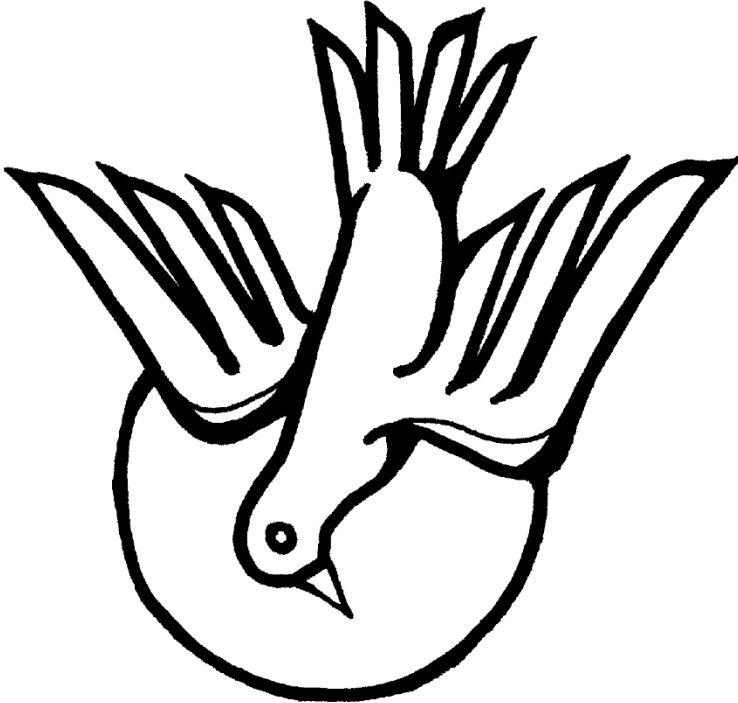


SUNDAY- OCTOBER 27, 2024 -9:00 AM



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MT. HOREB

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with all people.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 27, 2024 | Reformation Sunday | 9:00 AM
(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / C = Congregation)

PRELUDE Diane Dangerfield

You are encouraged to use the time during the Prelude for quiet reflection and preparing for worship.

WELCOMING WORD *Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.*

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:

576 - We All Are One in Mission

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 46)

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

**Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

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

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**Come now, regard the works of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

**"Be still, then, 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 with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also, with you.

+ KYRIE pg. 138

+ HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 139 *“Glory to God in the Highest...”*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty God, gracious Lord,

C: we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL SONGS:

*“Jesus Loves Me/Amazing Grace”
“Forever”*

FIRST READING – Jeremiah 31:31-34

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.

+ACCLAMATION (pg. 142)

(sing) Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

L: The Gospel according to John, Chapter 8,

C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

³¹Jesus 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."

+L: The Gospel of the Lord

+C: Praise to you, O Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Give Us a Vision"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE Pastor John Twiton

HYMN: # 517 - Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

ORDER FOR AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (insert)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING - (please pass the welcome pads at this time)

CONFIRMATION SLIDE SHOW

MUSIC BY PRAISE TEAM: "Find Your Wings"

OFFERTORY #186 "Create in me...."

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (pg. 145) (right hand column)

SENDING

COMMUNITY WORD

+BLESSING

L: May the blessing of God our creator, the love of Jesus Christ our redeemer, and the presence of the Holy Spirit the comforter, surround you and sustain you until we gather again.

C: Amen.

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

504 - A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

+DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 27, 2024

SHARE: What are your highs/lows for today?

READ: Read the daily readings to deepen your understanding:

Monday, John 14:21-27, The Promise of the Holy Spirit

Tuesday, Acts 9:32-35, The Healing of Aeneas

Wednesday, Matthew 20:29-34, Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

Thursday, Romans 3:19-28, Righteousness through Faith

Friday, John 11:32-44, Jesus Raises Lazarus to Life

Saturday, Luke 10:25-37, The Parable of the Good Samaritan

TALK: Consider some of these ideas:

“If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples;³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free”
John 8:31b-32

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

- What are the benefits from “dwelling” in Christ? What promises do we hear from John 8:31-32?
- What are some of the characteristics of the “new covenant” (Jeremiah 31:31-34)?
- When is one time you vividly remember receiving “grace as a gift” (Romans 3:24)?

PRAY: Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BLESS: The God of glory, Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. Amen.