

First Lutheran Church
300 West Third Street
Prophetstown, IL



*God doesn't love us because of our worth.
We are of worth because God loves us.*
Martin Luther

Reformation Sunday
October 30, 2022

Order of Worship
Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Setting Six

Introduction to the Day: 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.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements * **Congregation rises in body and/or spirit**

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

***Call to Worship**

P: Let us worship God. When I think of God's presence in the world, I am grateful:

C: Grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.

P: And when I think of God's presence in my life, I am humbled:

C: Humbled by the gift of grace; humbled by the invitation to begin anew.

P: And when I think of God's presence in this community, I am glad:

C: Glad to be surrounded by loving people worshipping God.

P: Let your light shine! God is faithful to us, and God guides us in love.

C: Let us praise and worship God. Amen.

***Gathering Song:** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" **# 504**

***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.

Please be seated.

Canticle of Praise: "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" **# 512**

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word. Lord, let my heart be 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 be good soil.

Prayer of the Day

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. **C: Amen.**

Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me!" vs. 1 # 595

Congregation sing vs. 1 as students and parents come forward and again as they return to their seats.

Presenting Bibles to Third Graders

P: It is a tradition that all third graders in our church family receive a Bible as a gift from their family of faith. This year, our third graders will receive their Bibles. Please keep our youth and their families in your prayers as together they continue to grow in faith.

L: Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They tell us who we are. They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.

Youth respond: We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, and our minds.

P: Accept the gift of this Bible so that the story of God and God's people may be with you wherever you shall choose to carry it.

L: Enjoy reading how God is at work in your life and the life of others. Learn about the life and teachings of Jesus.

P: Be open to how God may continue to speak to you through your reading of the scriptures.

C: We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you and our FLC family as you use this Holy Bible. We will learn together and grow in our love for God's people and God's Word.

Bibles are now presented to the third graders.

L: Receive the Good News.

P: May you continue to grow in faith and the love of Christ.

Youth respond: Thanks be to God.

P: A Prayer, please respond after me.

Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me!" vs. 1 # 595

Congregation sing vs. 1 as families return to their seats.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Reading: Romans 3:21-28

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. Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message: "I Love to Tell the Story" #661

Congregation sings the refrain as the children come forward and return to their seats.

Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

***Gospel Acclamation** pg. 171 *Please rise.*

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

***Gospel: John 8:31-36**

P: The holy gospel according to St. John the eighth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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." The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon:

Pastor Chelsey Weech

***Hymn of the Day:** "I Love to Tell the Story" # 661

*** Nicene Creed**

P: Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

C: 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. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Share the peace with your neighbors.

Please be seated.

Special Music: Choir

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Please pass the Welcome Pad to those sharing the pew.

Our offering is a significant act of worship; we worship God through our giving. The ministry of this congregation is completely dependent upon your partnership and generosity.

Ushers will pass offering plates to you in each pew and then bring forward to the altar.

Please rise.

***Offertory: “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” # 752**

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

***Offering Prayer**

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***Dialogue**

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 our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy** pg. 173

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

***Thanksgiving at the Table**

P: 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.

***Lord’s Prayer**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

***Invitation to Communion**

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ushers will guide you up the center aisle. Receive a wafer, continue to the prefilled communion cups at the corner of the pews. Grape juice is clear. Please turn away from the trays when taking your communion and throw away your used cup.

After you receive communion, you may go to the altar for silent reflection.

Please be seated.

Communion Hymns

Lamb of God pg. 174

654 “The Church’s One Foundation”

Prayer After Communion

P: Let us pray. O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

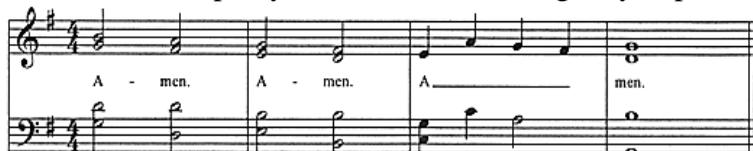
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



*Sending Hymn:

“This Little Light of Mine”

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*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Assisting In Our Worship

Organist - Jeanne Frank Cantor - Randy Roland

Reader – Rick Woolums Acolyte – Mason Minssen

Stewardship Record

Attendance - 63

Offering General Fund - \$2,446.00

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Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning, especially our guests. We invite everyone to sign the Welcome Pad during the offering. **All are welcome to receive the sacrament of communion!** Come, taste and see that the Lord is good. Ushers will guide you up the center aisle. For those who do not wish to receive communion, please cross your arms across your chest to indicate you would like a blessing. Welcome to the table.

This Week at First Lutheran

Today: 9:00 a.m. Worship & Communion, Reformation Sunday, 3rd Gr. Receive Bibles

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal; 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Class with Mentors

Next Sunday: 7:30 a.m. Men in Mission; 9:00 a.m. Worship & Communion, All Saints Day
10:15 a.m. Sunday School

Reformation bookmarks are available on the sanctuary table. Please take one today.

Third graders will receive Bibles today during worship. Students are Addison Robshaw and Avery Schanze. They will learn these Bible stories as they continue to grow in faith.

All Saints Day is next Sunday. We will be remembering those who have been called to eternal rest during the past year.

Daylight savings is next week. Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour.

Bishop Fidler to Preach at FLC on Sunday, November 20th. She is the new bishop that was elected at the Synod Assembly in June. Fellowship will be served by FLAG following worship. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Mitten Tree: FLC will be collecting mittens, gloves, scarves, sweatpants and socks donations for the children within our community. We will take donations on Sunday mornings November 6th and 13th. This collection will be given to the schools on Mon. Nov. 14th. Thank you!

Veteran's Photos: In observance of Veteran's Day, we are asking everyone bring in photos of your veterans for us to display. This presentation will be out for Sunday, November 13th.

Prayer Concerns

Tara Johnson, Sandy Plautz, Stan Urban, Luanne McDivitt, Burdette Sandrock, Dick Minssen, Ron Roselieb father of Rhonda Bohms, Emilie Ricknell mother of Lynda VanDyke, Lee Ann Trexler sister of Kerry Meyer, Caleb Cleaver great nephew of Lynda VanDyke, Rick Chapman husband of Mindy Chapman. Community members: Don & Sena Warkins.

Serving in the military: Charlie Davis grandson of Ken & Ellen Pannier, Brett Emery and Sean Pratt sons of Drew & Becky Emery, Donnie Appleman son-in-law of Larry & Lynda VanDyke, Patrick Kelly grandson of Kathy Kelly, Anna Olsen wife of Kent Olsen, Madison Scace great granddaughter of Burdette & Dea Sandrock, Kyle Ullmark grandson-in-law of Glenda Sampson.