

Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2020 + Mount Olive Lutheran Church



Focus on the Season: Reformation Sunday

On this day, 503 years after Martin Luther opened a conversation that both began a great reforming of the Church and also led to a great split in the Church, we pray for the Triune God's healing and continuing reformation of the Church of Christ. Today, with Luther's joyful proclamation of God's grace in our hearts and voices, we celebrate the heart of Christian faith: the Gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! God has made a new covenant with us, written on our hearts, that together we might know God's forgiveness and calling. In the waters of Baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's Table, and that the Spirit would continue to unite the Church in its proclamation and witness in the world.

Keep this document open on the screen, to aid in your worship today. The links are embedded in this pdf, so you don't have to return to the email. You can also print these pages and use the links in the email.



Centering and Gathering

Light your candle. [Start the video by clicking here](#); it will continue through the Postlude.

PRELUDE: *The introduction to the Entrance Hymn serves as the prelude*

ENTRANCE HYMN: "No Longer Carved in Hardened Stone"

Sung at Mount Olive on Reformation Sunday, October 27, 2019.

Word

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Apostolic greeting is on the video)

Gracious Creator, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34; reader – Audrey Crippen, lector

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.

PSALMODY: ELW 503, 504, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (Psalm 46 paraphrase)

Sung at Mount Olive on the Second Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 10 B, June 7, 2015.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28; reader – David Engen, assisting minister

Paul writes: ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ 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.

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

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 174, "Celtic Alleluia"

Sung before and after the Gospel reading.

Sung at Mount Olive on the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 18 B, August 5, 2018.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ 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'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "I tell you the truth, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

SERMON

Be Still and Know

Vicar Andrea Bonneville

Silence for reflection

HYMN: ELW 517 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

Sung at Mount Olive on Reformation Sunday, October 26, 2014.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*Our Assisting Minister for today, David Engen, has prepared intercessory prayers for us to pray this morning. As our prayers rise up from all over the metro area and beyond, once more we are joined together in Christ. (Our weekly prayer list is on the last page.) Response: **Hear our prayer.***

PEACE *Please greet one another with Christ's peace.*

OFFERING

There are ways to continue to give of your gifts to our shared work at Mount Olive during this time apart. *The Olive Branch* has suggested ways both electronic and by mail. See:

<https://www.mountolivechurch.org/resources/olive-branch-newsletter/>

Sending

LORD'S PRAYER *Pray the Lord's Prayer together.*

BLESSING *Response: Amen*

HYMN: ELW 729, "The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

Introduction: Recorded at Mount Olive on the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 17 B, July 26, 2015.

Stanzas: Sung at Mount Olive on Reformation Sunday, October 25, 2015.

DISMISSAL *The assisting minister leads the dismissal.*

☞ Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Toccata and Fugue in d minor (BWV 565)

J. S. Bach

Recorded on Reformation Sunday, October 28, 2018, Cantor David Cherwien, organist.



In Our Prayers

- *Please pray throughout the week for the following persons: Mary Lee; Elizabeth Beissel, Nancy Flatgard; Leila Froehlich; Victor Gebauer; Leanna Kloempken; Kandi Jo Nelson; Jerry Ostlund; Pariann Schenk; John Wall, Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Jodi Royce, daughter of Julia Adams and daughter-in-law of Evelyn Royce; Kjell Thompson, Reba Zumberge, relatives of Nancy Anderson; Tommie and Susie Hunter, Danna Nelson, Jacques, friends of Jim Bargmann; Tom McCarr, friend of Keith Bartz; Arthur Kaemmer, friend of David Bryce; Randy Caverly and Nancy Stelling, nephew and friend of Marcia & Dan Burow; Lela Frazier, sister of Irene Campbell; Klarrisa Ramirez, friend of Gretchen Campbell-Johnson; Logan Bushaw and Judy Williamson, friend of Allen & Lora Dundek and cousin of Lora Dundek; Greg Eklund, son of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; Susan Bary, friend of Judy Graves; Dolores & David G. Gutierrez, Sr., Chris and David Gutierrez, Jr., parents and brothers of Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby; Carol Halter (missionary in Hong Kong), friend of Eunice Hafemeister; Lynn Kernkamp, friend of Peggy Hoeft; Tami Huisinga, relative of Wes Huisinga; Craig Cunningham, brother-in-law of Brian Jacobs; Donald Johnson, father of Nicholas Johnson; Nicole Sanders and Ann Clark, daughter and friend of Mary Rose Kaliher; Danielle Pitzen, friend of Ellen Kormanik; Barbara Dahl, sister of Carla Manuel; Dani Olson, Harper Linqvist, Steve Camper, relatives and friend of Julie Manuel; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Martha Johnson, sister of Rhoda Nelson and aunt of Sherry Nelson; Janet Freeburg, friend of Lisa Nordeen; Michael Waechter, friend of Rod & Connie Olson; Kathleen Austad, sister of Jerry Ostlund; Jay Heffern, friend of Gary Pagel; Jerry Baack and Todd Erickson, friends of Jean & Doug Parish; Rudd Rayfield, Jolie Meshbesh Hassler, Katelyn Bowden, Cindy Williams, father and friends of Robin Rayfield; Leila Jeffers, mother of Lynn and Lisa Ruff; Miranda Alvis, niece of Tim Sner; Carrie, friend of Paul & Melissa Stone; Norlene Bateman, aunt of Ted Thompson; Jennifer Kobylinski, cousin of Kathy Thurston; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Andrew Weichman, Levi Boswell, son and nephew of Grace Wiechman; BJ Wilkes, Joshua Wilkes, LaTrell Wilkes and Julius Underwood, and Lonnell Wilkes, son, nephews, grandson and brother of James Wilkes; Sandra Dyeus, Becky Groska, Diane Ristrom, Cathy Reid, Karen Swanson, Patrick Clark, Annie Hose-Ryan, Marcia Van Gorden, friends of Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Anne-Marie Lundberg, cousin of Eric Zander; Jeff Sartain, husband of former Mount Olive Cantor, Mark Sedio; Judy Bonnes, Jan Harper (spouse of former Mount Olive vicar, the late Jean Hay); Tommie & Susie Hunter; Barbara C. Johnson, friends of Mount Olive.*

- **At the death of:** *Goodie Anderson, aunt/godmother of Dwight Penas; Tom Rubel, brother of Carolyn Mowery; Sharon Melnick, former member of Mount Olive.*
- **For those celebrating their baptism anniversaries this week:** *Timothy Sneer, Elisabeth Regan, Julie Manuel, Brian Jacobs, Timothy Pipkorn, and James Snyder.*
- **Prayers for all in the health care system here and around the world** *who put their lives at risk to care for those infected with COVID 19 and caring for all others who are ill as well.*
- **Our continual prayers are offered for peace:** *We pray for all of the world's governments, leaders and peoples, especially for those who work overseas toward peace: Solveig & Philip, daughter and son-in-law of Karen Johnson; and Tyson Crosby, relative of the Crosby family.*
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**

October 18: *St. Luke, Evangelist* - Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.

October 23: *St. James of Jerusalem, martyr, died around 62* - One of three early-church leaders named James, this man is identified in the New Testament and by a historian of the time as a brother of Jesus. Scholars are uncertain whether this means a blood brother. He was a leader of the church in Jerusalem.

Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting

The October semi-annual Congregation Meeting for 2020 will be held virtually **TODAY at Noon**. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Mount Olive's 2021 budget.

Please plan to attend to hear and join in the discussion.