



A Congregation of the
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REFORMATION SUNDAY



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Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...

an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome

This Is My Little Gospel Light, arr. Mark Albrecht



Hymn

A Mighty Fortress

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 - rious.
 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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WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

First Reading

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 (The Message, alt.)

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses climbed from the Plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, the peak of Pisgah facing Jericho. God showed him all the land from Gilead to Dan, all Naphtali, Ephraim, and Manasseh; all Judah reaching to the Mediterranean Sea; the Negev and the plains which encircle Jericho, City of Palms, as far south as Zoar.

Then and there God said to him, "This is the land I promised to your ancestors, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob with the words 'I will give it to your descendants.' I've let you see it with your own eyes. There it is. But you're not going to go in."

Moses died there in the land of Moab, Moses the servant of God, just as God said. God buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth Peor. No one knows his burial site to this very day.

Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eyesight was sharp; he still walked with a spring in his step. The People of Israel wept for Moses in the Plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses came to an end.

Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. The People of Israel listened obediently to him and did the same as when God had commanded Moses.

No prophet has risen since in Israel like Moses, whom God knew face-to-face. Never since has there been anything like the signs and miracle-wonders that God sent him to do in Egypt, to Pharaoh, to all God's servants, and to all God's land—nothing to compare with that all-powerful hand and all the great and terrible things Moses did as every eye in Israel watched.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90: 1-6



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Lord, you have | been our refuge
from one generation | to another.

**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth
were born,**

from age to age | you are God.

You turn us back to the | dust and say,
“Turn back, O child- | ren of earth.”

**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past
and like a watch | in the night;**

you sweep them away | like a dream,
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:

**in the morning it is | green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.**

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40 (The Message, alt.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Pharisees heard how Jesus had bested the Sadducees, so they gathered their forces for an assault. One of their religion scholars spoke for them, posing a question they hoped would show him up: “Teacher, which command in God’s Law is the most important?”

Jesus said, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.’ This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: ‘Love others as well as you love yourself.’

These two commands are pegs; everything in God’s Law and the Prophets hangs from them.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

We cannot transform our lives, unless we allow them to be transformed by that stroke of grace. It happens; or it does not happen. And certainly it does not happen if we try to force it upon ourselves, just as it shall not happen so long as we think, in our self-complacency, that we have no need of it.

Grace strikes us when we are in great pain and restlessness. It strikes us when we walk through the dark valley of a meaningless and empty life. It strikes us when we feel that our separation is deeper than usual, because we have violated another life, a life which we loved, or from which we were estranged. It strikes us when our disgust for our own being, our indifference, our weakness, our hostility, and our lack of direction and composure have become intolerable to us. It strikes us when, year after year, the longed-for perfection of life does not appear, when the old compulsions reign within us as they have for decades, when despair destroys all joy and courage.

Sometimes at that moment a wave of light breaks into our darkness, and it is as though a voice were saying: *"You are accepted. You are accepted, accepted by that which is greater than you, and the name of which you do not know. Do not ask for the name now; perhaps you will find it later. Do not try to do anything now; perhaps later you will do much. Do not seek for anything; do not perform anything; do not intend anything. Simply accept the fact that you are accepted!"*

If that happens to us, we experience grace. After such an experience we may not be better than before, and we may not believe more than before. But everything is transformed. In that moment, grace conquers sin, and reconciliation bridges the gulf of estrangement. And nothing is demanded of this experience, no religious or moral or intellectual presupposition, nothing but acceptance.

*The Rev. Killian Noe, founding director of **Recovery Café**,
a community-building center for people facing
homelessness, addiction, and other mental health challenges*

Why I Support Redeemer**Marques Highland**

The **Highlands** are the family that typically makes a commotion throughout the service. Sarah is an Occupational Therapist who runs her own business and also works hard to keep the kids from crashing Marques's Zoom meetings with his institutional investor clients. Rosalie loves being outdoors and is going to be a Monarch for Halloween. Malcolm is always on the go and will be an alligator next weekend.

Ministry of Music

We Are an Offering

arr. Mark Hayes
Karen Kent

Apostles Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**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.**

Community Prayers

Let us pray....

Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Pamela Andrews, Val Farnham, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's friend MaryAnn, Laura Warren's brother Walter Hudson and his wife Jan, Bill Boys, Doretha Holland, Dolores Brannigan's husband Dave, Shirley and Jack Miller, Deidre (DJ) Zimmer, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey, Ranel and Neil Hoddinott, Kathleen Zwanziger's brother Mark Zwanziger, Larry Trover, Earl Bradley's brother Fay Bradley, Kathy Mimlitch and family on the death of her brother George Nieman, family and friends of Amy DeLorenzo, Linda Williams and family on the death of Don.

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We take time to greet one another with words like Peace be with you.

Children's Time

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Creator God, you brought wholeness into creation through the caress of your hands and the breath of your mouth. In this intimate moment of creation we join the song of fish and birds, trees and flowers, humans and angels:

Congregation:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Holy God, holy imaginative God, you set your tree of life in the center of creation, enlivening the barrenness, breathing spirit across the dust. You created wholeness. Holy, God, holy compassionate God, you saw our brokenness and planted once again in the center the tree of life, the cross from which Christ rose to save and heal us. You reclaimed wholeness.

Holy Christ, holy healing, Christ, on the night in which you were betrayed, you took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to your followers, saying, "Take this, and eat! This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me." And after supper, you took the cup and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant, sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Each time you drink this, remember me."

