



# OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



**FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION**  
**THE GOSPEL BRINGS TRUE FREEDOM**



# FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION

November 6, 2022

Lord, keep us faithful to your Word

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## PRESERVICE MUSIC

### Opening Hymn

CW 643

- 1 O God, our Lord, your holy Word was long a hidden treasure  
till to its place it was by grace restored in fullest measure.  
For this today our thanks we say and gladly glorify you.  
Your mercy show and grace bestow on all who still deny you.
- 2 Salvation true by faith in you— that is your gospel’s preaching,  
the heart and core of Bible lore in all its sacred teaching.  
In Christ we must put all our trust, not in our deeds or labor;  
with conscience pure and heart secure  
love you, Lord, and our neighbor.
- 3 Lord, you alone this work have done by your free grace and favor.  
All who believe will grace receive through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
And though the foe would overthrow  
your Word with grim endeavor,  
all he has wrought must come to naught;  
your Word will stand forever!
- 4 Since you are mine, my Lord divine,  
death holds no dreadful terrors;  
your precious blood, my highest good, has blotted out my errors.  
My thanks to you, your Word is true; fulfill your promise ever,  
and mercy give while here I live and heav’nly bliss forever.

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*Stand*

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

## **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

*CW 512 sts. 1–2*

- 1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
- 2 Crown him, ye martyrs of our God who from his altar call;  
extol the stem of Jesse's rod and crown him Lord of all.  
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod and crown him Lord of all.

Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto the One who sits on  
the throne,

**And to the Lamb, forever and ever.**

His blood sets us free to be the people of God.

*CW 512 sts. 3–4*

- 3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
- 4 Ye Gentile sinners, ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall;  
go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.  
Go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

## **Confession & Absolution**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant**

**sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.**

Jesus' death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. He said to his people, "*If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.*" Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life!

Fight the good fight of faith!

**For the Lord, the righteous Judge, has laid up for us a crown of life.**

CW 512 sts. 5–6

- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.  
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

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## **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, through the preaching of your servants, the blessed Reformers, you caused the light of the Gospel to shine forth. Grant that we may faithfully defend it against all enemies and joyfully proclaim it to the salvation of people everywhere to the glory of your holy name; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

# The Word

## First Reading

*Jeremiah 31:31–34*

<sup>31</sup>“The days are coming,” declares the LORD,  
“when I will make a new covenant

with the people of Israel  
and with the people of Judah.

<sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant

I made with their ancestors  
when I took them by the hand  
to lead them out of Egypt,  
because they broke my covenant,  
though I was a husband to them,”  
declares the LORD.

<sup>33</sup>“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel  
after that time,” declares the LORD.

“I will put my law in their minds  
and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,  
and they will be my people.

<sup>34</sup>No longer will they teach their neighbor,  
or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’

because they will all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest,”  
declares the LORD.

“For I will forgive their wickedness  
and will remember their sins no more.”

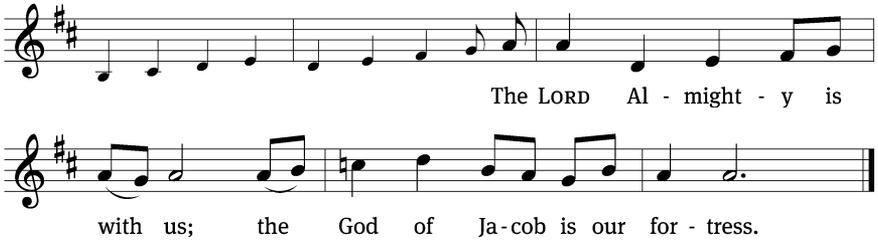
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# 46A The LORD Almighty Is with Us

Psalm 46A

## Refrain



The LORD Al - might - y is  
with us; the God of Ja - cob is our for - tress.

