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**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**October 29, 2023**

## Reformation Sunday

**A Warm Welcome** to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

*Visitors, if you are worshipping with us today, we are glad to have you with us.  
Please join us again soon!*

**KEY:** ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),  
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

\* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

Today all organ music for prelude, postlude, distribution, and contemplative hymns were written during the Reformation accredited to Martin Luther (1483-1546. In 1527 Luther wrote "A Mighty Fortress" which is known as the battle hymn of the Reformation.

### Prelude Music

### Welcome and Announcements

#### ‡WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS‡

#### Call to Worship

*(adapted from Psalm 46)*

"Be still and know that I am God".

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

"Be still and know that I am."

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

"Be still and know."

**Therefore we will not fear for the Lord of hosts is with us.**

"Be still."

(a moment of silence)

\*Opening Hymn:

**"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"**

**ELW #504**

**1. 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.**

**2. 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.**

**3. Though hordes of devils fill the land  
all threat'ning to devour us,  
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
they cannot overpower 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.**

**4. 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!**

**\*Confession of Sins/Assurance of Forgiveness**

*(All may make the sign of the cross ✠ the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)*

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✠ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Steadfast and faithful God,  
**you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,  
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **Amen.**

### **Recognition of our Quilters**

*Carol Bosshardt, Deb Brown, Gail Bruflat, Marsha Bueide, Audrey Harvey,  
Vicki Howell, Mary Jo Huelle, Barb Jensen, Fran Johnson, LuVerne Knoedler,  
Linda Lojka, Lynn Margheim, Kathy Randall, Vicki Schmidt, Elnora Sell,  
Joan Smith, Penny Stevens, Marti Wegelin*

### **Blessing of Quilts**

Recognizing the unity of all your people in the body of Christ, we give thanks for the variety of gifts that made these quilts possible: the donations of material gifts as well as the gift of time and talent to sew and put the quilts together. Now we offer the fruits of our labors to you, O Lord.

**We dedicate these quilts to your service, trusting that your love will go wherever each is sent, making it more than just a piece of material—but making each one we have created an expression of your love. We ask that you bless the fruits of our labor and the whole mission of Lutheran World Relief, that together we may minister to our neighbors in need.**

Bless all who give and all who receive, as we are sewn together in the unity of your Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **\*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.**

### **\*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.**

## **†GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US†**

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34**

<sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>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. <sup>34</sup>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.

### **Psalm 46**

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

<sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

### **Epistle Reading: Romans 3:19-28**

<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>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.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>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; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For 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.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation:**

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

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**\*Gospel: John 8:31-36**

*Response after the announcement of the gospel:*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."  
<sup>33</sup>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'?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

*Response after the gospel reading:*  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Kids Sermon**

**PMA Bill Huelle**

**Sermon:**

**PMA Bill Huelle**

*(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)*

**‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡**

**\*Hymn of the Day:**

**"The Church's One Foundation"**

**ELW #654  
vv. 1,2&5**

**1. 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.**

**2. 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.

5. 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.

**\*Profession of Faith: 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.**



**\*Prayers of the Church:**

*Each petition ends with:*

God of Grace... **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

.... trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**“10,000 Reasons” (Bless the Lord)**

**Choir**

**\*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.**

**‡HOLY COMMUNION‡**

*Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**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.**

## Invitation to Communion

Jesus invites you to this table.  
Come, eat and live.

## Distribution of Communion:

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

*(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.*

*WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.*

*Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)*

## Distribution Music

Tahnee Hutchinson

## \*Post-Communion Blessing

## \*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.**

## ✠WE DEPART TO SERVE✠

## \*Benediction

The God of glory, ✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn:

**"Faith of Our Fathers"**

**ELW #812**

**1. Faith of our fathers, living still  
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.  
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
whene'er we hear that glorious word.**

*Refrain: Faith of our fathers, holy faith,  
we will be true to you till death.*

**2. The martyrs, chained in prisons dark,  
were still in heart and conscience free;  
and blest would be their children's fate  
if they, like them, should die for thee. *Refrain***

**3. Faith of our fathers! We will love  
both friend and foe in all our strife;  
proclaim thee too, as love knows how,  
by saving word and faithful life. *Refrain***

### **\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. God is at work in you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

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## **In Our Thoughts and Prayers†**

Prayers for healing: **David Stevens** (recovering), **Becky Martin** (recovering), **Fran Johnson** (recovering from surgery), **Elnora Sell** (recovering), **Alli Meyers** (Health Problems—Marissa Wright's friend), **Joy Arnold** (Cancer), **Brenda & kids, Joni** (stage 4 cancer), **Aimee Roos** (colon cancer & critical kidney disease—Penny Stevens' nephew's wife), **Kathy Johnson** (health issues), **William Gibbs** (Cancer—brother of Larry Gibbs), **Vicki Schmidt** (cancer treatment), **Linda Spomer, Neal Blomenkamp** (recovering), **Catherine Rahrs** (Val Rahrs' mother), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **Wanda Payne**.

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit's son and Jim & Sheila Miller's grandson).

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Joan Smith, 10/31; Bailey Nikont, 11/3; Marsha Bueide, 11/3;  
Max Schlothauer, 11/4; Larry Blehm, 11/4; Katlynn Hess, 11/5

*If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.*



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## NOVEMBER FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

**FOOD PANTRY:** Baking Supplies

**BACKPACKS:** Granola Bars

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



## **CLCW OCTOBER MISSION PROJECT:**

### **Collection of Thankofferings**

The Calvary Quilters make quilts each Tuesday to send to needy countries once a year, via the Lutheran World Relief organization. The CLCW provides the hardworking quilters with a luncheon once or twice a year and contributes to the shipping costs for more than 300 quilts made annually. November has been set aside to collect the Thankofferings from the women and men in our congregation. We ask for you to put your Thankofferings in an envelope and then the offering plates on any November Sunday.



