

St. Luke Lutheran Church

"Energized by God's Love"

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**Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Reformation Sunday & Pledge Sunday**

**Setting III
October 26, 2025**



Dear Members & Guests - Welcome to Worship!
God has greatly blessed us with your presence today.
Thank you for responding to his invitation.

If you have a prayer request, please send it by email or voicemail to Letty in the church office.



Sunnyvale Community Services
Preventing Homelessness and Hunger in Our Local Community

SERVING US THIS MORNING

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Prayer Chain Coordinator: Marlene Custer

Hearing Assistance devices are available in the Library/AV Room.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Beth Stauter

WELCOME

Pastor Dan Tisdell

CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

[P] Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, our maker, our helper and our keeper.

[C] **Amen.**

[P] Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

[P] Merciful and loving God,

[C] **we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us once who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

[P] Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✝ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

[C] **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION"

ELW #654

INVOCATION

(music found on page 138)

[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.**

KYRIE

[A] In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

[C] **Lord, have mercy.**

[A] For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

[C] **Lord, have mercy.**

[A] 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.**

[A] For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

[C] **Lord, have mercy.**

[A] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

[C] **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “The Feast of Victory” – (Congregation sings all verses and refrain)

(music located in hymnal on pg. 140)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

vs. 1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

vs. 2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

vs. 3 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

vs. 4 For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE WITH DANAE MORENO

GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

1st Reading – Jeremiah 31:31-34

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.

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. 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. 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. 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.

Psalm 46

OT => Old Testament windows (right) side of sanctuary

NT => New Testament windows (left) side of sanctuary

[NT] *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

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

[NT] *though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.*

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

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

[OT] The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

[NT] *The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

[OT] Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

[NT] *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.*

[OT] "Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

[C] **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

"GOD OUR STRENGTH"

St. Luke Choir

(By Eugene Butler)

2nd Reading – Romans 3:19-28

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.

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 will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, the righteousness of God through the faith of 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 demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(music found on page 142)

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

[P] This is the Holy Gospel according to John ...

[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

Gospel – John 8:31-36

Read by Pastor Dan Tisdell

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

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” 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’?”

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

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

“FREE TO DO GOD’S WILL”

Pastor Dan Tisdell

HYMN OF THE DAY “A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD”

ELW #505

HEART TO HEART - STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE AND PLEDGE COLLECTION

We will bring the Temple Chest to the front of the church during today's offering. We ask that you first place your regular offering in the plate and then after the ushers have passed your pew, please bring your 2026 pledge card to the front of the church and place it into the temple chest. If you are unable or uncomfortable with coming forward, you may fold the Commitment Card, place it into one of the envelopes found in your pew, and put it into the plate along with your offering.

(OLIVER SMITH AND MIKE COLLIGAN WILL BRING UP THE TEMPLE CHEST)

GATHERING OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND PLEDGES

OFFERING MUSIC

Beth Stauter

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

APOSTLES' CREED

[C] **I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 again 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.

(*universal)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[P & A] Grace of God,

[C] **Receive our prayer.**

PEACE OF CHRIST

TRANSITIONAL PRAYER

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **Oh God, each time I worship and take communion, I want to recommit my life, my heart, my thoughts, my everything to You. Fill me today with Your powerful Spirit and help me grow closer to you and to my neighbor. Amen.**

MEAL

Sung by Pastor Dan Tisdell

The 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.

[P] It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BLESSING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

[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.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

“LAMB OF GOD”

(music found on page 146)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - THE EUCHARIST (be seated)

Our Lord Jesus is the host of his table. He invites all to come to him. Everyone is welcome to commune with communion fellowship cups or by intinction with bread and your choice of wine or grape juice. If you are not communing, please come up to receive a blessing of the day.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“BUILD MY LIFE”

(By Housefires)

Led by Andy Wadsworth

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

[P] O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

[C] Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

“BUILT ON A ROCK”

ELW #652

BENEDICTION

[P] The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.

[C] Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

[A] Our worship continues; our service is just begun. Go in peace to love and serve
The Lord.

[C] **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

POSTLUDE:

“TOCCATA IN D MINOR”
(J.S. Bach)

Tim Ambrose