

***Reformation Sunday***  
**October 30, 2022**  
**8:30 a.m.**

**Redeemer Lutheran Church and School**

*Reaching Out into the Community*  
*To Do What's Best for the Community*

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## Order of Worship

The worshipers are invited to sing or speak the words in **bold print** throughout the worship service.

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Call to Worship

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Luther/Hedge

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth see to work us woe  
His craft and pow’r are great, and armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God’s own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He  
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.**

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#### Confession and Forgiveness

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Through Baptism, the Holy Spirit raises us to a new way of living which starts in our hearts and minds, then branches out into our daily relationships with believer and unbeliever. It is life characterized by sacrifice, service, love, honor, prayer, blessing, humility, and peace, even toward those who seek to harm us. Paul writes in Romans 12:2 – *“Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern the good, acceptable and perfect will of God.”*

**Father, it is so hard to live in this world and not be influenced by it. We fail so many times. However, we are so thankful You do not base Your love and forgiveness on how well we live. You base it on how well Jesus did. He lived the perfect life, made the perfect sacrifice, and perfectly conquered death by His resurrection. I put my faith in Him. Forgive me for His sake and restore to me the joy of salvation. Through the Holy Spirit help me live in the world but not of it. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake God forgives you all your sin of mind, word, and deed. His resurrection guarantees it. You are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

#### Song of Praise

“Sing Wherever I Go”

Bergthold

*(Chorus)* **All my life, all I know, God’s been good, good to my soul.**

**Mountain high, valley low, I’m gonna sing wherever I go. *(Repeat chorus)***

**God is for me, He’s not against me. I will hold to the plans He has for me.**

**When I’m broken, He will fix me. I will call on the name of the Lord. *(Chorus)***

**He's my heartsong in my sorrow. He's my hope and my strength for tomorrow.  
When the storms rise all around me, I will call on the name of the Lord. (*Chorus  
twice*)**

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### ***Prayer of the Day***

**Lord Jesus, create in us a clean heart, and help us to always remain faithful to You.  
In Jesus name, Amen.**

### ***The First Reading***

Daniel 9:1-23 ESV

*Daniel pleads for the people's forgiveness.*

In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, by descent a Mede, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans—<sup>2</sup> in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of the Lord to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.<sup>3</sup> Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.<sup>4</sup> I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying, “O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments,<sup>5</sup> we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules.<sup>6</sup> We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.<sup>7</sup> To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, as at this day, to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which you have driven them, because of the treachery that they have committed against you.<sup>8</sup> To us, O Lord, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you.<sup>9</sup> To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him<sup>10</sup> and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.<sup>11</sup> All Israel has transgressed your law and turned aside, refusing to obey your voice. And the curse and oath that are written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out upon us, because we have sinned against him.<sup>12</sup> He has confirmed his words, which he spoke against us and against our rulers who ruled us, by bringing upon us a great calamity. For under the whole heaven there has not been done anything like what has been done against Jerusalem.<sup>13</sup> As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this calamity has come upon us; yet we have not entreated the favor of the Lord our God, turning from our iniquities and gaining insight by your truth.<sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord has kept ready the calamity and has brought it upon us, for the Lord our God is righteous in all the works that he has done, and we have not obeyed his voice.<sup>15</sup> And now, O Lord our God, who brought your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and have made a name for yourself, as at this day, we have sinned, we have done wickedly. “O Lord, according to all your righteous acts, let your anger and your wrath turn away from your city Jerusalem, your holy hill, because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and your people have become a byword among all who are around us.<sup>17</sup> Now

therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his pleas for mercy, and for your own sake, O Lord, make your face to shine upon your sanctuary, which is desolate. <sup>18</sup> O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. <sup>19</sup> O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name.” <sup>20</sup> While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my plea before the Lord my God for the holy hill of my God, <sup>21</sup> while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the first, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice. <sup>22</sup> He made me understand, speaking with me and saying, “O Daniel, I have now come out to give you insight and understanding. <sup>23</sup> At the beginning of your pleas for mercy a word went out, and I have come to tell it to you, for you are greatly loved. Therefore consider the word and understand the vision.  
This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Anthem*

“If I Have My Ticket Lord”

Moor – Middle School Choir

*The Second Reading*

2 Corinthians 5:11-21 ESV

*We are new creations in Christ.*

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. <sup>12</sup> We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. <sup>13</sup> For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup> For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup> and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. <sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.  
This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## ***The Gospel Reading***

