Reformation Sunday
October 25, 2020
790 Marion Street NE, Salem, Oregon

Saint Mark Lutheran Church

Welcoming
All In Christ

HOLY COMMUNION - ELW Setting 6

REFORMATION SUNDAY

COMMENTS ON THE DAY

PRELUDE "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" by Helmut Walcha

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.
P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.
C: Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.
P: Faithful God,
C: have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God’s work in the world.
C:  Amen.

GATHERING HYMN  "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"  ELW-No.  504

1 A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.
3 Though hordes of devils fill the land all threatening to destroy us, we tremble not, unmovable we stand; they fear it;
4 God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who to rouse God himself to fight.

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Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther
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GREETING
P: 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.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW - No. 525

Du är he-lig, du är hel, Du är all-tid myck-et mer
You are ho-ly, you are whole. You are al-ways ev-er more
än vi nån-sin kan för-stå, du är nä-ra än-då.
than we ev-er un-der-stand. You are al-ways at hand.
Väl-sig-nad va-re du som kom-mer hit just nu,
Bless-ed are you com-ing near. Bless-ed are you com-ing here
väl-sig-na-de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.
Du är he-lig, du är hel-het,
You are ho-ly, you are whole-ness,
du är när-het he-la kos-mos lo-var dig!
you are pres-ent. Let the cos-mos praise you, Lord!
Ho-si-an-na, ho-si-an-na,
Sing ho-san-na in the high-est!
Sing ho-san-na! Sing ho-san-na to our God!
PRAYER OF THE DAY

P  The Lord be with you.
C  And also with you.
P  Let us pray.

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.

C  Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC  "How Firm a Foundation"  (Judith Linder, soloist) arr. Walters

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow.
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to His foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.
FIRST LESSON -- Jeremiah 31:31-34

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

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God

PSALM -- 46

Be still and know that I am God.
1 God 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;  

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

Refrain

4 There 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 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.  

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

Refrain

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

9 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.  

10 "Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
    I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
Now 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. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

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

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith.

For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.
John 8:31-36

31 Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “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.” 33 They 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’?”

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


Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY  "Built on A Rock"

ELW - No. 652

1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, even when steeple are
2 Surely, in temples made with hands God the Most High is not
3 Christ builds a house of living stones: we are his own habi-
4 Yet in this house, an earthly frame, Jesus the children is
5 Through all the passing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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

PRAYERS
PEACE
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS  "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word"  ELW - No. 517

OFFERING PRAYER
P: 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.
C: Amen.
GREAT THANKSGIVING
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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE
P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through the great shepherd of your flock, our Savior Jesus Christ; who after his resurrection sent forth the apostles to preach the gospel and teach all nations, and promised to be with them, even to the end of the age.

And so, with Martin Luther, the glorious company of the apostles, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY
A EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AFTER MARTIN LUTHER

P: Lord God, we praise you, bless you, and adore you. In thanksgiving we bow before you.
   O loving Father! You have created all, and you care for your children day and night.
   Hallelujah!

C: Hallelujah!

P: You sent your Son to bring us your salvation.
   Christ is the source of every grace and blessing, the true paschal lamb and bread of heaven,
   the very joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.
   Hallelujah!

C: Hallelujah!

P: On the night in which he was betrayed, he 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.

   We remember Jesus, your Word made flesh, our elder brother,
   dying on the accursed tree,
   crushing the power of hell,
   and rising again victorious from the grave.
   Hallelujah!
C:  Hallelujah!

P:  Send your Spirit on this holy feast.
    Nourish and heal us with the body and blood of our Savior.
    Bestow on your church your sweetest love,
    your transcendent comfort, your unity and peace.
    Hallelujah!
C:  Hallelujah!

LORD'S PRAYER
C  Our Father in heaven,
    hallowed be your name,
    your kingdom come,
    your will be done,
    on earth as in heaven.
    Give us today our daily bread.
    Forgive us our sins
    as we forgive those who sin against us.
    Save us from the time of trial
    and deliver us from evil.
    For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
    now and forever. Amen

LAMB OF GOD
1 Amazing grace!—how sweet the sound—
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has promised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears relieved; how precious did that
have already come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope secures; he will my shield and
shining as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace appeared the hour I first believed!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
portion be as long as life endures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.
P Now may the power of Christ's body and blood reach deep into your heart, your mind, and your body to heal your wounds.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: 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.