### **JAM on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

Our Wednesday evening youth group is for kids in kindergarten through 6th grade. We begin with dinner (spaghetti/salad/bread/dessert) at 5:30 p.m. followed by storytelling, music, crafts, games, and lots of fun until 7 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Angie at the church.

**Reminder for Scholarship applications for second semester 2023-2024 are due at the church office by November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

**Scholarship**  
*Renewal*



The call committee and the church council are pleased to announce that we have a ministry candidate to bring before the congregation. The candidate has been invited to preside over our 10:00 church service Sunday, November 12, 2023. Immediately following the service, we will

gather for not only a time of fellowship but also to provide an opportunity for you to ask questions of this candidate. The following Sunday, November 19, 2023, immediately following our 10:00 service, a congregational meeting will be held to vote on whether to extend a call to this candidate. The call committee and the church council encourage all to attend both services!

### **"Fall Festival" Drive**



Calvary Lutheran Church invites you to join in a "Fall Festival" drive supported by the Worship Committee during the month of November.

As the days get colder and the wind picks up, many in our community simply struggle to stay warm and safe. In partnership with CAPWN, you are invited to bring personal hygiene items to worship during the weeks of November 6 - 20. There will be large boxes in the entrance of the sanctuary where you may drop off the following items: socks, stocking caps, gloves, shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving razors, shaving cream. Join us in celebrating God's abundant generosity as we seek to bless our neighbors.



## WORSHIP LEADERS

**PMA Bill Huelle**

**This Sunday – October 29**

**USHERS:** Chris & Barb Jensen  
**LAY READER:** Chris Jensen  
**HEAD COMMUNION ASST:** Shari Copsey  
**COMMUNION ASSTS:** Abby Newsom  
**POWERPOINT:** Mary Jo Huelle  
**ACOLYTES:** DaKota Newsom  
**MEDIA:** Maunette Loeks-Van Patten  
**AUDIO:** Jim Dorn  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler  
**ORGANIST:** Tahnee Hutchinson  
**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP:** *Please sign up!*

**Next Sunday – November 5**

**USHERS:** Kent & Dawn Holub  
**LAY READER:** Marti Wegelin  
**HEAD COMMUNION ASST:** Barb Jensen  
**COMMUNION ASSTS:** Rick & Lynn Margheim  
**POWERPOINT:** Matt Payne  
**ACOLYTES:** Brynlee Payne & Ayden Tompkins  
**MEDIA:** Chris Jensen  
**AUDIO:** Jack Martin  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Abby Newsom, Maunette Loeks-Van Patten, Barb Jensen, Nannie Walsh  
**PIANIST:** Tahnee Hutchinson  
**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP:** *Please sign up!*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, October 29**

***Reformation Sunday***

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, October 31**

***Happy Halloween***

1 p.m. – Quilting

**Wednesday, November 1**

5:30 p.m. – JAM

6 p.m. – Confirmation

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

**Saturday, November 4**

5:30 p.m. – Worship

**Sunday, November 5**

***All Saints Sunday***

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

***Daylight Savings Ends***

## OCTOBER 29, 2023 REFORMATION SUNDAY



*The good news heeds our divisions.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 8:31-36	The Son makes you free
Monday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	The new covenant
Tuesday	Romans 3:19-28	True righteousness
Wednesday	Psalm 141	Prayer for preservation from evil
Thursday	1 Kings 2:1-5	David's instruction to Solomon
Friday	1 Corinthians 16:13-20	Final messages
Saturday	Psalm 46	God is your refuge
Sunday	Matthew 5:1-12	The Beatitudes

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*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. Romans 3:19 (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Almighty and living God, may your grace and mercy cleanse the church and set us free to be your witnesses of hope and peace through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

God of power and might, thank you for the seas that roar, the mountains that tremble, and for this food that gives us strength and courage for each day. Amen. (Psalm 46:3)

**A Blessing to Give:**

May God free you to be blessed by our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ.



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## OCTOBER 29, 2023 HYMN OF THE WEEK



*A Mighty Fortress  
Is Our God*

### WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Is it easy or difficult for you to be silent when you are with friends or family? Explain.
- Silent moments can be a time of renewal as we gain new insights and appreciation for life around us. When has silence been a renewing experience for you?

### DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Romans 3:19-28.

Paul writes to Christians in house churches in Rome. These Christians oppose one another with words and finger pointing. One group is righteous and faithful while the other is not. The church today experiences a similar polarity. Paul speaks to us now as he did then: Be silent! The law that we want to justify our own lives silences every mouth because "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (v. 23). Once Paul declares our sinfulness and judgement on one another, we are ready to hear good news. The good news is that the only thing that justifies us is God's undeserved kindness (grace). Only God is righteous and God's righteousness shown in Christ is more than a morality, it is an activity that brings the unholy world into God's goodness. Through faith, we experience being reconciled to one another and to God through Christ. We are now part of God's righteousness to heal, save the world, and trust that God's goodness can even heal our condemnation of others through faith in Christ.

*Discuss:* How is this good news for you?

*Pray:* Gracious God, thank you for your goodness that acts in our lives and world to bring hope and peace to our divided relationships and world through faith in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, through what words and actions can you show acceptance and care for others?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Martin Luther wrote the words for *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* and composed the melody. This well-known hymn is based on Psalm 46. Circle or highlight words in Psalm 46 that you feel describe God as a mighty fortress. Read Psalm 46 aloud and pause for a moment when you read a word that is circled or highlighted. After reading, say, "Amen."



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