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*Reformation Day*

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*St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church exists by the grace of God to be the body of Christ in Holbrook. Therefore, we proclaim God's word to the world, teach the faithful, administer the sacraments, and show the love of Christ in care for our community.*

### **Serving in God's house**

Presiding Minister: Rev. George Kirkup

Readers: Lennox Debra

Organist: Doreen Leonard

Prelude

Ein Feste Burg ist unser Gott

J. Walther

*Stand*

**Blessed Jesus, at Your Word**

*LSB 904*

1 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word we are gathered all to hear You.

Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear You,  
By Your teachings, sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love You solely.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
Till Your Spirit breaks our night with the beams of truth unclouded.

You alone to God can win us; You must work all good within us.

3 Gracious Savior, good and kind, Light of Light, from God proceeding,  
Open now our heart and mind; help us by Your Spirit's pleading.

Hear the cry Your Church now raises; hear and bless our prayers and praises.

△4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord, praise to You and adoration!

Grant that we may trust Your Word, confident of our salvation,  
While we here below must wander, till we sing Your praises yonder.

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I... forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

*Psalm 34*

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O LORD,]  
and shall not be put to shame.

**I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.

**Come, O children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

The LORD redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O LORD,]  
and shall not be put to shame.

**C** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**P** Glory be to God on high:

**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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FIRST READING

*Revelation 14:6–7*

**A** The First Reading for the Festival of the Reformation is from the Revelation to St. John, chapter fourteen.

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

*Psalm 46*

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;  
God will help her when morning dawns.

**The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**Come, behold the works of the LORD,  
how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

**“Be still, and know that I am God.**

**I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”**

The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

EPISTLE

*Romans 3:19–28*

**A** The Epistle is from Romans, chapter three.

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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ALLELUIA

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HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 11:12–19*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

“But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

“‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*LSB 657*

1 A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;

He breaks the cruel oppressor’s rod and wins salvation glorious.

The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe.

With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.

2 No strength of ours can match his might. we would be lost, rejected.

But now a champion comes to fight, whom God Himself elected.

You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He,

Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God’s only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.

- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,  
 We tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us.  
 Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage.  
 His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.
- 4 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,  
 Though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The Kingdom's ours forever!

SERMON

**“When All Is Said and Done”**

*Stand*

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT TO RECEIVE THE WORD

BENEDICTION

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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** Amen, amen, amen.

Glory Be to God the Father

LSB 506

- 1 Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,  
 Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
 Glory, glory while eternal ages run!
- 2 Glory be to Him who loved us, washed us from each spot and stain;  
 Glory be to Him who bought us, made us kings with Him to reign!  
 Glory, glory to the Lamb that once was slain!
- 3 Glory to the King of angels, glory to the Church's King,  
 Glory to the King of nations; heav'n and earth, your praises bring!  
 Glory, glory to the King of glory sing!
- 4 Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;  
 Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.  
 Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!  
 Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
 The Lord bless you. The Lord keep you. Alleluia. Amen

*In Holy Communion, our Lord invites us to eat and drink His true body and blood. In preparation for this sacrament, each communicant will examine himself and come to the Lord's Table seeking forgiveness of sins. As the catechism says, "a person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.'" Therefore, we expect all communicants to have been baptized, instructed in the Christian faith, repent of their sins, and believe that Jesus here offers His true body and blood for their forgiveness.*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** It is truly meet right and salutary ... evermore praising God and saying:

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**

**heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

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### NUNC DIMITTIS

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**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** **and His mercy endureth forever.**

### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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### PAULINE BENEDICTION



**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Joyce Barbagallo, Barbara, Terry Stapleton, Kathy Cecere, Tara Grey, Lenora Debra, Linda Konecny, Zachary Pompee, Ralph Ciniglio, David Perry, Richie LaPresti, Lydia Foley,

**CHURCH MEMBERS:** Paul Cataldo, John Wimmer, Rich & Betty Kuerner, Arlene Enz, MaryAnne Boucher

**OUR SHUT-INS:** Charles & Ethel Nenstiel, Tom Maher

**THOSE IN THE MILITARY:** Mark Kummer (USN), Kristine Broger (USA), Michael Deck (USAF), Patrick Ullrich (USA)

**OUR CHILDREN:** Andrew Zeo, Liam Balroop, Thomas Cataldo, Mars Crowley

**FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN'S:** Nancy Cataldo, Rebecca Shannon, Erin Nicole Kuerner, Ken Skjeveland, Bonnie Krumsiek, Jacquelyn Berntsen, Frank Sandmeyer, Balmick Persaud, Beth Laine Mattarella, Bob Selkirk, Carolyn Gronlund, Shirley Koenig

Tuesday 10:00AM – Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesday 6:30PM – Confirmation Class

Saturday 11/9 – Craft Fair

Sunday 11/17 12:00PM – Congregational Meeting

For the next two weeks we will be collecting a special offering for hurricane relief.