

Reformation

October 25, 2020

+PREPARATION+

AS WE GATHER

“It’s still all about Jesus.” It was all about Jesus when the Lord God first promised a Savior to Adam, Eve, and their descendants. It was all about Jesus with every foretelling of the coming Christ by Old Testament prophets. It was all about Jesus at the manger, the cross, and the empty tomb. It was all about Jesus as the apostle Paul penned, “We hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law” (Romans 3:28). It was all about Jesus when Martin Luther posted his Ninety-Five Theses on October 31, 1517. It’s still all about Jesus today as we receive the Means of Grace—Word and Sacrament. It will be all about Jesus when He returns in glory on the Last Day. As we observe the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we celebrate that it always has been, and always will be, all about Jesus!

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN LSB566 “By Grace I’m Saved”

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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.

(Silence for reflection and 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 the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

+WORD+

INTROIT See insert – spoken together

KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE "Glory to God in the Highest" (sung)

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good-will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: (sung) **And with thy spirit.**

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: (sung) **Amen.**

FIRST READING Revelation 14:6-7

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!
Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers, consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels, that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever.

THE EPISTLE Romans 3:19-28

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

VERSE (sung)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 8:31-36

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

C: (sung) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

After the reading:

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (sung) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 657 “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

SERMON

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right had of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose

kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the son, who with the Father and the son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, beseeching Him to have mercy and hear us.

Lord God, while we travel as pilgrims here on earth, give us comfort in the knowledge that You have called us to be Your disciples through water and the Word. In the midst of difficult times, when waters roar and foam and mountains tremble, give us confidence in knowing that we have been set free by the Son, and so we are free indeed! The Lord of hosts is with us;

People: **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Pastor: Lord God, as Your children, we are called to love You, our neighbor, and even our enemy. Give us willing hearts to love our neighbor as ourselves because You first loved us. The Lord of hosts is with us;

People: **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Pastor: Lord God, You are greater than the one who is in the world, prowling and seeking to devour us. Deliver us from the old evil foe, knowing that he cannot harm us because he has been defeated by Your Son's death and resurrection. Give us strength to resist Satan, and keep us firm in the faith You have given us. The Lord of hosts is with us;

People: the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Pastor: Lord God, Your Son bought us with His lifeblood as the price. In Him, we are set free from sin, death, and the power of the devil. By Your Holy Spirit working through Your Word, preserve us in the one true faith, that we might abide in You until You bring us to the place You have prepared for us in Your house. The Lord of hosts is with us;

People: the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Special petitions may be included here.

Pastor: Lord God, into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, confident that for the sake of Jesus, You hear and answer. Lord, have mercy!

People: Amen.

OFFERING— Due to the current situation, if you bring an offering please leave it in the basket in the fellowship hall. If you are able and would like, you may choose to mail your offerings to the church.

OFFERTORY (sung)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C:(sung)And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: (sung) We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C:(sung) It is meet and right so to do..

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. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS (sung)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, 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 of 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 prayer; 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 LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

(sung) **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

THE WORD'S OF OUR LORD

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."

PAXDOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI (sung)

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin to the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

NUNC DIMITTIS (sung)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast

prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: 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 in 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

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

C: (sung) **Amen, amen, amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN LSB578 “Thy Strong Word”

SILENT PRAYER

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, October 25, 2020 – Service with Pastor Bernthal

November 1, 2020 – Turn clocks back 1 hour at 2am, also men's club meeting after the service.

November 3, 2020 - Election Day

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 – Service with Pastor Black at 7pm

Tuesday, November 24, 2020 – Service with Pastor Hoffman at 7pm

Sunday, December 6, 2020 – Service with Pastor McVey

Former member Marie Mathes sends her love to anyone who remembers her.

Anyone wishing to send her a card, her address is

Marie Mathes

15450 18 Mile Road Apt. #C322,

Clinton Twp., Michigan 48038

Birthdays

Miriam Burgess – November 15

Richard Plumb – November 15

Jack Priami – November 16

Danny Bogert – November 16

Ralph Moehl – November 18

Anniversaries

James & Fran Heegeman – Oct.17

Don & Louise Hinds – Oct. 19

Charles & Barbara Smith – November 14

New address

Beverly Pirtle

2367 Meadowcroft Dr.

Burton, Michigan 48519

Just a reminder:

All ladies are automatically members of the Altar Guild- come to our meeting, see what's going on, enjoy fellowship and potlucks. This doesn't mean that you have Altar duty to set up communion!! Just come to socialize. Also Altar Guild has greeting cards for sale in the fellowship hall. Cost is \$6.00 a box or a single card for \$.25 (single card from box on the top shelf, please do not open a box for a single card.)

Pasties

These tasty items were made at Lakes of the North Clubhouse on September 26, 2020. Please stop by the kitchen to pick up and pay for your tasty items. Thank you.

Monthly financial information for September, 2020

Collections - \$3105.00

Expenses - \$1749.28

Difference - \$1355.72