

Reformation Sunday



Sunday, October 25, 2020

11:00 AM

Holy Communion

First Lutheran Church, ELCA, Kearney, NE

Prelude

PRELUDE

“Delivered”

Casting Crowns

Sound Offering



Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of
the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the dark of night God calls to us; beckoning us on, seeking us out, calling us to peace, to quietness, to wholeness.

C: The world is dark around us, filled with coldness, fear and restlessness.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: It is a darkness of our creation:
Greed, hatred, envy: brokenness.

C: Take us and heal us of every
evil. Bring us back into the
comfort and closeness of your
embrace, O God.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Your cleansing love, O God,
purifies our darkness restoring it to
us: Warm, comforting, restful:
complete.

C: In the dark of our night we hear
God call, offering love, strength,
healing and forgiveness.

Confession and Forgiveness

Brief silence.

P: With God the darkness brings comfort
not fear, love not hatred, righteousness
not punishment. Walk in the darkness of
your life as in the light, for both the dark
and the light belong to God, as do you.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song

“Blessed Be Your Name”
Sound Offering



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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,
Sovereign God, raise your throne in our
hearts. Created by you, let us live in your
image; created for you, let us act for your
glory; redeemed by you, let us give you
what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

Word: Romans 3:19-28

**P: A Reading from Romans
the Third Chapter**



Word: Romans 3:19-28

P: ¹⁹Now 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.

Word: Romans 3:19-28

²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

Word: Romans 3:19-28

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.

Word: Romans 3:19-28

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.

Word: Romans 3:19-28

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.

Word: Romans 3:19-28

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.
(Romans 3:19-28)

Word: Romans 3:19-28

P: Word of God, Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God



Word: John 8:31-36

Please stand as you are able.

**P: A Reading from the Eighth Chapter
of the Gospel of St. John**

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Word: John 8:31-36

P: ³¹Then Jesus said to the Judaeans 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."

Word: John 8:31-36

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'?"

Word: John 8:31-36

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.

Word: John 8:31-36

³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

(John 8:31-36)

Word: John 8:31-36

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated.

Sermon

SERMON

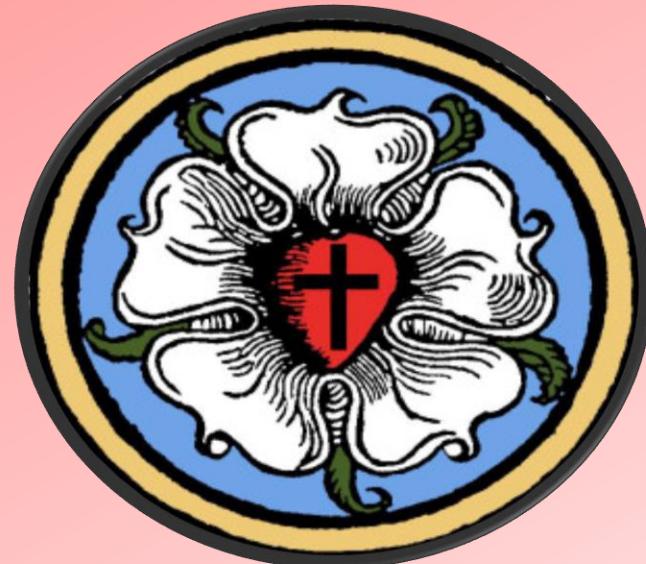
LET THE CHILDREN HEAR
Pastor Elisabeth Himmelman



Sermon Song

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

ELW #858



“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”, ELW #858

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!**

**O my soul, praise him, for he is your
health and salvation!**

**Let all who hear
now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”, ELW #858

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle,
up lifting sustaining.**

**Have you not seen
all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”, ELW #858

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper
your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend you.**

**Ponder a new
what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”, ELW #858

Praise to the Lord!

Oh, let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath,

come now with praises before him!

Let the amen

sound from his people again.

Gladly forever adore him!

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Prayers of Intercession

Prayers of the Church....



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P: With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Prayers of Intercession

P: Renew and inspire the church in the freedom of the gospel, O God. Where the church is in error, reform it. Where the church speaks your truth, strengthen it. Where the church is divided, unify it. Ignite in us the working of the Holy Spirit.

Prayers of Intercession

As the earth changes, as mountains shake and the waters roar, may we care for this planet as a holy habitation for all living things. Sustain all peoples and lands recovering from natural disasters of any kind.

