

— St. Andrew Lutheran Church —

REFORMATION
SUNDAY

— October 31, 9:00 AM —



ORDER OF ONLINE WORSHIP

PRELUDE *“A Mighty Fortress is Our God” (arr. John Leavitt)*

WELCOME

LITANY OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

HYMN *“A Mighty Fortress is Our God” (John Rutter)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

READINGS

Romans 3:19-28

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. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

John 8:31-36

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” 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’?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON *“The Not-So-Spiritual Retreat That Changed the World”*

OFFERING

OFFERING OF MUSIC *“Here I Stand” (Tim Graf)*

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

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.

BEFORE YOU GO

BENEDICTION

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
† be upon you now and forever. Amen.

ANTHEM *“Alleluia (from Cantata 142)” (J. S. Bach, arr. Ehret)*

SENDING

POSTLUDE *“Thy Strong Word” (arr. Tim Graf)*

The pastors of St. Andrew: Pastor David Lillejord, Senior Pastor; Pastor Gail Bach, Pastor of Stewardship & Evangelism; Pastor Matthew Ian Fleming, Pastor of Teacher & Young Adults; Pastor Peter Johnson, Pastor of Service & Small Groups, and Pastor Roger Schindel, Visitation Pastor

The musicians for today’s worship: Tim Graf, Worship and Music Coordinator; Larry Bach, Choir Director; Jodi Edstrom; Josh Eidem; Matthew Ian Fleming; Elliana Meier; Canticle Choir, and Brass Ensemble

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Hans Wiersma

Prayers

As a community of faith we are connected through joy, sorrow, worship, and prayer. Please pray for the people listed below. Your prayers are greatly appreciated!

We ask for God's loving embrace to hold all those who mourn, especially:

*Diane Pederson and family on the death of her father, Omer Ness
Family and friends of Helen Nielsen-Eckstein on her death
Steve Starks and family on the death of his mother, Ramona Carolyn Starks
Amy Sasik and family on the death of her father, Dale Hetland
Lynn Boldt and family on the death of her husband, Gordy

Prayers of Mourning:

- Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear my voice. **Psalm 130:1-2**
- For I am convinced that neither death nor life... nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 8:38-39**
- Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die'. **John 11:25-26**

As we are praying for all members of the St. Andrew community, this week we pray especially for God's comfort, healing, protection, and strength to be present with:

*Gail & Dave Feneis' daughter, Angie
*Ralph Hanson's sister-in-law
*Dave Goble's brother, Ron
*Danny Santulli
Sherri Anderson
Joyce Harstad
Emmie Wilson
Ralph and Mary Hanson's friend Pat Kielb

Long Term Prayers

Prayers for our Haitian friends: safety and protection from COVID-19 during daily trips to the market because of no refrigeration in homes and for the struggling Haitian economy and challenged electrical grid

Sheryl Ebert's mother, Dorothy
Grace Olson
Dave & Sherri Anderson's daughter, Sarah Anderson-Jacobson
Rhonda Allen's sister, Mila Krause
Ron Wolfbauer
Marilynn Boorsma's son, Mark
Julie Bergquist's cousin, Kathy Wesley
Dick Smith
Paul & Marjean Skoog's sister-in-law, Lois
Marcia Lund's sister, Jenni Fick

- Seeds of Support Mission in Haiti requests you ongoing prayers for our friends in Haiti. Haiti is experiencing a political and economic crisis that is producing widespread frustration among the population. Fuel shortages, food shortages, and general hopelessness are common. Please pray for Redemption Lutheran Church of Jacmel and all our friends there. Our mission will continue in evolving and vital ways to support their ministry.
- All those in the military serving our country

General Prayers:

- Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you. **Psalm 55:22a**
- Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. **Matthew 11:28**

* New this week; names will remain listed for three weeks unless otherwise requested.
To add a name to the prayer list, click the 'Prayer Request' button on the homepage of our website or contact Pastor Peter at pastorpeter@standrewlu.org.