



October 31st, 2021

Fall Worship

Reformation Sunday

Fall Worship with Communion

*We welcome you with open arms
and open hearts!*

Faith Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered, Bible-reading, welcoming spiritual home for seekers, believers, and everybody between. We're a family of God "because God first loved us." (1 John 4:19) Because you're here, you're part of the family—welcome.

Young children are welcome in the service.

If you are new to Faith we would like to be in touch with you. Please share your contact information with the church office, 406-363-2964, or office@faithlutheranhamilton.org.

Welcome to Faith and thank you for coming!

God Gathers The Body Of Christ

Prelude

Amber Richardson, Accompanist

Call to Worship

Welcome

AM: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you!

(AM: Prayer Requests and Service Announcements.

Please stand as you are able for our gathering hymn)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed; But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us; we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way.

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to -
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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The Kyrie (*Spoken*)

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

All: And also with you.

AM: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

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

All: Lord have mercy.

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

All: Lord have mercy.

AM: For Faith Lutheran Church, and for all who offer here their
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

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

All: Amen.

The Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

PM: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not
in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and
who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all
unrighteousness. (*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*)

Most merciful God,

**All: have mercy on us. We confess to you that 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 trusted you with
our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in
truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by
your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.**

PM: With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy,
abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness
of life in Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of the Day

AM: Let us pray,

All: Almighty God, gracious Lord, 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.

God Speaks To Us In The Word

Preface to the Word (*sung*)

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.

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Lector: A reading from the 31st chapter of Jeremiah.

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

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.

Psalm 46

(Lector: Give directions for psalm responses.)

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

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

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

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

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

⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up on the earth;**

⁹behold 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.

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

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

Second Reading

Romans 3:19-28

Lector: A reading from 3rd chapter of Romans

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

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.

L: Word of God, Word of Life...

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah.”

ELW #172

**Halle, halle, halle-lujah.
Halle, halle, halle-lujah.
Halle, halle, halle-lujah.
Hallelujah. Halle-lujah.**

The Gospel

John 8:31-36

PM: The Holy Gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

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

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.”

PM: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Paul Anderson

Sermon Song “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

ELW #517

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.
and may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

The Nicene Creed

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from True God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the

scriptures; he ascended in to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge on baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the Church “Hear Our Prayer”

ELW# 178

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:
peace to all people, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

Made children and heirs of God’s promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for all who long for a word of truth and for the radical grace that flows from the cross. Inspire congregations to freely and boldly proclaim your love for all people with persistence and hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for your creation, for mountains, rivers, streams, cities, homesteads, and neighborhoods. Write in our hearts a new love and care for creation. Give us the will to curb wasteful habits and to hold accountable those who neglect the vulnerable. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who aspire to public office and for all who will vote on Tuesday at local polling places (especially). Pour wisdom and understanding upon all who govern so that communities of justice and peace may thrive. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who long for healing in mind, body, or spirit (especially). Strengthen hospitals, clinics, counseling centers, nursing homes, and recovery centers to be holy spaces of renewal that all might live the abundant life you intend. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who seek to grow in faith and love of you. Guide teaching and learning in confirmation, small groups, Sunday school, youth groups, schools, seminaries, and universities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for all the saints and reformers who have gone before us who dwell in your holy habitation (especially). Give us courage through their example to challenge unjust systems and work toward life-giving reformation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

Amen.

Pass the Peace

PM: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

All: And also with you.

The Offering

“Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring” ELW #691 Vv. 1

Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table.

We do not worship as we ought but only as we’re able.

**Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares
we lift in prayer before you.**

Lord, by your grace now come to us, as humbly we adore you.

Offering Prayer

AM: Let us pray. Merciful God,

All: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.

Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,

nourish us with this rich food and drink,

**and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

Jesus Comes To Us In His Supper

*Dear members and friends of Faith: as you trust the God you see in Jesus, please be welcome to share his meal. Christ offers here and now his body and blood, his death and resurrection, as a demonstration that God “loves you to death” and is present to, in, and through you now and forever
Communion will be served in individual portions.*

Directions for communion.

Words of Institution

PM: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion we may know
the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

All: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 & Luke 11:2-4

PM: Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

All: 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.