Prayers of Intercession

Guide areas of the world divided or traumatized by conflict, especially in our own land. Free all from slavery, human trafficking, domestic violence, and protect all in harm's way.

Prayers of Intercession

Gracious host, our peace and our strength, we pray for our nation and the world as we continue to face uncertainties around coronavirus. Protect the most vulnerable among us, especially all who are currently sick or in isolation.

Prayers of Intercession

Grant wisdom, patience, safety and clarity to health care workers, especially as their work caring for others puts them at great risk. Give insight to researchers and scientists as they develop therapies and vaccines for COVID-19.

Prayers of Intercession

Guide us as we consider how best to respond in our families, congregations, workplaces, and communities. Give us courage to face these days not with fear but with compassion, concern, and acts of service, trusting that you abide with us always.

Prayers of Intercession

God of light, let your gentleness be known among those who are weary or ill. Bring hope to the hopeless. Release those living in bondage to debts, chronic pain, or addiction. Grant healing touch to those who are ill. We pray especially for....

Prayers of Intercession

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Even in death, you free us and give us a place in your house. We give thanks for our ancestors who have shown us truth and freedom, especially Martin Luther and those who work for the renewal of the church.

Prayers of Intercession

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be
with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offertory

“Our God” Sound Offering

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Offering Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: We come before you, O God, not out of fear, but full of love; a love that you have provided in extravagant generosity, enabling us to live as Christ in this world, empowering us to a compassion which sees everyone as a child of God,

Words of Institution

transforming us into people who love without reserve as you loved us when you sent your son, Christ Jesus, to suffer our death and bring us back to you through his resurrection from the dead.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was handed over 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.

Words of Institution

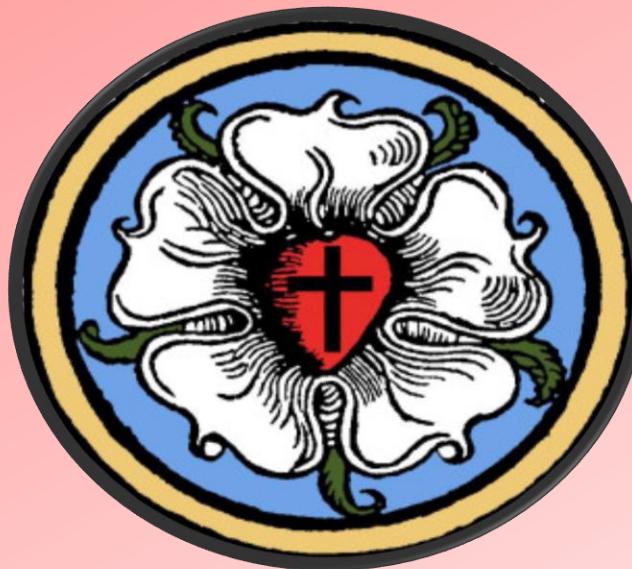
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Words of Institution

For from God, through God, with God
and to God are all things. All glory and
honor is God's, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray silently as Jesus taught us:



The Lord's Prayer

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.

Communion

You may be seated.

P: Taste and see that God is good!

P: In the receiving of one element, we receive all the gifts given to us in the Lord's Supper.

P: The body of Christ given for you.

Communion

Communion Music “Mighty to Save” Sound Offering



Prayer after Communion

P: We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us through
the healing power of this gift of life;

Prayer after Communion

and we pray that in your mercy you
Would strengthen us, through this gift,
in faith toward you and in fervent love
toward one another; for the sake of
Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: May the God of love and grace
keep you safe. May the God of
comfort and healing hold you close.
May the God of peace and joy sing
in your heart.

C: Amen.

Sending Song

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

ELW #504



“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”, ELW #504

**A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor’s rod
and wins salvation glorious.**

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”, ELW #504

**The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms Himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.**

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”, ELW #504

**No strength of ours can
match his might!**

We would be lost, rejected.

**But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.**

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”, ELW #504

**You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God’s only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.**

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”, ELW #504

**Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat’ning to devour us,
we tremble not,
unmoved we stand;
they cannot over pow’r us.**

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”, ELW #504

**Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.**

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”, ELW #504

**God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights
by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.**

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”, ELW #504

**Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom’s ours forever!**

Dismissal

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Let us serve our
neighbors.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

POSTLUDE

Sound Offering