John 8:31-38 ESV

*Only the power of Jesus can free us from our sinfulness.*

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,<sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”<sup>33</sup> They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’”<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.<sup>35</sup> The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever.<sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.<sup>37</sup> I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you.<sup>38</sup> I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ!**

## ***Children’s Message***

### ***Sermon Song of Praise***

“Raise a Hallelujah”

Helser

**I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies.**

**I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief.**

**I raise a hallelujah; my weapon is a melody.**

**I raise a hallelujah; Heaven comes to fight for me.**

*(Chorus)* **I’m gonna sing in the middle of the storm.**

**Louder and louder, you’re gonna hear my praises roar.**

**Up from the ashes hope will arise. Death is defeated;**

**The King is alive.**

**I raise a hallelujah with ev’rything inside of me.**

**I raise a hallelujah; I will watch the darkness flee.**

**I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery.**

**I raise a hallelujah; fear, you lost your hold on me. *(Chorus)***

**I raise a hallelujah. I raise a hallelujah.**

**I raise a hallelujah. I raise a hallelujah.**

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## ***Message***

### ***The Nicene Creed***

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under**

**Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### ***Prayers of the People***

#### ***Gathering of the Tithes and Offerings***

*(Please stand when the pastor stands and approaches the altar.)*

“The Animals are Comin”

Swofford – Middle School Choir

#### ***The Offering Prayer***

#### ***The Lord’s Prayer***

#### ***The Words of Institution***

#### ***The Sharing of the Peace***

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

#### ***Distribution Songs of Praise***

*(Holy Communion is a special meal for the baptized followers of Jesus. Jesus is present in the bread and wine. He says, “This is My body...This is My blood.” If you share this belief in His real presence, are repentant of your sins, and are baptized in the Triune God, you are welcome. Children who have not received instruction in the meaning of Holy Communion are invited forward for a blessing; please fold your arms in front of you. Wine is offered via the common cup and individual glass. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of each tray. Hand your connection card to the usher as you go up for communion..) (Please join in singing:)*

“Lamb of God”

Marty Haugen

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:**

**Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You are the way of mercy and love:**

**Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You are the bread of life for us all:**

**Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:**

**Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.**

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“Who You Say I Am”

Fielding

**Who am I that the highest King would welcome me.**

**I was lost but He brought me in. Oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for me.**

**Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed. I’m a child of God, yes, I am.**

**Free at last He has ransomed me. His grace runs deep**

**While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me Yes, He died for me.**

*(Chorus)* **Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed. I’m a child of God, yes I am.**

**In my Father’s house there’s a place for me. I’m a child of God, yes I am.**

*(Bridge)* **I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am.**

**You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am. *(Repeat Bridge)***

**I am who You say I am. *(Chorus)***

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“The Lord Is My Salvation”

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**The grace of God has reached for me, and pulled me from the raging sea.**

**And I am safe on this solid ground: the Lord is my salvation.**

**I will not fear when darkness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls.**

**I’ll see the dawn of the rising sun: the Lord is my salvation.**

*(Chorus)* **Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love.**

**My debt is paid and the vict’ry won: The Lord is my salvation.**

**My hope is hidden in the Lord, He flow’rs each promise of His Word.**

**When winter fades, I know spring will come: the Lord is my salvation.**

**In times of waiting, times of need, when I know loss, when I am weak.**

**I know His grace will renew these days: the Lord is my salvation. *(Chorus)***

**And when I reach the final day, He will not leave me in the grave.**

**But I will rise, He will call me home: the Lord is my salvation. *(Chorus)***

**Glory be to God the Father glory be to God, the Son, glory be to God, the Spirit;**

**The Lord is our salvation. *(Repeat)***

**The Lord is our salvation, the Lord is our salvation.**

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### *The Communion Blessing*

### *The Prayer of Thanksgiving*

### *The Benediction*

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

Forgiven and fed, you are now entering the mission field.

**Here am I, Lord, send me!**

Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

*Closing Song of Praise*

“Unstoppable God”

Brown

**Heaven thundered and the world was born.**

**Life begins and ends in the dust You form.**

**Faith commanded and the mountains moved.**

**Fear is losing ground to our hope in You.**

*(Chorus)* **Unstoppable God, let Your glory go on and on.**

**Impossible things in Your name, they shall be done.**

**Freedom conquered, all our chains undone.**

**Sin defeated, Jesus has overcome.**

**Mercy triumphed when the third day dawned.**

**Darkness was denied when the stone was gone. *(Chorus twice)***

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