C: Amen

Reaching OUT IN SERVICE

SENDING: "In Thee Is Gladness" ELW - No. 867

1 In thee is gladness amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart. By thee are given the gifts of heaven, thou the true redeemer art. Our souls thou wakest; our bonds thou change them with a breath. Wherefore the story tell of his
BLESSING
P: Mothering God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.
C: Amen.

DISMISSAL
P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Chorale Prelude - Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott" by Johann Pachelbel

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Teddy Dozier and Sara Hoelter's Confirmation today --- by the Dozier family.
Welcome to Saint Mark. All are welcomed to receive Holy Communion.


If you know of someone that needs to be added to the prayer list, please contact the church office or Pastor Charles.

A letter and pledge card for 2021 commitments was sent out recently. We hope that you have already or will soon use the enclosed envelope that was provided to send in your commitments.

Today, October 25 is Reformation Sunday!

Journey of Faith: Come & See --For those of you unfamiliar with Journey of Faith, it is a process at Saint Mark of spiritual growth for those who seek a deeper relationship with Jesus through baptism or by reaffirming one’s baptism. It is a place where we gather around the word of God and explore the depths of our faith in scripture, in relationships with others, and in the questions we all have. To help discern whether Journey of Faith is for you, we have scheduled four “Come and See” meetings to explore the program. These meetings will be conducted via the Zoom virtual meeting platform on Sundays: October 25 and/or November 8, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining us, please email Pastor Charles Mantey at pastorcharles@stmarksalem.org for a link to the Zoom meeting. If you have difficulty accessing a computer, please contact Pastor Charles at 503-588-0141.
This year's Salem Peace Lecture will be held online due to COVID 19. Our speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Emma Jordan-Simpson. Her topic will be: "Unfinished Democracy: Making Good Trouble for Racial Equity." The Lecture will take place on November 18 at 6:30 p.m. It will come to you via Zoom. Please send your email address to pbergel@igc.org so that we can provide you the Zoom information to participate. There is never a charge for the Peace Lecture, but if you can, please donate to support the 2020 Salem Peace Lecture. For additional information, please contact Karen Wood of the Willamette University Office of the Chaplains, (503) 370-6213.

We are Zooming Weekly Activities:

**Wednesdays**

12:00 noon **Mindful Meditative Movement**  
(contact Tonja Sndyder for an zoom invitation)

1:15 p.m. **Bible Study**  
Pastor Charles is leading this group on Sunday's Lessons  
(contact Pastor Charles for a zoom invitation)

**Thursdays**  6:00 pm **Men’s Bible Study**  
(contact Mike Conley for a zoom invitation)

All groups are open to those who wish to participate. Committee meetings continue also to Zoom.

**Saint Mark’s Reconciling in Christ Statement:**

At Saint Mark Lutheran Church, we celebrate that Christ has made us one body with many members, all sharing in God’s grace and unconditional love. As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we embrace all of God’s people, regardless of age, ethnicity, physical and mental abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or economic circumstance. We believe we are all unique and worthy individuals created by God. We joyfully welcome you to join us in worship, prayer, study, service, and fellowship.
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Judith Linder          Choir Director
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The Rev. Charles Mantey Pastor

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GRATITUDE!
He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.
Micah 6:8 NIV

Daily Blessings/Reflections

❖ Today I am grateful for...
❖ Today I ask God...
❖

□ Listen and talk to God in prayer
□ Pray for our Saint Mark community, staff, city, state, nation, and world.
□ Call, text, or email others, especially those living alone.
□ Surprise someone with a note or card.
□ Worship regularly online and eventually in person.
□ Explore the hymnal. Sing or memorize favorite hymns.
□ Explore books of the Bible. Memorize favorite verses.
□ Write or scrapbook your faith story.
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GREAT IS THY

Faithfulness

I/We offer my/our part in gratefulness and love for God's faithfulness to all. This is what I can do from home during the time of Covid-19.

Any further comments?

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