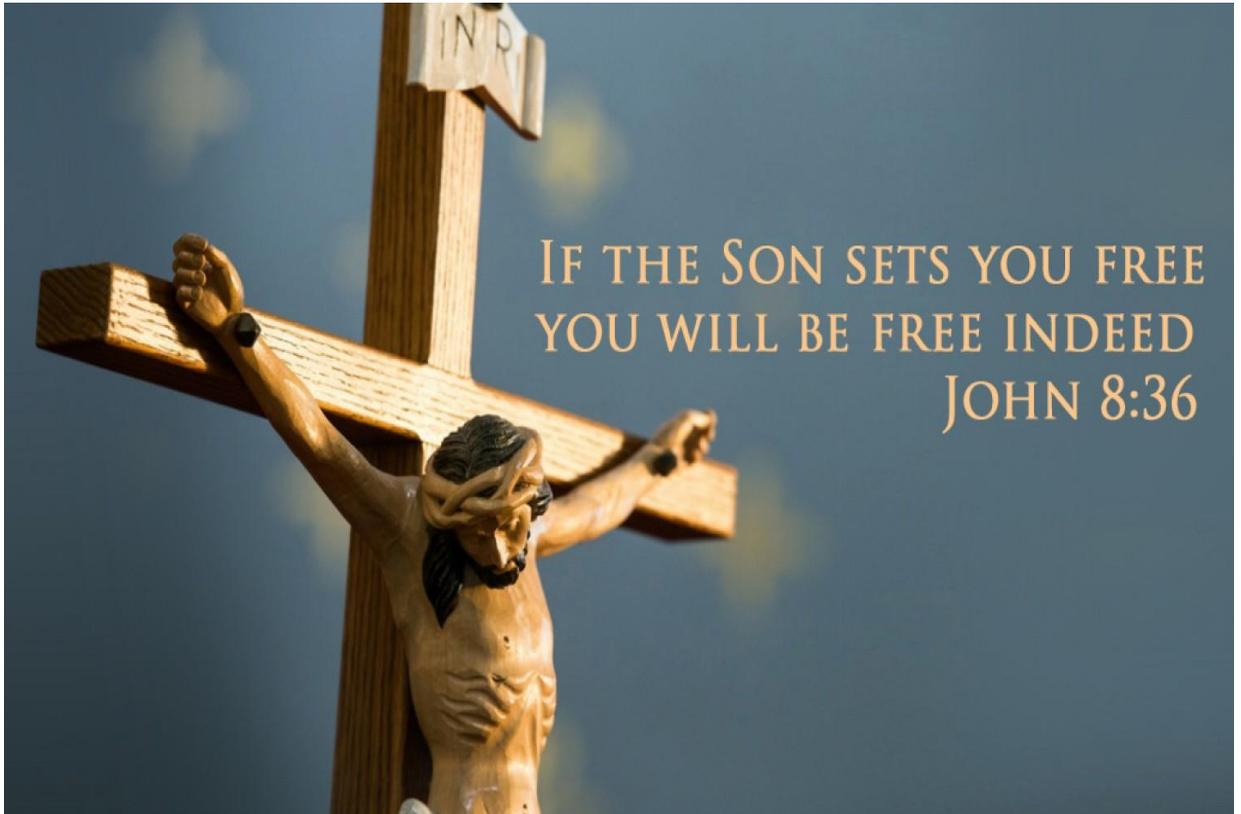


REFORMATION DAY

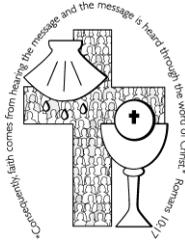
OCTOBER 31

October 25, 2020



IF THE SON SETS YOU FREE
YOU WILL BE FREE INDEED
JOHN 8:36

Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Welcome to Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

The family of Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church is called, gathered, and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament to confess and proclaim the gospel and love of Jesus Christ to our congregation, community, and world.

A Guide to the Symbols in the Service

P = Pastor; **C** = Congregation

Anywhere the symbol ✝ appears, the sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

As We Gather

Freedom in Christ is certainly one of the main themes of Reformation Day. Liberated from sin and death, Christ has set us on a path of freedom to live boldly under the Gospel. Martin Luther sought to bring this truth back into the light in his day so that all could live in the joy of sins forgiven, rather than under the fear and oppression of the Law. How that freedom is lived falls under the category of discipleship, and today, Jesus says that those who abide in the Word are his free disciples. Such is our call as his disciples today, to carry the banner of the truth of God's Word as we live in freedom from sin and death and in the constant hope of life eternal!