Holy generous God, we remember Christ's life and death, his resurrection and ascension which renew the face of the earth. Shape us together on this earth, in the soil and rivers, in the sunshine and wind, in animal and human faces. Send your Spirit on this meal and on us, that we may share your bounty with the whole creation. Help us cry out with one voice for re-creation as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

The body of Christ, broken for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Sharing the Meal

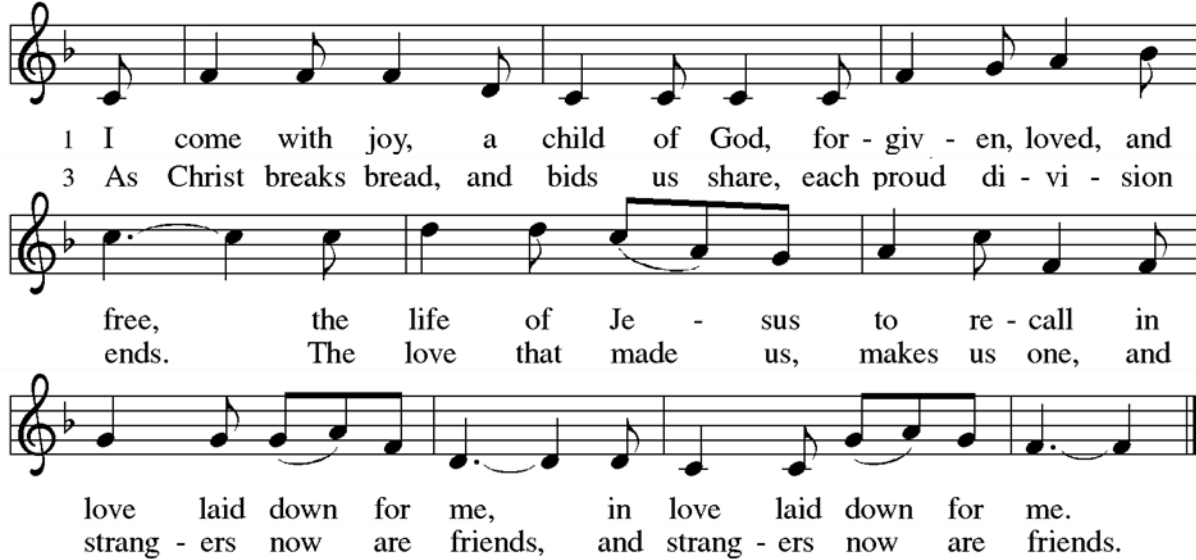
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Generous and faithful God, you have fed us at your table. May the nourishment we have received enable us to enrich the lives of others wherever we may go from here. Whether the future be dark or bright, the road be smooth or rough, whether our cares be light or heavy, our song be strong or weak, keep our hearts warm and our hands open, our lives ever embracing and ever embraced by your love. **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

Hymn

I Come With Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ, arr. John Carter

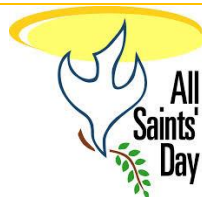
Our first act of love is to greet those standing near us and around us.

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On Sunday, 1 November, we will be honoring those who have been baptized (Isaac Marquez and Carson Spahn) and those who have passed on (Rose Varga, Bob Eakin, Gerry Stokes, Don Williams) since last All Saints' Day. We will take time for people in the congregation or watching online to light candles to remember their own loved ones. Consider this a "heads-up" to get candles and matches ready if you plan to attend virtually.

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister
Assisting Minister
ASL Interpreter
Cantor
Organist & Senior Choir Director
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director
Producer

David Shull, Pastor
 Judith Bird
 Tori Reed
 Wendy Stoica
 Kathy Rapp
 Karen Kent
 Tom Mimplitch

Noisy Offering will go to Kaleidoscope Youth Center.


THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER OCTOBER 25 – NOVEMBER 1

Today	10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education
Tuesday	1:00 pm	ZOOM Bible Study
	7:00 pm	ZOOM Journaling Workshop
Thursday	5:00 pm	RLC serves at First English Lutheran
Next Sunday	10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education



Birthdays this week:
 25 - Madeline Gosnell
 25 - Madalyn McGurer
 26 - Kennedy Jacobs
 26 - Avery Lee Martin
 26 - Krista Skipper
 27 - Brad Phillips
 29 - Brittany Rae Amon
 29 - Jeremy Davis
 30 - Martin Binau
 31 - John Caron

Adult Sunday School
 10 am Sundays
 Via ZOOM




WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ____?


Topic: Redeemer Sunday adult ed Zoom Meeting
 Time: Sunday mornings 11:15 AM

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83783266885?pwd=S3hqdl1dQR3lUbjdvYU9nWGk3MnI0dz09>

Meeting ID: 837 8326 6885
 Passcode: 043099
 Phone only: 646 876 9923



*Journaling
 Workshop
 7-8:30 pm
 4th Tuesdays
 Via ZOOM*



Tuesdays 1- 2:30 pm
The Book of Genesis
We'd love to have you join us via
ZOOM!

Topic: Tuesday Bible Study Zoom Meeting
 Time: Tuesdays 1:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting
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Meeting ID: 871 3736 6983
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 Phone only: 646 876 9923



RLC Serves
First English Lutheran
Church
Community Dinner
Thursday, October 29
Food donations and volunteers needed