

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church

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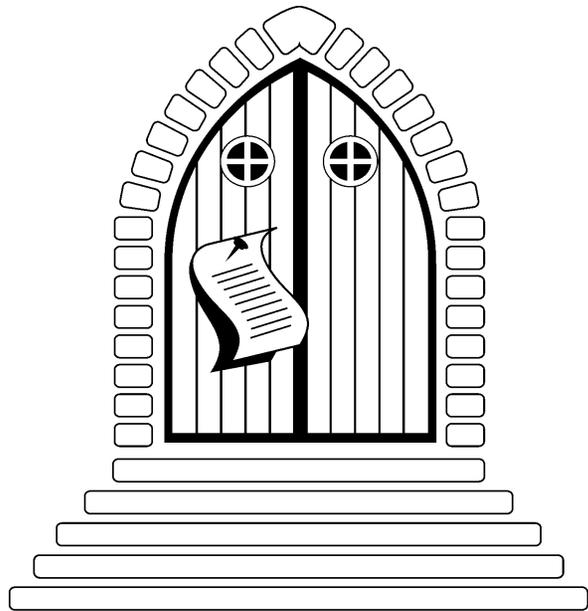


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REFORMATION SUNDAY

November 2, 2014

Reformation Festival

Organist: Kristen Friedrichs

Welcome! We welcome all of those who have come to worship with us this morning. May the message of deliverance from sin by Grace alone, Faith alone and Scripture alone - restored by God through the Reformation and the work of Martin Luther - strengthen you in your faith. If you are visiting us this morning, please sign our guest register at the back of the church and please come back and join us again. If you are interested in learning more about the Scriptures or our church, please contact Pastor Mayhew.



The Order of Worship

Bells - Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: 262 - A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Invocation:

P: We begin our service in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ♪ **Amen.** ♪

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: ♪ **Make haste to help me, O Lord.** ♪ (Psalm 70:1)

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

C: ♪ **A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.** ♪ (Psalm 51:17; 1 Corinthians 13:14)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 46 (selected verses)

P: God is our refuge and strength,

C: **A very present help in trouble.**

P: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

C: **Though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

P: Though its waters roar and foam,

C: **Though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

P: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

C: *He utters his voice, the earth melts.*

P: The LORD of hosts is with us;

C: *The God of Jacob is our fortress.*

P: Come, behold the works of the LORD,

C: *How he has brought desolations on the earth.*

P: "Be still, and know that I am God.

C: *I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"*

P: The LORD of hosts is with us;

C: *The God of Jacob is our fortress.*

Response: (tune of Hymn 39; written by: Dr. Karl G. Kretzmann in 1929)

**C: ♪ *Praise to the FATHER Almighty, the Lord of creation,
Praise Him, you people, who made you His own holy nation.
Joyfully sing, Daughters and sons of the King,
Voicing your glad adoration.***

***Praise to the SAVIOR, the Church's eternal Foundation,
Heaven and earth are united in His incarnation,
And by His cross He hath retrieved all our loss,
Saved us from death and damnation.***

***Praise to the SPIRIT, the Author of sanctification,
Who by the Gospel assures us of justification,
And makes us free, God's blessed children to be,
Heirs of eternal salvation. ♪***

Scripture Reading: Micah 7:18-20 (NKJV)

¹⁸ Who is a God like You, Pardoning iniquity And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in mercy. ¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us, And will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins Into the depths of the sea. ²⁰ You will give truth to Jacob And mercy to Abraham, Which You have sworn to our fathers From days of old.