Today in the Church Year

While Reformation Day is oftentimes a look back to the early 1500's and the history of what happened surrounding the work of Martin Luther, it is really something much more. Luther's work was ancient, in the best sense of that term. His call for reform was to return to the Scriptures, to salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, and in Christ alone. This was a call to return to what Jesus said and did for the world, and for the Church to proclaim Christ and him crucified. So while we remember Martin Luther's life and writings, today is about Christ and his work for us. The color of the day is Red, like on Pentecost, to remind us of how the Holy Spirit's fire works in us through the Gospel to grant us faith, hope, and life eternal.

A Prayer upon Entering Church

Almighty God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. Grant that we may use them to bear witness to Christ in lives that are built on faith and love. Make us ready to live the gospel and eager to do your will, so that we may share with all your church in the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✠ IN NOMINE JESU - IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

Opening Voluntary: EIN FESTE BURG BWV 720

Johann Sebastian Bach

Announcements

✠ Service of Preparation ✠

Stand

Invocation, Confession and Absolution (*Matt. 28:19b*)

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (*1 John 1:8-9*)

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Psalm 46 (*The Congregation speaks the bolded verses*)

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

³**though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵**God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.**

⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

⁷**The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.

⁹**He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.**

¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”

¹¹**The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day (*2 Timothy 4:22*)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray...Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading

Revelation 14:6-7

L The First Reading for the observance of Reformation Day is taken from Revelation, the fourteenth chapter.

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 3:19-28

L The Epistle is from Romans, the third chapter.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God

through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse (*Luke 12:32*)

C Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon: The Use (and misuse) of Freedom

Hymn of the Day: Glory Be to God the Father

LSB 506 (sts. 1 & 2)

Tune: WORCESTER

1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each
God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,
Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,
glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

**The term "catholic" means the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.*

Prayer of the Church *(1 Timothy 2:1-4)*

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
(after each petition)
- P** Lord, in Your mercy...
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** ...one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

† Service of the Sacrament †

Preface *(2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136)*

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus 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. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)*

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power 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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord *(Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)*

P *Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer *(Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)*

- C** 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.

Pax Domini *(John 20:19)*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei *(John 1:29)*

- C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.
Amen.

Sit Distribution

Please read what Saint John's believes concerning the Sacrament of the Altar:
As Lutherans, we believe, teach, and confess that in the Holy Supper all receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ with their mouth. Believers feed on Christ for the assurance of salvation and the strengthening of their faith.

To assure that our Lord's great gifts are received in a beneficial way, Holy Scripture says in 1 Corinthians 11:28-29 *"A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself."* Self examination includes:

- 1) The confession that we are sinful and in need of God's forgiveness. (Ps 51; Romans 3: 9-28)
 - 2) The faith that Jesus Christ is truly and actually present in the Sacrament, offering His very Body and Blood for all to eat, so that our sins are forgiven. (Mt 26: 26-28; 1 Cor 10: 16-21)
 - 3) The sincere resolve, with the Holy Spirit's help, to amend what is sinful in our life by actively belonging to a body of believers where these Scriptural truths are preached and taught. (Acts 2: 42; Ephesians 2: 8-10)
- If this reflects your belief and you are a baptized member in good standing, not under discipline, at a congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod or a church body with which we are in fellowship, we welcome you to the Lord's Table and pray that His Body and Blood will be for your soul the highest good. If you are not sure, or do not understand, we ask that you speak with the Pastor, at your earliest convenience, prior to communing. If you would like to come to the altar and receive a personal blessing instead of the Eucharist, please cross your arms over your chest as a sign to the pastor.

A Prayer before Communing

Lord God, we worship you, a Trinity of persons, one eternal God. May our faith and the sacrament we receive bring us health of mind and body. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Music at the Distribution: ES IST DAS HEIL (Salvation unto us has come) anonymous

A Prayer after Receiving the Sacrament

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Stand

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benediction (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 656

Tune: EIN FESTE BURG (Rhythmic)

1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
4 The Word they still shall let re - main

A trust - y shield and weap - on;
Nor an - y thanks have for it;

He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
He's by our side up - on the plain

That hath us good now gifts o'er - tak - en.
With His good gifts and Spir - it.

