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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!!

“If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become a member, contact any member or the church office.”

Sunday, October 27th, 2024; 9:30 am

Reformation Sunday

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements/Sharing of the Peace

Call to Worship from Luther's Small Catechism

L: I cannot by my own understanding or effort believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him.

P: But the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel.

L: He has enlightened me with his gifts;

P: He has sanctified and kept me in the one true faith.

L: Therefore, I surely ought to thank and praise Him;

P: Surely, I ought to serve and obey Him.

Opening Hymn

A Mighty Fortress is our God

ELW #504

Litany

L: Jesus Christ has freed me from sin, death, and the power of the devil;

P: Not with silver or gold, but with his holy and precious blood and his innocent suffering and death.

L: All this he has done that I may be his own,

P: That I may live in his kingdom,

L: That I may serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

P: Just as He has risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally.

L: This is most certainly true. Let us pray:

P: O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors; through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

ELW #857

First Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Sue Johannsen

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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

¹⁹Now 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. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

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

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

Gospel Acclamation

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

ELW #512

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,

Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Gospel: John 8: 31-36

(Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.)

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They 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'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

(Response after the conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.)

Children's Sermon

Bruce Bonander

Sermon

Pastor John Dalen

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak

ELW #676

Affirmation of Baptism

(See Insert)

Offering *(The children's offering basket will be on the front steps of the church, so that they can in, yet another way feel involved in Sunday worship)*



Offertory Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

ELW #574

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Three-Fold Amen

Closing Hymn

Go, My Children with My Blessing

ELW #543

Dismissal:

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

C: **Thanks Be to God!**