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:9-14 (NKJV)

⁹ For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; ¹⁰ that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Confession of Faith: *Smalcald Articles (Article I)*

C: *The first and chief article is this, that Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, died for our sins and was raised again for our justification. And He alone is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world and God has laid upon Him the iniquities of us all. Likewise: All have sinned and are justified without merit freely, and without their own works or merits by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, in His blood. Since it is necessary to believe this, and it cannot be otherwise acquired or apprehended by any work, law, or merit, it is clear and certain that this faith alone justifies us. For we conclude that a man is justified by faith, without the deeds of the law, that God might be just, and the Justifier of him who believes in Christ. Of this article nothing can be yielded or surrendered nor can anything be granted or permitted contrary to the same, even though heaven and earth, and whatever will not abide, should sink to ruin. For there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. And with His stripes we are healed. Amen.*

Hymn: 265 - *Thine Honor Save, O Christ, Our Lord*

Sermon: Acts 10:34-43 (NKJV)

34 Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. 35 But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. 36 The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ - He is Lord of all - 37 that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. 39 And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. 40 Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, 41 not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. 42 And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead. 43 To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins."

A Reformation Truth: I believe in the forgiveness of sins

By Grace Alone,
Through Faith Alone,
In Scripture Alone

P: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. *(Philippians 4:7)*

Response: *(Hymn 50 v. 2)*

**C: ♪ Thanks we give and adoration
For the Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your Salvation
In our hearts and lives abound;
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To the Truth may we be found! ♪**

Offerings of Thankful Hearts

General Prayer: *(by the Pastor)*

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.**

Confession of Sins and Absolution:

- P: Having heard the Word of God, let us make confession of our sins:
- C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You, of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P: I now ask you before God, is this your sincere confession, that you sincerely repent of your sins, believe on Jesus Christ, and intend with the help of God the Holy Spirit to strive to amend your sinful life? Then declare so by saying: Yes.
- C: Yes.**
- P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I announce to you the

forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn: 307 - Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord

The Words of Institution

A special note to our visitors: The Bible tells us to be "perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Corinthians 1:10). Holy Communion is both a communing with God and a public statement that those communing together believe the same thing. So, if you have not received Communion here at Faith in the past, we ask that you please speak with our pastor before coming to the Lord's Supper. By asking this we do not make any judgments concerning your faith, but rather, we practice close communion out of love for you and out of obedience to God's Word. Thank you.

The Distribution of the Lord's Supper

Response: (Hymn 50:1)

♪ Lord dismiss us with Thy blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us, Oh, refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness! Amen. ♪

Communion Prayer: (by the Pastor)

The Benediction:

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen. ♪

Closing Hymn: 392 - Blest is the Man, Forever Blest

Silent Prayer

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Announcements

**Meditations Subscription Renewal** - If you are interested in receiving *Meditations* in the coming year, please sign up for it today if you have not already done so. The bundle subscription will be sent in this week. Thank you!

**Council Meeting Minutes** (October 19, 2014) - The meeting was called to order by President Tom Ubl. Five men and Pastor Mayhew were present. Pastor Mayhew opened the meeting with prayer. **The minutes** of the previous meeting were read and approved. **The Treasurer's Report** was offered and accepted. There was a closing balance in September of \$13,711.95. It was noted that the expenses reported do not include the purchase and installation of the garage doors or the wood for the walkway. **Old Business** - It was reported that the garage doors were in, but that there was a little left to finish. **New business** - After some discussion on replacing the siding on the front of the garage it was moved and supported to install white vinyl siding on the north side. It was mentioned that Grace has offered to loan their riding lawnmower to Faith. We simply need to maintain it. Finding a place to house it in the garage was discussed. The bottom part of the garage was an option, but it would need to be cleaned out. There was some discussion on upcoming special services. It was moved and supported to adjourn. Pastor closed the meeting with the benediction.

**Did you know?** You can find, print and/or download our weekly bulletin from our website ([www.faithnewulm.com](http://www.faithnewulm.com)). You can also find links to videos of the weekly Worship Service and Bible Class at Grace under the Video tab. If there are other things you would like to see made available, please speak to Pastor Mayhew.

| Responding to God's Grace at Faith |                |
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| October 26, 2014                   | Attendance: 16 |
| Unified Budget.....                | \$ 395.00      |
| Total .....                        | \$ 395.00      |