

+ **Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost** +

Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)

October 29th, 2023

+ **Festival of the Reformation** +

(* = stand as you are able; LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship-green book;
+ = hymn requests; WOV = With One Voice Hymnal-blue book)

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Parish News

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| * Opening Hymn | <i>A Mighty Fortress is our God</i> | LBW #229/ 228 |
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First Prayer: *(16th century Saxon Church Order)*

Lord God, Heavenly Father, we pray that you would give us your Holy Spirit. Keep us in your grace, protect us in all temptations, defend us from all enemies of your Word for the honor of your name; and give to the whole Christian Church on earth your gracious peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34 A lesson from Jeremiah:

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. 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. 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. 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: 46 (Tones: single – 50; double – 9)

God is our ref/uge and strength,*

a very present / help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the / earth should change,*
though the mountains shake in the heart / of the sea;
though its waters / roar and foam,*
though the mountains tremble / with its tumult.
There is a river whose streams make glad the ci/ty of God,*
the holy habitation of / the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall / not be moved;*
God will help it when the / morning dawns.
The nations are in an uproar, the / kingdoms totter;*
he utters his voice, / the earth melts.
The Lord of / hosts is with us;*
the God of Jacob / is our refuge.
Come, behold the works /of the Lord;*
see what desolations he has brought / on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end / of the earth;*
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the / shields with fire.
Be still, and know that / I am God!*
I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted / in the earth."
The Lord of / hosts is with us;*
the God of Jacob / is our refuge.
Glory to the Father, and / to the Son,*
and to the / Holy Spirit;
as it was in the begin-/ ning, is now,*
and will be forev- / er. Amen.

Second Lesson: Romans 3:19-28 A lesson from Romans:

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.**

HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:31-36 Glory to you, O Lord.

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

Children's Sermon/Homily

Deacon Tom Collins (Evan/ St. J)
Pastor Paul Messner (St. M/ Atone)

* Hymn of the Day

Built on a Rock

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RESPONSE

* Nicene Creed

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* Prayers of the Church

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First Intercession:

Merciful Father, your Spirit is always reforming the church to make your kingdom come, yet we may not notice as we look at all its faults. Rouse us from our own convictions to be faithful to your Word, that we may enjoy a foretaste of eternal freedom.

* Sharing of the Peace of the Lord

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Offering (plates at the door)

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* Offertory

Let the Vineyards

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* **Offertory Prayer:**

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Ever living Father, we thank you for a love which will not let you free yourself from our need. Defend us from all idolatry of things that we may enjoy, bringing offerings and being captive to your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

* Great Thanksgiving/Dialog

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Preface & Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

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*** Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

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*** Post Communion Blessing & Canticle**

Lord, Now You Let

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*** Post-Communion Prayer:**

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O Lord, in the bread and wine of this Eucharist we have the sign of your death which makes us free. Inspire us to accept your weekly invitation to commune with you, that we may grow in truth and be at peace. You are the Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING

*** Benediction**

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Sending Song:

Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow

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(St. 3-women, St. 4-harmony, St. 5-Men, St. 6-quietly, St. 7-Boldly)

Dismissal

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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+OCLP+

+ We welcome TBA to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John

+ Next Sunday TBA will lead worship at Atonement and St. Matthew

+Thanks to all who have continued faithfully to send in offerings to each congregation. All bills are current! If you are not yet able to come, please continue to mail them in. Thanks!

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Readings Through This Week

See website: <https://www.otsegocountylutheranparish.com>

+Prayers of the Church+

(Please take this prayer list home and use with your personal devotion time)

+Atonement+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Joan Lambiaso, Rebecca Pollack (Joan Carman), Bridgette Shepardson (Thompson), Rene Prins, Heather Mendoza, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Rita Nelson, Thoranne Winkler, Monica Koulis (Winkler), Valerie England, Jennifer Carman, Lisa Cooper (Syvertsen), Janna Benston (Sherrill), Gary Williams, Jill A. (Cindy), Jason Pallack (Carman), Barb Delaney (Serra-Lima/ Winkler), Stash Tarka (Thompson), Jim Baker, John Cook, Florence Jelliffe (Heaney)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Joan Carman

For young adult: Anna Boerner

+Evangelical+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Yvonne Cornell, Alex Reynolds (C. Butts), Marilyn Urbiss (Burda), Roz Winne (C. Butts), Janet Underwood (Burda), Gloria Hendricks, Susan Howard, John & Pam Miller, David Glynn, Bill Jacobson (D. Brown), Kenny Medor (Butts), Joan Ackerman (Butts), Ansley (Butts), Wendy Wenck Craighill (Miller), Julie Sharrett, Lynne Hecker, Roberta Rowland Raybold, Elsie Wells, Davin Ruffles (Messner)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: John & Pam Miller

