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Reformation Sunday

Resurrection 
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Be Free Indeed

John 8:31-36

- October 31, 2021 -

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

10:00 am– Worship Service



*Flowers are given by Melina Mantey
in celebration of the survivors of domestic violence,
and in memory of those who have lost their lives.*



WHAT TO EXPECT

- ◆ **Masks are required even for fully vaccinated people.**
- ◆ **There will be no sharing of the peace before service or receiving line after church to maximize social distancing.**
- ◆ **Please do not attend church or other church activities if you have a respiratory illness or feel like you are coming down with one for at least 14 days after your full recovery.** Family members should not attend either.
- ◆ **Offering collection: We will not be passing the collection plate during the offertory.** Please either drop your offering in the collection plates by the door or give online. Alternatively, you may mail a check to the church office.
- ◆ **Communion will be coming in prepackaged hosts and cups, of both wine and grape juice. We are planning on having communion only 2 times a month (1st and 3rd Sundays.)** Pastor will consecrate the communion elements during the service and we will commune together in the service at the designated time for communion. There will be a receptacle at the door for disposing the supplies upon leaving the sanctuary.
- ◆ **We will no longer be doing a temperature check at church, but do ask you to self monitor your temperature at home before coming to church.**

October 31, 2021 10:00 am Service

PRELUDE

Please be quiet during the prelude to help set a worshipful tone for those worshipping online.

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” *BWV 1103 ... J.S.Bach*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION

P: God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.

C: So we will not fear, even if earthquakes come, and the mountains crumble into the sea.

P: Let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

C: The Lord Almighty is here among us; the God of Israel: Father, Son + Holy Spirit is our fortress! Amen!

OPENING HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress” *LSB 657 verses 1, 2, 4*

A Mighty Fortress is our God,
A trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath 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.

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?
Christ Jesus it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there is none other God;
He holds the field forever.

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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.
Were they to take our house,
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Through life be wrenched away,
They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God of Life and True Freedom: may Your light shine on Your people today, as it shone in each moment of history. May the light of Your presence inspire this celebration, and inspire our lives, to praise You and recognize You, as source of all creation, as strength that sustains, as sap that nurtures, as wisdom that foresees, as clarity that discovers, as love that understands, and as mercy that forgives. May the light of Your presence, eternal and inextinguishable, shine on us now and forever till the dawn of Your Kingdom comes.

C: Amen!

ORDER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Reforming God,

C: We pray for ourselves and Your church throughout the world. Fill us with a spirit of openness to Your Spirit, to hear and receive Your promises and to keep our covenant with You. Where we are corrupt, purify us. Where we are in error, direct us. Where we are in need, provide for us. Where we are divided, reunite us. And where we are close-minded, reform us and make us new. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: We rejoice for Christ is the way, the truth and the life. He is our peace, who breaks down the walls that divide, who gives us, through the Holy Spirit, ever-new beginnings. In the name of the Father, Son, and + Holy Spirit receive freedom, forgiveness, and reconciliation!

C: Amen!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Psalm 46

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

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RESPONSIVE HYMN

“God’s Word Is Our Heritage” *LBW 239*

God's Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way;
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant while time shall last
Your Church may hold it fast
Throughout all generations.

GOSPEL READING

Gospel Reading: John 8:31-36

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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C: And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

SERMON HYMN

"For Freedom, Christ Has Set Us Free" *Songs of Grace #31*

Tune: Ellecombe -LSB 906

"For freedom, Christ has set us free!"

What joy is ours to claim!

No more enslaved, humanity

Finds life in Jesus' name.

We try, Lord, to be justified

Through all the works we do.

Yet you adopt us, saying, "Child,

It's Christ who makes you new."

We're clothed in Christ and we belong;

Now no one waits outside.

In him we find our common song;

Old ways no more divide.

"It is no longer I who live,

But Christ who lives in me."

He died for us, new life to give —

And new identity.

Now, Spirit-filled, may we be led

From ways that would destroy.

May we your people turn instead

To lives of love and joy.

May we find peace that makes us whole

And patience everywhere.

God, give us kindness, self-control,

And hearts and hands that share.

MESSAGE

Be Free Indeed

John 8:31-36

Pastor Matthew Mantey

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

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"Give to RLC" button at resurrection-lcms.org*

PRAISE SONGS

“You Never Let Go”

Even though I walk
Through the valley
Of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught
In the middle
Of the storms of this life
I won't turn back, I know You are near

And I will fear no evil
For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear
Whom then shall I fear

Chorus

Oh, no, You never let go
Through the calm
And through the storm
Oh, no, You never let go
In every high and every low
Oh, no, You never let go
Lord, You never let go of me

And I can see a light
That is coming
For the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end
To these troubles
But until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the Earth

And I will fear no evil
For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear
Whom then shall I fear

Chorus

Bridge 2x

Yes, I can see a light
That is coming
For the heart that holds on
And there will be an end
To these troubles
But until that day comes
Still I will praise You
Still I will praise You

Chorus 2x

“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 the 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,
Sin'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;
'Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(After each portion of the prayers)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,
C: **hear our 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.

