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REFORMATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 30, 2011

WELCOME to all who are visiting today! Our greatest desire is to share that wonderful message of forgiveness and eternal salvation for all in Jesus' name. We pray you will be drawn closer to Christ as the Holy Spirit nurtures us through God's Word in this service. Before you leave, please, take time to sign our guest register in the entrance way, and we hope you will join us every week as we gather as God's family in worship.

10:30am
WELCOME

MEDLEY: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

A mighty Fortress is our God, A trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'er taken.
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.

With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is, Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God; He holds the field forever.

"Everlasting God"

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord; We will wait upon the Lord; We will wait upon the Lord. Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord; We will wait upon the Lord; We will wait upon the Lord. Our God You reign forever, Our hope our strong Deliv'rer.

Chorus: You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God. You do not faint You won't grow weary. You're the defender of the weak .You comfort those in need. You lift us up on wings like eagles.

Bridge: Our God, You reign forever; Our hope our strong Deliv'rer. (*Chorus*)

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INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES:

- P. Let us celebrate the Reformation of the Church,
- C. GOD'S GREAT RENEWAL OF HIS PEOPLE THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.
- P. We have gathered to acknowledge our need for forgiveness, our awareness of what Christ has done for us,
- C. AND OUR ON-GOING FELLOWSHIP IN THE SPIRIT WITH ALL CHRISTIAN BELIEVERS.

CONFESSION OF SIN:

- P. Let us confess that we are justified and yet always sinners in need of Gods renewing word of forgiveness.
- C. HEAVENLY FATHER, WE CONFESS WE TAKE FOR GRANTED THE TREASURE OF THE GOSPEL. WE ARE WILLING TO RECEIVE YOUR GRACE WITHOUT PRAISE, SERVICE, AND OBEDIENCE TO YOU. LORD OF THE CHURCH, FORGIVE US FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS CHRIST. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE:

- P. The church always needs renewal,
- C. BECAUSE THE CHURCH IS COMPRISED OF SINNERS IN NEED OF FORGIVENESS.
- P. By the amazing grace of God, you and I are always new creations by virtue of our baptism in Jesus Christ.
- C. LORD, BY YOUR SPIRIT, RENEW YOUR CHURCH. AMEN.

SONG: "Amazing Grace" (My Chains Are Gone)

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.
- 2.'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

Chorus: My chains are gone, I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.

3.The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures. (*Chorus x2*)

4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine. But God who called me here below, will be forever mine, will be forever mine. You are forever mine.
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PRAYER

EPISTLE READING: Philippians 3:12-21

12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. 15 All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. 16 Only let us live up to what we have already attained. 17 Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. 18 For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:33-43

33 "Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and went away on a journey. 34 When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. 35 "The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. 36 Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. 37 Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. 38 "But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' 39 So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40 "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" 41 "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time." 42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?" 43 "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

SONG: "Lord, Most High" (cong. & choir sing echo and chorus)

Verse: From the ends of the earth (echo) From the depths of the sea (echo)
From the heights of the heavens (echo) Your name be praised (all)
From the hearts of the weak (echo) From the shouts of the strong (echo)
From the lips of all people (echo) This song we raise Lord (all)

Chorus: Throughout the endless ages, You will be crowned with praises, Lord Most High
Exalted in every nation, Sovereign of all creation, Lord Most High, be magnified.
(repeat verse)

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SERMON: Isaiah 5:1-7 "What More Can Jesus Do?"

(A sermon outline with the Scripture reading is printed in the bulletin to aid your meditation on God's Word)

SONG: "Grace Alone"

1. Ev'ry promise we can make, ev'ry prayer and step of faith, ev'ry diff'rence we will make is only by His grace. Ev'ry mountain we will climb, ev'ry ray of hope we shine, ev'ry blessing left behind is only by His grace.

Chorus: Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown He will provide.
Christ in us, our Cornerstone, we will go forth in grace alone.

2. Ev'ry soul we long to reach, ev'ry heart we hope to teach, ev'rywhere we share His peace is only by His grace. Ev'ry loving word we say, ev'ry tear we wipe away, ev'ry sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace. (Chorus)

End... We will go forth in grace alone.

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OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP

(Please sign fellowship book at end of pew.)

ANTHEM: "Walk in the Light"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

P. O Lord, renew your church on earth,

C. THAT WE MAY SERVE YOU FAITHFULLY.

P. Raise up among us preachers and teachers of your truth,

C. THAT THE GOSPEL MAY BE HEARD, BELIEVED, AND SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

P. Where the people in your church are divided,

C. BY THE POWER OF YOUR SPIRIT UNITE IT AGAIN AS ONE.

P. Where we are stalled and ineffective in our ministry together,

C. BREATH NEW LIFE INTO US.

P. When we lose our way,

C. LEAD US ONCE MORE INTO YOUR TRUTH.

P. Where we have gone wrong,

C. CORRECT US, O LORD, AND REFORM US.

P. We pray for the sick and recovering, especially...*(special requests)*...that they may know your comfort.

C. BRING HEALING, O GREAT PHYSICIAN, AND PATIENCE AND ENDURANCE IN TRIAL.

P. We pray for peace among the nations,

C. THAT A WORLD AT PEACE MAY COME TO KNOW CHRIST WHO IS OUR PEACE.

P. We pray for those whose Christian faith takes them in harm's way, especially...*(special requests)*... as they sacrifice and place themselves at risk for the sake of others physically and spiritually.

C. GIVE YOUR ANGELS CHARGE OF THEM, LORD, AND KEEP THEM SAFE.

P. We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ,

C. OUR SAVIOR AND LORD OF THE CHURCH. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: *(Spoken together)*

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.

BLESSING

SONG: "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, When strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ, I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sins' s curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

November 13th and 27th – 10:30 Service

Isaiah 5:1-7

"What More Can Jesus Do?"

1 I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. 2 He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. 3 "Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. 4 What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? 5 Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. 6 I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it." 7 The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are the garden of his delight. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

1. Why do we think asking God to do more would be good?
2. What more could God have done to bless his Old Testament people?
3. What are we implying when we always want God to do more to prove himself to us?
4. What makes us so sure God has supplied us with everything we need?
5. In what ways are our lives like the vineyard that:
 - A. Was planted on a fertile hillside?
 - B. Was cleared of stones?
 - C. Had a watchtower?
 - D. Had a winepress?
6. What happens when we lose sight of all Jesus has done for us?
7. Why did our Lutheran forefathers always point people back to Jesus?

