

# 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

## Reformation Sunday

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
October 27, 2024  
8:15 & 10:45 AM

### Holy Communion

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, setting into motion the Protestant Reformation. For many years, churches that bear his name have celebrated the nearest Sunday as Reformation Sunday. The liturgical color is red to signify the presence of the Holy Spirit, the renewing presence of God. In the last century, the Holy Spirit began to connect churches in an ecumenical movement that has brought a unity unimagined just a few generations ago. Lutherans and Roman Catholics have agreed on the doctrine of justification by grace through faith. By continuing to use the appointed readings for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost we read the same Scripture as Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, United Methodists, Episcopalians, the United Church of Christ, and others that use the lectionary.

In that Spirit, we continue to use green for the Time after Pentecost. It's appropriate that we add a new tablecloth, painted on silk by Kristen Gilje, when the earth bursts into summer bloom, to signify that the church is, indeed, growing, changing, and flowering in beautiful ways for a new generation of faithful people. Of course, every year, we have the option to choose texts for either occasion, allowing us to use green or red. For today's liturgy, themes of Word, reformation, grace, freedom, and unconditional love are woven together with the Bartimaeus story. Perhaps all of us are having our eyes opened in new ways.

### Gathering

Prelude *Partita on A Mighty Fortress* Charles Callahan

### Land Acknowledgment

+Gathering Hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* 504  
*Instrumental Interlude between Stanzas 3 & 4*

+Greeting

(+) indicates that the assembly stands. Please stand as you are able.

## +Prayer of the Day

God of Grace, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against fear and hatred, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**


## Time with Children

### Hymn

*Listen, God is Calling*


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*Refrain*  
Leader All




Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,  
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

*1* *2*




ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.  
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All



Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.  
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news  
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.  
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*



Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.  
that he came to save us and set us free.  
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.  
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

## Thanksgiving for the Word

+Gospel Acclamation 8:15

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Choir 10:45

*God's Love*  
Alleluia!

+Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

*After the Gospel is announced, the assembly responds: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

<sup>46</sup> As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>48</sup> Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>49</sup> Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” <sup>50</sup> So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” <sup>52</sup> Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

*Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again. Recognizing Jesus' identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him "Son of David" in the Gospel of Mark.*

*After the Gospel has been read, the assembly responds: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

Sermon



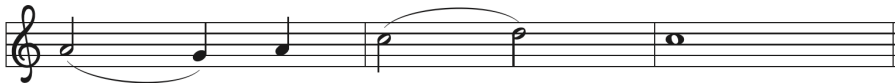
1 Found - ed on faith, the church— a - live by grace—  
 2 Your cross, O Christ, re - news our life each day.  
 3 E - quipped by prayer, we live the Spir - it's call.  
 4 Grow - ing in grace for God's cre - at - ed earth,  
 5 Found - ed on faith, called forth, em - pow' red to serve,



pro - claims the gos - pel here and ev - 'ry place.  
 Bap - tized in you, we learn and teach and pray.  
 Em - pow' red to serve with gifts, both great and small,  
 we yearn for jus - tice, peace, and hu - man worth;  
 we share God's end - less love with - out re - serve.



The word of God re - sounds through time and space:  
 Fed by your love, with thank - ful hearts, we say:  
 we bring the liv - ing hope of God to all.  
 a world re - stored; a faith - ful, car - ing church.  
 Then let us shout a - loud the liv - ing Word!



Al - le - lu - ia!

+Prayers of Intercession

After each petition: God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Meal

+Peace

Offering 8:15

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*  
 Matins Singers

Dale Wood

10:45

*What Does the Lord Require of Us ?*  
 Schola Cantorum

Mark Burrows

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**We hail you as our Savior, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without your grace we waste away  
like flow'rs that wither and decay.**

**Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,  
and make us rise to fall no more;  
oh, let your face upon us shine  
and fill the world with love divine.**

+Great Thanksgiving

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We praise you, all-holy God,  
for the universe,  
for seas and forests and fields,  
for the waters of Wittenberg and for rivers in Minnesota,  
for our ancestors,  
for prophets, reformers, and agents of change,  
for Martin and Katie Luther,  
for teachers that centered the church in grace, freedom,  
and a love that is unearned and comes without condition,  
for seminaries and social services and mission outposts,  
for every expression of the church,  
and for this gathered assembly.  
**We give you thanks, O God.**

We praise you, O God, for Jesus Christ,  
who saves us from brokenness and oppression,  
who is present as our rock,  
who on the night before he was betrayed,  
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.