Distribution

PM: And now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

PM: Let us pray,

**All: We give you thanks, gracious God,
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,
the body and blood of Christ.
Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,
into your beloved vineyard
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.**

Benediction

PM: May the peace of God be in your heart,
The grace of God be in your words,
The love of God be in your hands,
The joy of God be in your soul,
And in the song that your life sings. Amen.

Announcements

Sending Song “Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

ELW #886

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;

the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - jice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

AM: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Please call or email us with your prayer requests.

Prayers for safety and healing: Cheryl, Charlene Riggle, Mary Schmidt, Mary Ann, Myrtle Irene Cosner, Steve Forseth, Tom Dolan, Tom Martin, Karla West, Wes and Andy, , Bertie Senn, Geri Grymes

Prayers for comfort: Family and Friends of Rod Snook, Family and Friends of Matt Hurley

Discovery:

Beehive: Yvonne Olson, Chuck Olson

Valley View: Ruth Dillon

Remington: Kathleen Gazzara

Sapphire: Bertie Senn

Incarcerated: George Davis

Thanks to our Worship Assistants!

Today	October 31st	November 7th
Accompanist	Amber Richardson	
Guitarist		
Call To Worship		
Ushers	Jane Mason	
Lector		
Assisting Minister	Clyde Riggle	

Remember All Saint's Day is approaching fast.

November 7, 2020

- Our worship service will honor the saints who have gone to heaven before us.
- Please submit the names of your loved ones who passed away in the last year (since November 2019) to the church office so that we may include them in the ceremony.
- You're also welcome to submit the names of any others you wish to remember on that day.



OCTOBER 31, 2021 REFORMATION SUNDAY

The grace of God through faith sets us free.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS



These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 8:31-36	The truth will set you free
Monday	Revelation 21:1-6a	A new heaven and earth
Tuesday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	A new covenant
Wednesday	Romans 3:19-28	Righteousness through faith
Thursday	Isaiah 61:1-7	The good news of victory
Friday	Acts 10:34-43	Gentiles hear the good news
Saturday	Psalm 46	God is our protection
Sunday	John 11:32-44	Jesus raises Lazarus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

John 8:36 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Gracious God, may faith in you give us peace and joy, and move us to love and serve others through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

Dear God, may the gift of this food remind us of the gift of faith that we may be strengthened to love you and our neighbor each and every day. In Jesus' name, amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God who frees you from the power of sin bless you with everlasting joy.

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Rise, Shine, You People

WEEKLY MILESTONES CARING CONVERSATIONS 

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Sin is about broken relationships with others and with God. What does sin mean to you?
- God in Christ only saves and frees sinners. Is this a surprising message for you? Explain.
- How does confessing one's sinfulness bring joy?

DEVOTIONS 

Read: Romans 3:19-28.

Luther was not the only reformer shaped by Paul's letter to the Romans. Romans became a signature book of the New Testament to reform the church's practice away from a message that suggested that our eternal life with Christ was dependent upon our actions. Through Christ's work—not ours—we are redeemed. John Wesley, founder of the Methodist Church, was "strangely moved" by hearing Luther's commentary on Romans. Wesley saw in this letter

that being justified by Christ through faith meant that followers of Jesus were more than people set free from sin. Salvation was the restoration of the human ability to bear God's image in the world. Luther called this being a "little Christ" to one's neighbor. We have all fallen short; redemption is a gift of God received through faith.

By the grace of God through faith, we are God's people participating in the work of Christ in the world. We are now the ones reconciling all that is God's back to God. We are made right with God through faith in Christ that we may be the hands, feet, and voice of God's healing work in the world. Where have you witnessed God's healing work in the world?

Pray: **Awesome God, help us to believe and give thanks every day that our relationship to you is a gift of your undeserved kindness through faith in Christ Jesus. Amen.**



SERVICE

We have been born anew to a living faith that sends us out into the world on behalf of God's love through Christ. How can you be part of Christ's ongoing work of healing lives today? What might you do this week to extend Christ's love to someone?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Before the Reformation, the Bible was written in Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. It was not accessible to the common person. An important part of the Reformation was to translate the word of God in the Bible to a language people understood. Luther translated the Bible into German. Other reformers translated the Bible into other languages. In appreciation for the fact that the Bible can now be read around the world in many different languages, including your own, take time this week to read and highlight some of your favorite Bible passages.

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