For Young Adult: Tyler Loewenguth

+St. Matthew+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Scott Forbes, Tina Keator, Sherrie Roy (Lawyer), Barbara Gesile, Gina Pywar, Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggers), Cathy Walsh (Stevens), Owen Basher (Marsh), Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy Parsons, Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Alan & Linda Peeters, Corinne Pollak, James Wikoff (Hulbert), Vicky Vesely (Bush), Helmut Boehl, Anna Elwyn (Rose Nelson), Ellie Bauman, Carol Evans, Patti Hulbert, Howard Turnbull (Stevens), Ann and Mike Monahan, Gus Pfeuffer, Carol (Nelson) Doane, Lynn Robinson, Robin Bush

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Connie Dabreau

For Young Adult: Zac Dobler

+Beyond the Parish+

For healing in body, mind and spirit: Jackie Hesse (Lawyer), Rosemary Pepe (Eggers), Dorothy Fernandez, (Eggers), Dick Armstrong, Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson),

Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Pr Lynn Ash, former President Jimmy Carter & 1st Lady Rosalyn Carter, David Wolff, Davilynn Cifonelli (Doane-Nelson), Kathryn Morris (Messner), Sue Stevens (Mansbach), Joe Bales (Messner), Dave Powell (Simmerly), Tyler Brazinski (Messner), Dorcas Brown (Christine Brown), Alen Brown (Christine Brown), Karen Flaherty (Crouthamel), Davin Ruffles, Dave Delker, Vinny Mortellaro (Messner), Pat Wheeler (Serra-Lima), Marilyn Gonzalez (Messner), Dave McDermott (Messner)

For those preparing for marriage:

For those preparing for childbirth:

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:

In the Foothills Conference: That the Church may continue to be “Re-Formed” under the guidance of the Holy Spirit; Deacons and Deaconesses of the Lutheran Churches, and all who minister to the sick, lonely and destitute

National/ International Concerns: For all refugees and migrants; victims of violence in our communities; those struggling with economic conditions, food insecurity, and homelessness; the people of Ukraine and Russia; for the victims of the terrorist attacks and war in Israel, Gaza, and Lebanon

**+Blessed are the Dead+
Who Die in the Lord**

+ Parish News and Notes +

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 10/22

(a "pericope" is a selected reading from scripture used as a lesson at worship)

To be truly "free" is to "continue in (Jesus') Word" - for His Word IS the truth that brings freedom in our relation to God and this world (Gospel). YHWH speaks (this time through Jeremiah) to make a new Covenant with His chosen people, and to declare He will no longer remember their sin (1st lesson). "Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God", the way to eternity and a close relationship with God, is "through faith in Jesus Christ" (2nd lesson).

+Reformation Sunday 10/31

"Ecclesia semper reformanda": the Church is ALWAYS in need of being reformed. Martin Luther (1483-1546) saw this. He experienced it. He lived it! He challenged the institutional church of his day to re-form by returning to its origins and exorcising that which was not of God.

"God remembers our sin no more" (1st lesson). We are "justified by faith" (2d lesson). The Son makes us free indeed!" (Gospel). Thanks be to God!

Weekly Worship Practice:

When entering the sanctuary, please do so in a quiet manner so as not to disturb parishioners who choose to pray and reflect silently before the service begins. Coffee hour provides a warm and receptive environment for fellowship and conversation. Thank you!

Readings Through This Week

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Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Comm. Asst. Asst. Minister Lector Cantor *Altar Care Ushers/Greeters Coffee Hour Acolyte/ Crucifer Sound System Bell Ringer Church Cleaner	Robert Loitsch Robert Loitsch Laura Sherrill Denise Richardson Ethan Temming	Dan T Gabe L Gabe L Cindy L & Esther Esther H Pelcer	Robin Bush Jim Crouthamel Victoria Stevens

Attendance & Offering Statistics

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
10/22			
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
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**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ THIS WEEK +

- +Tuesday 11/2: Election Day
- +Tuesday 11/2: St. Matthew 1st Tuesday Supper?
- +Wednesday Services:
 - 7:30am St. Matthew
 - Noon Evangelical
 - 7:00pm Atonement
- +Thursday 11/4: St. Matthew Worship & Music, 5pm
- +Thursday 11/4: St. Matthew Council meeting, 7pm
- +Saturday 11/6: OCLP Quarterly Deacon's Breakfast @ Evangelical

+ COMING UP +

- +Next Sunday 11/7: All Saints Sunday
- +Sunday 11/14: Atonement Council meeting follows worship
- +Wednesday 11/17: Evangelical Council meeting, 12:30pm