We remember your Word,  
present in scripture, proclamation, and in the voices of children,  
his presence in this meal,  
as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Send your Spirit on these gifts of creation,  
on this assembly, here and online,  
inspire your people for changes that are on the horizon;  
continue the reformation of your church;  
and renew the world with your mercy,  
with your healing, your justice, and your peace,  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

We praise you, all-holy God, the Holy Trinity,  
Mighty Fortress, Generous Companion, Light of Life,  
on earth you have no equal; the kingdom is ours forever.  
**Let it be so. Amen.**

**Our Mother,  
 Our Father in heaven,  
 hallowed be your name,  
     your kingdom come,  
     your will be done,  
     on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins  
     as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial  
     and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power,  
     and the glory are yours,  
 now and forever. Amen.**

## +Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*We trust that the love of Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of holy communion. All are welcome.*

- *Receive a cup from the usher.*
- *Come first to the bread station. If you need gluten free bread, please tell the server.*
- *Receive the wine from the silver chalice or juice from the pottery chalice.*
- *Place the cup in the basket and return to your seat.*

*If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher, and communion can be brought to your seat..*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
 way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymn

*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

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Choir 10:45

*Word of God Came Down on Earth*  
Chancel Choir

John Ferguson

Hymn

*By Grace We Have Been Saved*

ACS 1006

*Refrain*

By grace we have been saved— saved by grace through faith,

not be-cause of what we do; it is the gift of God.

1 On the days when you are weak, on the  
 2 Rest your bod - y, rest your mind, in the  
 3 You don't need to be a - fraid. You will

days when you are strong, rich or poor,  
 still - ness you will find you're a love - ly,  
 nev - er be a - lone. There is mer - cy,

*Refrain*

young or old, just lis - ten to the song.  
 pre - cious child, part of the great de - sign.  
 there is hope, and love will take you home.

## Sending

+Prayer after Communion

+Blessing

+Sending Song

*Rise, Shine, You People!*

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*Please face the cross  
as the assembly is  
sent into the world.*



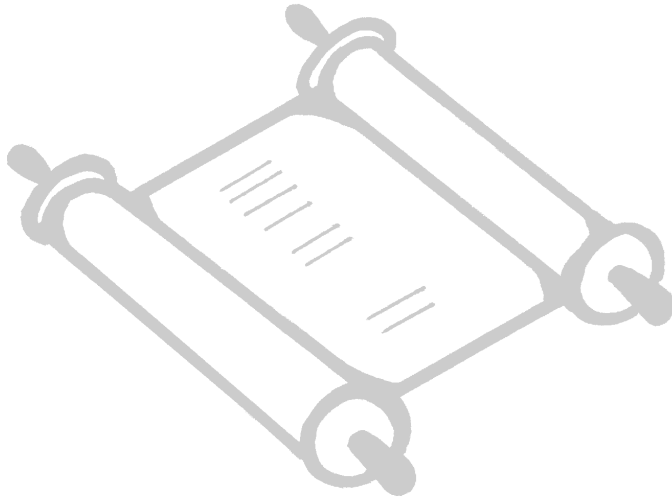
+Dismissal

Go in peace. The truth has freed us.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*A Mighty Fortress*

David Cherwien



**Altar Flowers** given in celebration of Cara Sjodin and Scott Stensrud's  
30th Wedding Anniversary.

**Donut Holes** given by Louise Finkelstein in honor of her parents' anniversary.

	<b>In Worship Today</b>	
	<b>8:15 a.m. Service</b>	<b>10:45a.m. Service</b>
Presiding Minister	Pastor Bradley E. Schmeling	Pastor Bradley E. Schmeling
Preacher	Deacon Ashley Greenwood	Deacon Ashley Greenwood
Assisting Minister	Cheryl Stever	Kate Ostrem
Communion Assistants	Beth Ann Ahlers, Marcia Ballinger, Annetta Gardner, John Henrich, Sarah Henrich, Kristine Oberg, Janelle Peterson	Sharon Ingersoll Dunbar, Michael Ostrem, Wren Saveraid, Tomina Schmitz, Hazel Thrasher, Anita Young, Jon Young
Crucifer		
Acolyte	Alexandra Ishaq, Liam Ishaq	Charlotte Giorgi, Soren Mechelke
Hospitality Team	Scott Stensrud, Cindy Hanson-Best, David Hanson-Best, Cara Sjodin, Frank Stever	Tom Giorgi, Carole Arwidson, Erica Giorgi, Bridget Kane, Jenny Peterson
Sacristan	Ellen Whitted	Ellen Whitted
Altar Service	Jill Stewart, Barb Veath	Charlie Knutson, Liz Knutson
Audio/Visual -Video	<i>not applicable</i>	Thor Carlson
Audio/Visual-Audio	John Teipel	Peter Ostrem
Audio/Visual-Titles	<i>not applicable</i>	Steve Teipel
Organist	Timothy Strand	Timothy Strand
Pianist	Dennis Friesen–Carper	Dennis Friesen–Carper
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