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# Reformation Sunday

11 AM, Sunday, October 25, 2020

*Setting One, LBW*

WELCOME

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Stand/kneel*

- ☐ Most merciful God,
- ☑ **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**
- ☐ Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- ☑ **Amen.**

## The Entrance Rite

HYMN LBW 229

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

EIN FESTE BURG

APOSTOLIC GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

KYRIE, LBW 168

HYMN OF PRAISE, LBW 166

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever  
**Amen.**

*Sit*

FIRST LESSON .....Jeremiah 31:31-34, ESV  
*In this reading, the LORD speaks of a new thing — a divine covenant in which the LORD’s holy law will be written upon the hearts of the people. Then the LORD will be their God and they shall be his people.*

<sup>31</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup>For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares 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. <sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46, LBW (Read responsively, by whole verse)

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

<sup>5</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

<sup>6</sup>**God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;  
God shall help her at the break of day.**

<sup>7</sup>The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

<sup>9</sup>Come now and look upon the works of the LORD,  
what awesome things he has done on earth.

<sup>10</sup>**It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.**



<sup>11</sup>“Be still, then, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

<sup>12</sup>**The LORD of hosts is with us;**

**the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

SECOND LESSON ..... Romans 3:19-28, NRSV  
*Saint Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and the other Reformation leaders. Though we are called to holiness of life, we do not make ourselves right with God through works of the law. We are reconciled with God through the divine work centered in Christ’s death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.*

<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>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.

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

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

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the singing of the Sequence Hymn and for the reading of the Holy Gospel.*

Sequence Hymn LBW 239

*God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage*

EIN FESTE BURG

HOLY GOSPEL ..... John 8:31-36, ESV

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

☞ The Gospel of the Lord.

☛ Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN LBW 230

*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

ERHALT UNS, HERR

SERMON

*Following the sermon, silence for reflection, then stand if you are able for the singing of the Creed, with a tune that goes back to 1300 and a text by Martin Luther.*

HYMN LBW 374

*We All Believe in One True God*

WIR GLAUBEN ALL

THE PRAYERS

## The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

THE PEACE

☞ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☛ **And also with you.**

*Let us offer a sign of peace to our neighbors: “Peace be with you.”*

THE OFFERING

*Donate now: [Donate](#)*

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Offertory Anthem     *Into Thy Hands from Seven Last Words*

Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Motomi Tanaka, *soprano*; Juli Borst, *mezzo-soprano*; Michael Celentano, *tenor*; Peter Becker, *bass-baritone*

Into thy hands, O Lord,  
I commend my spirit.  
Hereby perceive we the love of God  
that he laid down his life for us.  
He died for us,  
that we should live with him,  
he died that we should live together with him.  
Thou hast redeemed us,  
O Lord, thou God of truth.

**☩ Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*spoken*)

**℟** The Lord be with you.

**☩ And also with you.**

**℟** Lift up your hearts.

**☩ We lift them to the Lord.**

**℟** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Preface for Sundays after Pentecost*

**℟** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus*



**☩ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

#### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I

**☩** Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**☩ Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**☩** Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**☩ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**☩** Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**☩ Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

**☩** Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

**☩ Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

## 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.**

## THE FRACTION (*The Bread is broken*)

### AGNUS DEI

**☩ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

- ✦ Holy Communion is offered to all baptized Christians who continue in the faith of the Church. If you would like to receive the Eucharistic Wine, please receive the small glass by the top edge, trying not to touch the minister's fingers. After communing, place the small glass on the tray, upright if possible.
- ✦ If you should desire to pray quietly before or while receiving the Holy Sacrament, as many Christians do, here is one of Luther's prayers for that purpose:

*Lord, it is true that I am not worthy that you should come under my roof. Yet I am in need and desire your help and grace. So I come with no other plea except that I have heard the gracious invitation to come to your altar. I am unworthy, but you have assured me I shall have forgiveness of all sins through your body and blood which I eat and drink in this sacrament. Amen, dear Lord; your Word is true. I do not doubt it. Let happen to me whatever you say. Amen.*

- ✦ If you should desire to pray quietly after receiving the Holy Communion, here is a possible such prayer. It is based on a prayer of St. Basil the Great (329-379):

*O Master, Christ our God: I thank you for all the good things which you have bestowed upon me, and for this partaking of your life-giving Sacrament. And I pray: keep me, my loved ones, and this congregation under your protection, and in the shadow of your wings. For you are the Bread of Life, the Fountain of holiness, the Giver of good things, and unto you we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

- ✦ If you are home during this pandemic, worshiping online with us, here is a possible "Prayer for Spiritual Communion" lifted up in a recent *Forum Letter* (May 2020).



*Forum Letter* is a respected Lutheran newsletter published by the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau:

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

Communion Anthem

*Ave Verum*

William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

### The Immanuel Choir

Ave, verum corpus natum  
de Maria Virgine:  
vere passum, immolatum  
in cruce pro homine:  
cuius latus perforatum  
unda fluxit sanguine:  
esto nobis praegustatum,  
in mortis examine.  
O dulcis, o pie,  
o Jesu, fili Mariae,  
miserere mei.

*Hail the true body, born  
of the Virgin Mary:  
You who truly suffered and were  
sacrificed on the cross  
for the sake of man.  
From whose pierced flank  
flowed water and blood:  
Be a foretaste for us in the trial of  
death.  
O sweet, O gentle,  
O Jesu, son of Mary,  
have mercy on me.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN WOV 747

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

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- ✦ NEW TO PRAYER LIST: Obdulia Mundo (friend of Maggie Schreiber), Charlie Beckwith (friend of Thomas Wicks), Olga Beloded (John Imhof's wife), LyAsia and Lykelle Beltre, Susan Hermann (friend of Maria van der Merwe), Mary Ann Grant (Deirdre's mother), Ann Chomko, Steven Chin (Priscilla O'Carroll's brother), John Bradosky (Bishop Emeritus of the NALC), Ivan Sanchez (Luz Ortiz's brother), Caroline Magnotta (Ruth Wendland's granddaughter).
- ✦ FAITHFUL DEPARTED ..... Paull Spring (✦November 6, 1938 - October 18, 2020✦) Bishop Emeritus of the North American Lutheran Church.