

October 30, 2022

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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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“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. Although mask mandates are now lifted in most Ontario indoor settings, our Bishop encourages “all congregations to continue using masks for the time being.” For now, we strongly recommend wearing a mask.

Thank you

Thank you to Jenn Rusk for leading our worship service today!

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

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Dates to Remember

Nov 5	2:00 pm - Niagara Ministry Area Leadership Team presents a <b>Table Talk with Bishop Michael Pryse and Rev. Jennifer Hoover</b> (Eastern Synod Ministry Director) to consider “What Does the Church of Tomorrow Look Like?”; hosted by First Lutheran, 688 Elm St in Port C.
Nov 6	Daylight Savings Time ends, turn clocks back 1 hour
Nov 6	All Saints’ Day

All types of food donations are welcome at Open Arms Mission.  
**OAM Donation focus for November: Canned meat**

Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who is eager to forgive  
and who loves us beyond our days.  
**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness, **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God: our sins are forgiven + and we are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God’s abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

*The lines of the Psalm printed in bold font are sung in unison to the tune of a familiar hymn. The lines in plain font are read by the leader.*

**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.**

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Prayer of the Day

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“Praise to you, O Christ.”

Sermon  
**Hymn of the Day ...517 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word**

Nicene Creed  
Prayers of Intercession  
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Peace (non-contact gestures)

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Blessing  
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Dismissal:  
Go in peace, with Christ beside you.  
**Thanks be to God.**