

Creator Lutheran Church

October 25, 2026 – 08:30am

Reformation Sunday

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P: We gather in the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN –

Salvation Unto Us Has Come – (LBW) #297

Verse 1

**Salvation unto us has come by God's free grace and favor; Good works cannot
avert our doom, they help and save us never.**

**Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, who did for all the world atone;
He is our mediator.**

Verse 2

**Theirs was a false, misleading dream who thought God's law was given
that sinners might themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven.**

**The Law is but a mirror bright, to bring the inbred sin to light
That lurks within our nature.**

Verse 3

**And yet the Law fulfilled must be, Or we were lost forever;
Therefore God sent his Son that he Might us from death deliver.
He all the Law for us fulfilled, And thus his Father's anger stilled
Which over us impended.**

Verse 4

**Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone and rests in him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify; Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.**

Verse 5

**All blessing, honor, thanks and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by his grace; All glory to his merit.
O triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Beloved in the Lord! We are gathered before God our Father, and now confess our sin to him, asking in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 124:8)

P: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Psalm 32:5)

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we are in need of your grace and mercy.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. By what we have done and left undone. Therefore we come to you for refuge in your infinite mercy, seeking and asking your grace. You have given your only Son to die for us. Forgive us all our sins and give us your peace now and always; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake God forgives you all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LITANY– Psalm 46

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

C: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea. Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

C: 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 her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

C: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

WL: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

C: Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth.

WL: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

C: “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

WL: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

C: Thanks be to God!

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God our Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WA: Let us pray:

C: Almighty and gracious Lord, continue to pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and the Church throughout the world. Continue to call us and keep us steadfast by your Word, enlighten us with the gifts of your Holy Spirit, and sanctify and keep us in your one true faith. Protect and comfort us from all danger and temptations. Continue to defend us against sin, death, and the power of the devil, and bestow on us, your Church, your saving faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING – Revelation 14:6-7

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Romans 3:19-28

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

♪GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – Alleluia ELW pg. 151

Alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life: Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel from St. John the eighth chapter **8:31-36**

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – Pastor Amanda Olson de Castillo

HYMN OF THE DAY –

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice, ELW #594, Vs. 1-5

Verse 1

**Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, with exultation springing,
and, with united heart and voice and holy rapture singing,
proclaim the wonders God has done, proclaim the vict'ry God has won,
how precious was our ransom!**

Verse 2

Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay, death brooded fiercely o'er me,
sin was my torment night and day; in sin my mother bore me.
My own good works all came to naught, free will against God's judgment fought,
so firmly sin possessed me.

Verse 3

O God, you saw my deep distress before the world's foundation,
and, with your mercy measureless, you planned for my salvation.
You turned to me a father's heart; you did not choose the easy part,
but gave your dearest treasure.

Verse 4

You said to your beloved Son: "'Tis time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of my crown, and bring to all salvation;
from sin and sorrow set them free; slay bitter death for them that they
may live with you forever."

Verse 5

The Son obeyed your gracious will, was born of virgin mother;
and, your good pleasure to fulfill, he came to be my brother.
His royal pow'r disguised he bore, a servant's form, like mine, he wore,
to lead the devil captive.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

WA: Lord in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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. (*Christian/universal Church of Christ)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

WA: Share Christ's peace with one another.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY– Creator Choir - *What Wonderful Love Is This*

PRAYER AFTER OFFERING

P: Let us pray,

C: Merciful Lord, we give you thanks and praise for the abundance you give us.
We ask you to continue to bless us with every good gift. Give us the faith to trust

you completely, that you are with us and for us always. Continue to produce in us good fruit in our church and in our community. Sustain us and nourish us in body and in spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and our Lord. Amen.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, ELW pg. 153

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 OF HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS –

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less. ELW #596

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

Verse 2

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain

Verse 3

His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain

Verse 4

When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne!

Refrain

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P: The body and blood of our lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his faith.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray.

C: Heavenly Father, you have given us your Son to forgive our sins in his body and blood. Through this gift, continue to restore us and reconcile us with you and with one another. Continue to create and sustain in us your life-giving faith. Comfort us and give us the peace that, when you give us forgiveness, you give us your life and salvation; through Jesus Christ our Savior and our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING –

P: For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for peace and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope now and always; in the name of the Father,  Son, and Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress is Our God, ELW #504

Verse 1

**A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.**

**The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.**

Verse 2

**No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.**

Verse 3

**Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.**

Verse 4

**God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!**

DISMISSAL

WL: Go in peace. Christ is with you!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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