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You are welcome here.

Come join the journey.

October 25, 2020

**Worship Service
Reformation Sunday
Anniversary Sunday**

10 a.m.

Welcome to worship today.

Welcome to this real live community of Faith, Christ Lutheran Church!

We hope that your virtual presence among us this morning will enliven your spirit.

We are glad and grateful to have you worshipping with us.

“Unless I am convicted by Scripture and plain reason — I do not accept the authority of popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other — my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen.”

Martin Luther

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in C Major - J.S. Bach

Welcome

No matter who you are or where you are on your journey,
you are welcome here!

We are gathered and ready and aware of God's presence

Chime

Silence

Prayer

Gathering Song

“Listen, God Is Calling”

~ Sung by Kathie Jones, Carolyn Raudenbush and Steve Wysocki

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Enid Rank

Moses proclaims God's word to Israel as they continue to wander through the wilderness waiting to enter the promise land

¹ Now this is the commandment that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, ² so that you and your children and your

children's children may love and trust the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long.

³ Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone.

⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

⁶ Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷ Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸ Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹ and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Leviticus 19:18

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

1 John 4:16-21

So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen.

"Thy Word" – Sung by Nora Feather

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

Put on the spot by the Pharisees, Jesus displays wisdom by summarizing the law of God in just two commandments and by demonstrating the Messiah must be more than the son of David.

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment.

³⁹And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²"What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴"The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet"?"

⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Help us God, as we seek to interpret what this means for our lives.

Message

Message Song

“Thrive”~ CLC Praise Band

Prayers

Dennis Raudenbush

With confidence in God’s grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. Let us begin with our own silent, personal prayers. *A brief silence.*

In your love, you speak to your church. Give courage and the bond of love to all who gather in your name, and we will turn your love, through us, toward our neighbors.
Through our actions, **we will love God and our neighbor.**

In your love, you create our earth filled with living things of every kind. Sustain the intricate connections among plants, insects, animals, and organisms we don’t even know or recognize. Bless the work of scientists who help us extend neighbor love to the natural world.
Through our actions, **we will love God and our neighbor.**

In your love, you guide with justice. Inspire leaders for truthful conversations and wise policies, that decisions are made in love for the good of all.
Through our actions, **we will love God and our neighbor.**

In your love, you tenderly care for your children and nurse them to health. Bring relief to all those who need healing, hope, or restoration this day (*especially (especially Jim, Mary Ann and Esther, Geoff Baer, Neil McCardle, Diane Voron, Timmy Henn, Jr., Andrea & Jerry, Kyle, Rod, Ruth, Linda, Rudy, Hugh, Joanne, Allison, Sean, Courtney, Lorraine, Kay, Cathy, Kristen, Dale Kichline, Lorane & Larry, Debbie Riegel, Wendy, Tony & Karen, Gene Heft, Molly, Carol Mitchell, Joe Kupsky, Teri, Patti Ruth, Doris Icove, Melissa, Donna B., Kathy Kunsman, Megan, Kathleen, Theresa Sherwin, Judy & Greg and Pearl.*

*The Rev. Howard Weidemoyer in hospice care)*and those we name in our hearts. *A brief silence.*

In your love, you accompany us in life’s transitions. We pray for new parents, those grieving a loss, those who are retiring, and those embarking on new ventures. We join you in supporting them in love.
Through our actions, **we will love God and our neighbor.**

In your love, we remember those who were dear to us and now rest in you. We give thanks for Martin Luther and all who seek to reform and renew your church. Inspire us as we grow and travel on our journey to fullness of faith and understanding. Guide us as we search for loving ways to share our ideas and beliefs. Give us courage to live out your gospel, revealing your love until our days on earth have ended.
Through our actions, **we will love God and our neighbor.**

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.

Closing Hymn

"Forever" ~ CLC Praise Band

Benediction

Dismissal: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Hour