## Tone



God is our ref- / uge and strength,  
an ever-present help in / trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the / earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart / of the sea,  
though its waters / roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their / surging. *Refrain*

There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- / y of God,  
the holy place where the Most / High dwells.  
God is within her, she / will not fall;  
God will help her at / break of day.  
“Be still, and know that / I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted / in the earth.”  
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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## Second Reading

Romans 3:19–28

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup>This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup>God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— <sup>26</sup>he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. <sup>28</sup>For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand for the Gospel*

## Gospel

John 8:31–36

<sup>31</sup>To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup>Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

<sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## Sermon Hymn

CW 863

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
a trusty shield and weapon;  
he helps us free from ev'ry need  
that has us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe  
now means deadly woe;  
deep guile and great might  
are his dread arms in fight;  
on earth is not his equal.
  
- 2 With might of ours can naught be done,  
soon were our loss effected;  
but for us fights the valiant one  
whom God himself elected.  
You ask, “Who is this?”  
Jesus Christ it is,  
the almighty Lord,  
and there's no other God;  
he holds the field forever.

3    Though devils all the world should fill,  
      all eager to devour us,  
we tremble not, we fear no ill;  
      they shall not overpower us.  
This world's prince may still  
scowl fierce as he will,  
      he can harm us none.  
      He's judged; the deed is done;  
one little word can fell him.

4    The Word they still shall let remain  
      nor any thanks have for it;  
he's by our side upon the plain  
      with his good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life,  
goods, fame, child, and wife,  
      though all may be gone,  
      our victory is won;  
the kingdom's ours forever!

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## Sermon

## Jeremiah 31:31-34

### **“God’s Salvation Covenant - Signed in Blood!”**

1. The need
2. The terms

## Sermon Response Hymn



1. Stand fast, O Christ - ian, in God's Word a - lone.  
2. Stand fast, O Christ - ian; hope se - cure - ly place



By speech and deed its glo - rious light be shown  
In him who has re - vealed his sa - ving face,



That through the world the sa - ving faith be known. Al -  
By whom we now are just - i - fied by grace. Al -



- le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
- le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## Thank Offering

*Members of Our Savior's have joined together in love and faith to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry. Please sign the Friendship Registers.*

*Please stand*

## Prayer of the Church

*Based on Luther's prayer at the Diet of Worms (1521) as he faced the papal and imperial authorities*

Almighty, eternal God, out of the depths we call to you. The world opens its mouth to swallow your church, and our faith in you is too small to confront its lures and attractions!

**We confess the weakness of our sinful flesh. Satan deceives us daily. If we are to depend upon any strength from ourselves, all is lost. Help us, we beg, to withstand the ungodly way of life that the world has to offer.**

The work is not ours, O God, but yours. O Sovereign Lord and Creator, we have no way to satisfy your righteousness, nothing to contest the Deceiver's earthly power, nothing to mute its false attractions, nothing to uproot the rule of our sinful flesh.

**We would gladly pass our days in happiness and peace in an age awash with iniquity. Hear us, heavenly Father, for the cause is yours. Yes, Creator of all that is, your cause is righteous and everlasting. Vindicate your name among the nations!**

O all-seeing Lord, have mercy on your church. You understand our plight. We thank you for sending a messenger of peace to correct the times between life and death. This One is your Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior, who saves us from calamities that plague your church.

**You have chosen us to do your work. Therefore, O God, accomplish it by your will. Stand by your church each day in the name of Jesus, who is our shelter and shield, our mighty fortress. Through the strength of the Holy Spirit, such faith works joy and peace and willingness to serve a world in need.**

We are even ready to lay down our life for this cause, as were your servants Martin Luther and his fellow Reformers and Confessors, who forcefully stormed the kingdom of heaven to restore the gospel of your righteousness to its central place in Christian life.

**For the cause is holy. Though this world is filled with devils and though our bodies perish in persecution, your Word and your Spirit still remain. The church always needs reform as its message encounters the false and frivolous. But the Word of God stands firm forever. Amen.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow*

## **Lord's Prayer**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn**

**CW 862**

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;  
curb those who by deceit or sword  
would seek to overthrow your Son  
and to destroy what he has done.

- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,  
for you are Lord of lords alone;  
defend your Christendom that we  
may sing your praise eternally.
  
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,  
send peace and unity on earth;  
support us in our final strife  
and lead us out of death to life.

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***Thank you for worshipping with us!  
May God richly bless your week.***

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**Sincere Thanks** – Thank you to Pastor Walter Davidson for leading our worship service today.

**Serving the Pastoral Vacancy** - Pastor Jeff Mahnke from St. Peter Lutheran Church is serving as Our Savior's vacancy pastor. Should you need his pastoral guidance and service, call / text him anytime at 715.297.0132. His email address is [pastorm@mysaintpeter.org](mailto:pastorm@mysaintpeter.org).

Pastor Mahnke is out of town until Nov. 10. While he is away, Pastor Schnake will handle any pastoral emergencies or issues. His cell phone number is 715.348.2075.

**Call Meeting** - Our next call meeting is on Monday, Nov. 7 at 6:30 pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

**Saints Triumphant Sunday** - It has been our tradition on Saints Triumphant Sunday to remember our members who have fallen asleep in Jesus. We invite family members of those who've joined their Savior in heavenly glory over the past two years to join us for this special remembrance next Sunday, November 13.



**Veterans Day Lunch** - In honor of their service to our nation, we invite all past and present servicemen and servicewomen to attend Our Savior's Lutheran School's Veterans Day Dinner on Tuesday, November 10 at 11:15 AM. Please RSVP by tomorrow. Call the office at 715-845-3253 or email [OSInfo@oursaviorswausau.org](mailto:OSInfo@oursaviorswausau.org).

**Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors (OWLS)** - Our November meeting will be on Tuesday, November 8 at 1:30 pm at Our Savior's. We'll learn about the experiences Evan and Sandy Dobberfuhr had in developing a mission congregation for snowbirds in Gulf Shores, Alabama. It is amazing to see what God has planned for our lives even when we are on vacation! Last month we agreed to do a penny collection to help students at Our Savior's School with their mission gift to the Costa Maya Ministries in Mexico. Remember to bring your pennies! For more information call Ruth at 715-573-2142.

**Memorial** - We thank Audrey Jones for her gift to the Vision fund given in memory of Kristi Schultz Hough. Blessed be her memory. Thanks be to God for the love which led to this gift.



### **Thanksgiving Eve Worship**

Join us to worship and give thanks to our gracious God on Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 23, at 6:30 PM.

**Martin Luther College** is accepting applications for full-time Early Childhood Assistant Teachers, part-time Substitute Teachers, and a full-time Custodian & Grounds Worker.

**NLHS Fall Fruit Sale** – Pick up information and an order form in the narthex. Products have always been of excellent quality. Order some for your holiday celebrations or to give as gifts! Deadline is Nov. 28.

**Planting A New Mission Nearby** – The Core Group for mission outreach in the Kronenwetter area meets every Sunday evening at 6:00 pm at Northland Lutheran High School as they continue to make plans for an outdoor Nativity coming up December 16 & 17. All are welcome!

## This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ

<b>Today</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Reformation Worship Sunday School Bible Class (Luther Movie part 1)
<b>Monday</b>	5:30 PM 6:30 PM	Board of Education Call Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:30 PM	OWLS Meeting at OS
<b>Thursday</b>	11:00 AM 1:00 PM	Veterans Luncheon Ladies' Aid
<b>Sunday 11/13</b> <i>-Food pantry Sunday</i>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	<b>Saints Triumphant Sunday</b> Worship with Communion Sunday School Bible Class (Luther Movie part 2)

## Our Stewardship of God's Gifts: October 30, 2022

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Reduction</u>	<u>Publications</u>	<u>School Fees</u>
\$3,220.00	\$345.00	\$120.00	\$4.00	\$835.33

**Attendance:** 70 + 26 (online) = 96

### SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

- Minister – Rev. Walter Davidson
- Organist – Marie Kurth
- Ushers – Phil Brost, Travis Kurth  
*(Next Sunday – Sulko, Unruh)*



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