rose Ringers Choir | | |
| Sunday | 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. | Sunday School Worship w/ Holy Communion All Saints Sunday | | |

Gathering

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able and face the rear entrance of the sanctuary.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

Blessed be God who sustains and protects his Holy Church.

And blessed be God who guides and confirms us in our faith.

Amen. Alleluia!

Please turn and face the cross in procession.

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Music and Text: Martin Luther 1483-1546





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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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.

Please be seated.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 46

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.

⁴There 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.

⁶The 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.

⁸Come 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Significance of Gospel Procession

Martin Luther strongly believed that
the written Word of God should be accessible to all people,
commoners and religious leaders, alike.
Luther was responsible for translating the Greek and Hebrew Scriptures
(which mostly only religious leaders could read and understand)
into German, the common language of the people.
On this day, we have a Gospel Procession,
which reminds us that the Word of God
is in the midst of us, up close and personal,
holding meaning for our daily lives.

Please stand as you are able and turn to face the cross.

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

Arranged by John Ferguson Text by: The Rev. Steve Dorsett

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia!

Congregation:

The Spirit bids us to draw near,

The Story of God's grace to hear, The good news of our Savior.

He is our hope and strength in life, The one who brings us through all strife.

He grants us faith and fervor. Come, Lord Jesus, bless and guide us,

May you always be beside us. Let our lives sing, "Alleluia"!

GOSPEL John 8:31-36

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

¹Jesus 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.

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

Congregation: Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!

Our joy be all with music crowned,

Our voices gaily blending!

For Christ goes with us all the way

Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!

His love is never ending! Sing out! Ring out!

Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story!

Great is he, the King of Glory!

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Please be seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Written by Martin Luther

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827,1878, alt. Music: ERHALTUNS, HERR J. KLUG, 1543



APOSTLE'S CREED

Let us confess our faith in God.

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 OF INTERCESSION

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Please be seated.

MEAL

GATHERING OF GIFTS

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Online giving is available at felcc.org

ANTHEM

Shout To The Lord

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY



OFFERING PRAYER

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

DIALOG

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.

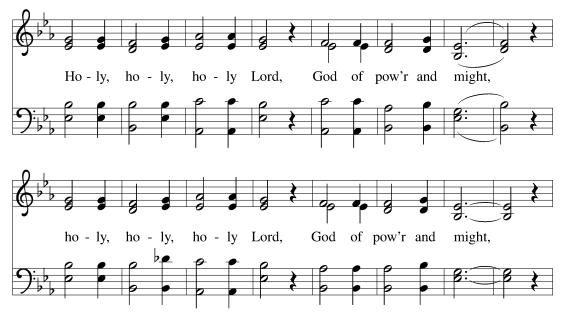
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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 Savior Jesus Christ; who sent forth the apostles to preach the gospel and teach all nations, promising to be with them to the end of the age.

And so, with Martin Luther and the glorious company of the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS





EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

We praise you, all-holy God,

for the waters of Wittenberg and for flowers in our rose garden.

We praise you for centuries of faithful Christians,

for Peter and Paul, for Luther, Melanchthon, and Muhlenberg,

for Bach, Kierkegaard, and Bonhoeffer, for all servants of Reformation.

We praise you, O God, for Jesus Christ, who saves us from all sin and evil.

In the night before 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.

And so we remember your Son, Jesus,

his life, his death, and his glorious resurrection.

We pray, O God, for your Spirit,

your breath, your fire, your wisdom, your law, your grace, your freedom.

Bless this meal and all those who share it; inspire your people for service; continue the reformation of your church.

We praise you, all-holy God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Mighty Fortress, Victorious Champion, Powerful Shield,
today, tomorrow, and forever. **Amen!**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

Come, the Lord's meal is prepared for you.

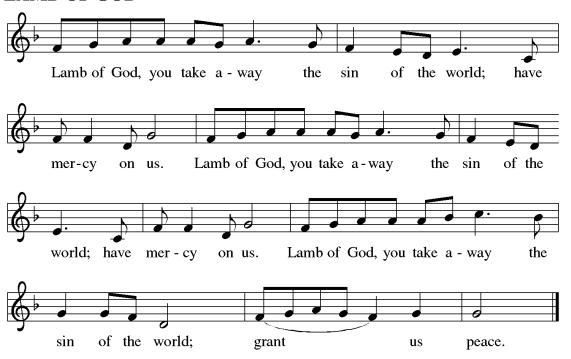
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

All Christians who believe that Jesus is truly present in the bread (body of Christ) and in the wine (blood of Christ) are welcome at the Lord's Table.

To receive Holy Communion, please come down the center aisle, take a glass (the prefilled glasses contain grape juice), and gather at the altar. Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD



By Your Hand You Feed Your People



Please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

May God the Father, who brings reformation into being;
May & God the Son, who inspires us with his love;
May God the Holy Spirit, who calls and enlightens the church:
bless you now and forever. Amen.

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Text: Edward Mote 1797-1874, alt. Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 185-1868



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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Please remember in your prayers ...