BENEDICTION

P: 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.
C: **Amen!**

CLOSING SONG

“Freedom Is Here”

The future comes alive
You speak Your Word, and I
Am running into Your love
'Cause I have seen Your light
You bring my world to life
I'm coming after Your love

Chorus

I'm not shaken, I'm not letting go
Everything comes alive
In my life, as we lift You higher
You let Your freedom arise
In our lives, as we lift You up
Sing it out, sing it out
Your freedom is here

You take the limits off
No matter what the cost
I'm running after Your call
And I will run this race
And see You face to face
So let Your power overflow

Chorus

Bridge

I will not fear
I will not hide Your love, Your love
All of my life
I cannot deny Your love

Chorus

POSTLUDE

During the postlude please remain quiet in your seats or move into the lobby to have conversation to help keep it worshipful for those watching online.

“A Mighty Fortress” ... David Cherwien

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor: Matthew Mantey
A/V Techs: John Lambuth, Robin Thomas
Elder: Joe Thomas
Reader: Martin Lindeke
Worship Team: Dale & Suzy Lindeke

In Our Prayers:

- **We ask your freedom come upon all those who are ensnared by sin and the things of this world, whether they know it or not.** By the power of your Holy Spirit give them a revelation of your true everlasting freedom. Use us to share your living freeing Gospel with them by loving them, rather than fighting and arguing against them.
- **Pour out your Spirit upon the teachers and theologians of the Church.** Cause them to hand on, as of first importance, the Gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ. Bless church schools, colleges, and seminaries, that they should write your words upon the hearts of many.
- **We lift up for safety and continued thankfulness all those who work throughout the wind storms and heavy rains along the West Coast.** We ask you to be with and protect first responders, utility workers, and tree removal crews. Let us show our appreciation to them and share your love with them.
- **We reflect your image and freedom in how we love, care and pray for the world.** We pray for those around the world who as Christians face imprisonment and martyrdom. We pray for those who countries torn by civil war. We pray for those living in poverty. We pray for those who live in starvation. We pray for those who are being used in slave labor, child labor and sex labor. We pray for our region as this Tuesday we vote for new leadership in different places. Lord, may we put into action our love, care and prayers for the world.
- **We lift before you the needs of all whose lives are shaken by suffering.** Be in their midst, and let them not be overthrown. Give them your saving help, and say to them, 'be still, and know that I am God.' Restore them to health and hope, that they may proclaim the awesome things you have done.

Reformation Zoom Bible Study Questions

Be Free Indeed

Read John 8:31-36. What is significant about the face that Jesus speaks this passage to believers? What ensnared believers of him in that day? What ensnares us today?

Where is it our true freedom comes from? How might we experience this today and everyday? What habits might will this freedom change?

How can we share the freedom of Christ with, both believers and non-believers, who are ensnared by things of this world? How might those conversations look the same? How might they be different?

Read Philippians 2:5–11. How does this attitude of Christ look different than the freedom media and others proclaim in our nation? How does living as Christ lives bring true freedom?

How does the line about letting the mind of Christ be in us affect how we read about Christ's humiliation and exaltation? As believers in him, how does his humiliation and exaltation become ours and how might we live it out in this world?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to RLC as this morning we celebrate the Reformation!

Martin Luther would not have liked us to celebrate him, so next week we celebrate the reforming work of the Gospel in all of our lives. We will be looking at John 8:31-36 and will explore how we can be free indeed. We will then explore how are we to live with this freedom? Do we live focused on doing whatever we want because we are free? Or is this freedom imparted to us for a purpose of serving? Thanks for wearing red and joining us on this Reformation Sunday to lift hands in worship and explore these questions.

Church Directories Are OUT!

Check your mailboxes for the new 2021 church directories! Also let us know if you would like the electronic version, but did not get it.

Next week at 10 am join us for All Saints' Sunday!

We look forward to seining in person or on facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/rlcdesmoineswa> at 10am to celebrate All Saints' Sunday! This is a day were we remember, with joy, all the saints of the Lord who have passed this past year. We do it with joy because we hold firm to the hope of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the Resurrecting work he does to this day! Once again please join us for this special time!

Zoom Bible Study Continues this Wednesday!

Join us this Wednesday at 7pm as we continue our Online Zoom Bible Study. We will be focusing on texts of the Reformation and how they impact they way we live free as followers of Christ.

Service on Nov. 14th will be led by the Elders with Pastor sharing via video!

We just wanted to give you a head's up that Pastor will be out of town on Nov. 14th so the service will be led by elders with Pastor giving the message via video. Please pray for safe travels for he and Melina as they visit family in Boise that week.

Stewardship Thought-John 8:31-36

God knows we need help. You know we need help, if you have ever struggled with sin with all your might and still come up short. And Jesus promises us that help. He promises to set us free: "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." How can He set us free? Because of who He is—Son of God and Son of Man. Because of what He has done—because He has paid the price for our freedom through His suffering, death, and resurrection. Because of His love for us, which gives us our freedom as a gift with no strings.

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm

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