The old take e - vil foe Now means
And take they our life, Goods, fame,

dead - ly and woe; Deep guile and great might
child, and wife, Though these all be gone,

Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -

is not his e - qual.
dom ours re - main - eth.

Closing Voluntary: Postludium on EIN FESTE BURG

Charles Callahan

Prayer for Departure

Draw your church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the world, together witnessing to your love wherever you will send us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA - TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY ✠

† Look Ahead for next week:

All Saints' Day: Revelation 7:9-17; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

Daily Devotions for Home and Family are available on the way out and on the website

SAINT JOHN'S IN ACTION

Sun 10/25

8:00am

9:30am

Wed 10/28

6:00pm

Thurs 10/29

7:00pm

Sun 11/1

8:00am

9:30am

11:00am

The Day of Reformation (observed)

Small Group Communion Services

In-person Divine Service

Confirmation (via Google Meet)

Zoom Bible Study

All Saints' Day

Small Group Communion Services

In-person Divine Service

Baptism

**Donation: to the Candle and Crèche Fund, in memory of Alison Vessie, from Honey and Art Pabst.

**Many thanks for all the prayers and kind expressions of sympathy. Blessings to you all, Ingrid Vessie.

Sunday, October 18		Attendance
	Includes Friday taping, Small Group, & In-person Divine Service	75
Contributions Received 1/1-10/20/20	\$245,748	
Budgeted Expenses 1/1-10/31/20	\$310,286	
Contributions Received 10/1-10/20/20	\$19,173	
October Budgeted Expenses	\$31,674	
Mortgage Payment Due 10/29	\$2,554	
F.O.R. Contributions 10/1-10/20/20	\$1,230	

October is
Breast
Cancer
Awareness
Month

MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER - The Mary Martha Guild thanks all who donated to our collection to help breast cancer survivors. Your donations of \$545 will be helpful to the survivors and to the ongoing research being done. God bless you for your support.

Food Collection - we will be collecting food for our food pantry and the food pantry at St. John's, Holbrook. Thrivent is offering a benefit if we collect 500 items by October 31st. The \$500 grant will be awarded to the first 100 churches that complete their collection. What a challenge this is! I know we can do this. Help us with this project so that we and St. John's, Holbrook can feed the many who come for food. These are critical times for both our food pantries and your help would be appreciated. Bring your food to the church and put it in the cloak room so we can keep track of what we have. For more information, contact Honey Pabst at 631-589-8353. Thank you and God bless you as you continue to help others.

Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child - The Mary Martha Guild will not be hosting this event this year. What we will be doing is offering you the opportunity to participate on your own. We have 70 shoeboxes and the accompanying brochures available for you to take home and fill the box up. If you have any questions about what to put in the box, go to their website listed on the brochure. The boxes and brochures will be handed out on Sunday, October 25th. You will need to PUT A \$9.00 CHECK IN THE BOX TO COVER SHIPPING. The check is to be made out to Samaritan's Purse. The shoebox needs to be delivered to the depot by November 16th: The depot is at Gospel Community Church, 138 Greeley Avenue, Sayville. Please call Gospel Community Church for the times they will be open to receive your box at 631-589-2642. Please secure your shoebox with 2 strong rubber bands around it. If you want to you could also include a message in the box.

Congregational Meeting - The next congregational meeting will be held on ***Sunday, November 15th*** at approximately 10:30am (immediately after the 9:30am service). All eligible, voting members of St. John's should plan to attend. This meeting will primarily be held to discuss and approve the budget for 2021. Our plan is to make it possible for you to join and vote virtually if you are not comfortable attending in person. In this tumultuous year past, and in the face of uncertainty in looking ahead, it is important for you to attend in some way and hear what is happening as we move forward, so please make every effort to participate. A separate signup sheet will be made available for the meeting if you plan to attend in person. Copies of the preliminary budget are available upon request from the Church Office.

Communion Steward: Steve Malenczak; **Ushers:** Barbara Dahlgren, Kevin Paul; **Reader:** Steve Malenczak; **Counters:** Lisa Giacoia and Lori Clemente.

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Sunday, 9:30am

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