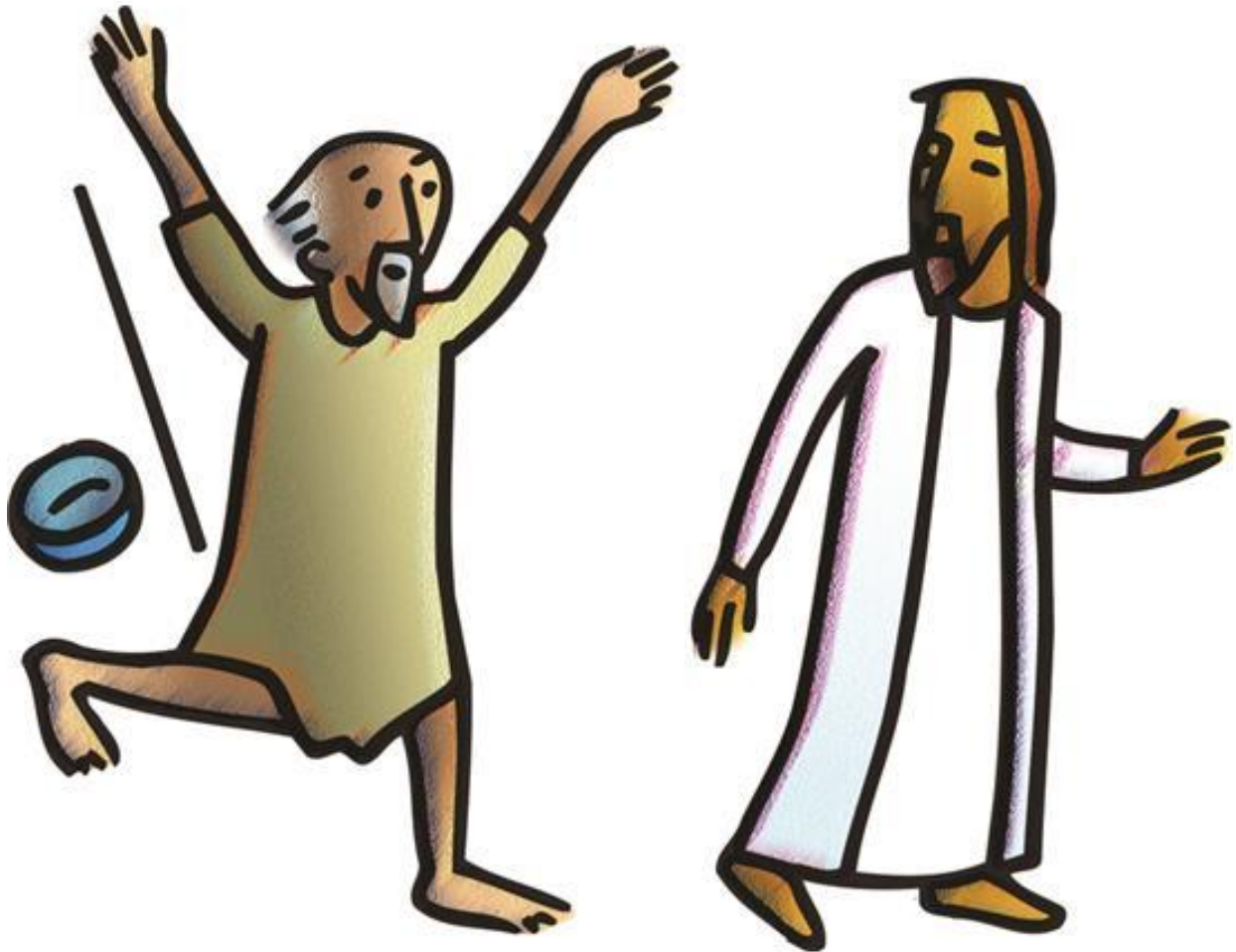


Reformation, Year B
October 27, 2024
Pastor Karen Jewell-VanBuskirk



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

GATHERING

Worship Volunteers
Assisting Minister: Kay Zastrow
Reader: Michael Zastrow
Altar Guild: Pat Petzel
Communion Assistant: Sheila Greenwood
Ushers: Dave & Mary Hansen
Video Tech: Doug Hanson

Welcome



1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
 3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
 and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
 oh, teach your wand - ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the † holy Trinity,

The one who fashions us,

The one who heals us,

The one who reforms us again and again. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Refrain

The Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray, Eternal light, **shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Bethel Choir

The Truth Will Make You Free

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

WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 46 (read responsively by verse)

¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**

³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Selah*

**⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

**⁶ The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice; the earth melts.**

⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

**⁸ Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

**¹⁰ “Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth.”**

¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now 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. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words. **Thanks be to God.**

Word for All Ages

Gospel Acclamation *God's Word is Our Great Heritage* Cranberry 509



God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;



to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.



Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while



time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

Gospel: John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹ Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They 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'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

Cranberry 517



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

Prayers of the People

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

Eternal Counselor, guide the church along your paths of mercy. Direct it to be a refuge where all are genuinely welcomed and their gifts are celebrated. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Nurturer, preserve natural places for rest and rejuvenation. Guide the work of conservationists, park managers, urban planners, gardeners, and all caretakers of natural spaces. Attune us to the wonders we disregard or fail to notice. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Wisdom, strengthen the voices of those who cry out for change to unjust systems. Give lawmakers, judges, and all those who occupy seats of power listening and compassionate hearts. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Compassion, train us to respond to the cries of those in any kind of need. Give encouragement and comfort to those who call out for relief from pain, grief, or oppression. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Servant, grant vision and wisdom to the church so that those who are in need are not ignored. May the command of Jesus to love our neighbor sharpen our focus for work in the kingdom. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For what else do the people of God pray?

Eternal Hope, may the legacy of the saints inspire us every day. We hold fast to the promise that we will be together in your presence forever. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

MEAL

Offering

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, **O God,**
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving *with explanations from the Nicene Creed from Luther's Small Catechism*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Mighty God, Gracious Lord, Generous Creator

You abundantly give us everything we have and everything we need: Shoes and clothing, work and home, family and friends, food and drink, all the necessities for this body and this life.

You protect us from danger and preserve us from evil.

And all this is done out of pure goodness and mercy without any merit or worthiness on my own part.

For this we owe God thanks and praise. **This is most certainly true!**

Into our world of sin you sent your only Son begotten in eternity, yet true human being born of Mary and yet Lord of all.

Jesus purchased and freed us from sin, from death, and from the power of the devil not with perishable things like gold and silver but by his own holy and precious blood.

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.

Christ is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally.

Christ has done all this in order that I may belong to him, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

This is most certainly true!

Since we cannot by our own understanding or strength come to believe in Jesus Christ our Lord or come to him,

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit to call us through the Gospel.

Enlighten us through her gifts, make us holy,

and keep us in true faith along with the whole Church.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and place until the last day

when the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead
and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life!

All glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church now and forever.
Amen. This is most certainly true!

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

Lamb of God (Setting 1)

Pg. 112-113





1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray, Holy God,
**you have welcomed us to this meal
 and fed us with dignity at your table.
 Send us now to welcome others
 and to be at peace with one another,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Cranberry 504A



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!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther
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Dismissal

The worship has ended! **Let the service begin! Thanks be to God!**

Fellowship hour continues in the lounge.

Funding for Mission & Budget

Monthly Receipts through 10/22/24	\$ 8,584.50
Monthly Budget Expenses:.....	\$18,743.00
YTD Receipts through 9/30/24.....	\$ 182,762.00
Yearly Budget.....	\$ 224,917.00

The Bethel Weekly

Fellowship Hour: Please, if you are able to help on a future date in November, sign up in the hallway.

Fall Clean-up: Thanks to all who helped inside and out! Your generosity of time is greatly appreciated.

Pastor Kim: Is away for Continuing Education, returning October 30th. Please contact the church office for any pastoral emergencies.

Money Counter: There is an opening on Team A which meets March & April and September & October. If you are interested in volunteering for this important ministry, please contact the church office.

Trunk Or Treat: Will be Thursday, October 31st from 4:00-6:00pm. Please come and greet the neighborhood kids with your decorated car and treats for some Halloween fun! If you would like to participate, please sign-up in the hallway.

All Saints & Invite Someone to Church Sunday: Is November 3rd. If you have a loved one who has died or been baptized since November of last year, please add their name to the sign-up sheets in the hallway. Let's all Invite a friend, co-worker, neighbor or family member to join us for worship this holy day.

Poinsettias: Orders are due November 21st. Order forms can be picked up in the lounge or the office. The poinsettias are \$10 each.

Salvation Army Senior Meal: is November 18th. Sign-up sheet for items to bring is in the hallway.

Handbags for Hope: In conjunction with the Resurrection Food Pantry, we are asking all the ladies to bring in any unwanted purses. Donations are also needed of travel size hygiene items such as toothbrushes, shampoo, lip balm, etc. to fill the purses prior to distribution. Suggestions can be found on the front of the bin in the lounge.

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