

October 31, 2021

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Reformation Sunday

FIRST READING. Jeremiah 31:31-34

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. 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. 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. 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.

SECOND READING. Romans 3:19-28

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. 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.

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

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

GOSPEL. John 8:31-36

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, ‘If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.’ 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”?’

Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there for ever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.



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Sunday, October 31, 2021

On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. 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.
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“In response to God’s love, St. Matthew’s is a faith community welcoming all to grow in faith, to worship Christ and to reach out to everyone.”

Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord’s Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

COVID-19

Welcome back! Following guidelines from our Synod and Public Health, we are making every effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Everyone must show proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 and wear a face covering. Please stay home if you are ill. Let’s all stay safe!

If you missed last week’s sermon, it is available on our website.



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Psalm 46 - Tune: 632 O God, Our Help in Ages Past (St. Anne CM)

God is our refuge and our strength,
Our helper ever near.

Reader: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved and the mountains fall into the ocean depths; though its waters rage and foam and the mountains tremble at its tumult.

The Lord of hosts is at our side
To shelter us from fear.

There is a river that brings joy to the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of that city; it will never be destroyed; at early dawn he will come to its aid.

God is our refuge and our strength,
Our helper ever near.

Nations are terrified, kingdoms are shaken. God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is at our side
To shelter us from fear.

Come, behold the works of the Lord, what awesome things he has done on earth. He makes war to cease in all the world; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

God is our refuge and our strength,
Our helper ever near.

"Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

The Lord of hosts is at our side
To shelter us from fear.

Gospel Acclamation
Mark 11:9

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
If you continue in the word, you are truly my dis - ci - ples,
and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. (Repeat alleluia)

Dates to Remember

- November 7 Daylight savings time ends, *turn clocks back 1 hour*
- November 7 All Saints Sunday
- November 14 2:00 p.m. - Installation service for Pastor Bart



Installation Service

We proudly invite you to join us as we celebrate the installation of our new pastor, Reverend Barton Coleman, on Sunday, November 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church. We welcome Reverend Julio Romero, who will preside at the service and lead us in celebrating this blessed occasion through worship and with God’s Word. Your presence will make this event a memorable experience for Pastor Bart and everyone at St. Matthew’s.

Please note that there will be no worship at 11:00 a.m. on that day.

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