Healing: Celena Casseday (11/23), Joanne Fisher (12/4),

Trudy Gearhart (11/28), Tim Gotwald (11/16),

Denise Heinbaugh (11/28), Charles & Gertrude Kampmeyer (11/3),

Sam Mull (11/18), Steve Schumacher (11/2)

Long Term Care: Pat Dent and Joe Pine

Grieving: Family of Dot & Bob Hammer

Family of The Rev. Dr. Charles M. Heaps

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold, Rubens Paul

and Paul Whelan (imprisoned in Russia).

ADDRESS FOR RUBENS PAUL while in the military:

E1 Paul Rubens

3rd Platoon Spartans Battle Company

4-39 IN REGT, 165th IN BDE

10550 Hampton Pkwy Fort Jackson SC 29207

ATTENDANCE October 22 61 in person 5 on line

<u>CANTATA PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS</u> has begun. Please come to the rehearsal on Thursdays at 7 p.m. or see Freda for more information. The cantata will be presented on December 17 at our 10:45 a.m. worship service.

<u>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023</u> If you have a loved one who has entered the church triumphant between November 1, 2022 and October 31, 2023 whom you would like to have remembered by name on All Saints Sunday, please contact the church office and include the spelling of the name, and date of death if available. <u>felccoffice@gmail.com</u>

CONGREGATION MEETING will be held November 19 following 10:45 worship. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect council members to serve a three year term beginning January 1, 2024.

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS we are in need of persons who are willing and able to serve on the Congregation Council for the years 2024-2026. Four positions are needing to be filled. Currently Jeff Dorand and Gerry Wilson have agreed to be nominated. Please pray about serving in this leadership capacity. If you are feeling called to serve on our governing body, please speak with Tim Gotwald.

CROP WALK CHAMBERSBURG on Sunday,

November 5. You are invited to walk and/or support the 2023 Chambersburg CROP Walk. Registration is at 1:30



at Zion Reformed Church on Main Street. The walk begins at 2:00 p.m. and is an easy loop around downtown and the Rail Trail. There will be a water and rest stop along the way. CROP raises money and awareness for those whose are hungry around the world and in our community. Ask Bill or Kristy Nienstedt if you would like to register to walk or donate to this program. CROP, the "Christian Rural Overseas Program" of Church World Service was established in 1947 (The same year as Lutheran World Relief) in response to massive starvation in post-World War II Europe. The mission was simple—feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and heal the sick. Today, CROP Walks across the US continue to meet this challenge. Your help is needed and appreciated!

QUILT AUCTION November 5 (Oct 29-Nov 3 Online Bidding) at Nawakwa 2:00 p.m. Silent Auction, 3:00 p.m. Live Auction. Dinner following Live Auction. All proceeds from the day benefit the Camping Corporation's Endowment Fund, making camping possible for generations to come! Please register for the inperson event by November 1. This is a free event, and includes an evening meal.

<u>VETERANS DAY SERVICE</u> on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Letterkenny Chapel and 2171 Carbaugh Ave., Chambersburg.

<u>THANKOFFERING SERVICE</u> will be held on Sunday, November 12, with a representative from Women in Need bringing the message. Special offerings received that day will be forwarded to the national Women of the ELCA for programming support and scholarships for women.

NTT FALL COLLECTION accepting sheets, sleeping bags, blankets and winter coats for men, women and children. New or gently used are welcome. Please lauder used items. Please place donations in bins in Memorial Hall, now through November 19

NOVEMBER SPECIAL OFFERINGS are designed for Lutheran Disaster Relief. With the current conflict in Israel, there is no question of the need for funding for relief supplies for people on both sides of the Gaza Strip. Thank you for being as generous as you are able.

BACKPACK PROGRAM is accepting canned fruit/fruit cups in light syrup, dried fruit: raisins, plums and cranberries for the month of November. Thank you for helping to meet the nutritional needs of children for risk of hunger during non-school hours.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

| | October 29 | November 5 | November 12 |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|
| Lector: | Gerry Wilson | Joyce Ray | Sally Herritt |
| Soundboard: | Bob Lawyer | Mark Nicholson | Marlin Maclay |
| Communion Assistants: | Doris Burdick Ralph Burdick | Jim Brown Lane Love | |
| | Deb Fleegal | Karen Sloan | |
| Greeters: | Bob Wildeson Nancy Wildeson | Nancy Hamilton Bev Rebok | Nancy Hamilton Bev Rebok |
| Altar Guild: | Barb Evans Karin Woods | Barb Evans Karin Woods | Barb Evans Karin Woods |
| Ushers: | Jim Brown Rick Gates Don Shoop Kathy Shoop Bob Wildeson | Rick Gates Nicki Johnson Bill McCoy Carol McCoy Mary Beth Warne | Rick Gates Nicki Johnson Bill McCoy Carol McCoy Mary Beth Warne |



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Church Office Hours – Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

We welcome visitors this morning.

Please pick up a **visitor's packet**. They are located at the top of the steps. at the rear of the church or on the table at the elevator entrance.

Our Mission

The mission of First Lutheran Church is to be the light of Jesus, burning brightly and vigorously in our community.

Sunday Schedule

Donuts and Coffee at 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School for All Ages at 9:30 a.m.
Worship at 10:45 a.m.
also on Facebook at First Evangelical Lutheran Church
and on our webpage at www.FELCC.org
ALL are invited to hear and receive God's blessing in Jesus,