



# Reformation Sunday

OCTOBER 31, 2021

# Good Hope Lutheran Church

## REFORMATION SUNDAY FREEDOM TO BE THE PEOPLE OF GOD

October 31, 2021

10:30 a.m.

### The Introduction

*The Gospel of God's love in Jesus Christ sets us free from the law of sin and death. Freedom suggests absolute liberty to do whatever we choose and to be whatever we decide. God accomplishes our salvation in the life and death of Jesus Christ. On account of this, we are set free to be the people of God, to work in the kingdom of God, and to live as the people of God.*

### The Prelude & Meditation

### The Ringing of the Bell

### The Welcome & Announcements

\*The Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #229

### \*The Opening Dialog

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

P: God is our refuge and strength,

**C: a very present help in trouble.**

P: For years of grace and inspiration

**C: we give thanks to God.**

P: God's presence today

**C: fills us with life and hope.**

P: The promised kingdom of God

**C: is ours for now and always.**

P: The Lord of hosts is with us;

**C: the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: God's abundant grace has been poured out upon us. We have been called to faith by the power of the Holy Spirit through His holy Word. Yet we continue to rebel against our God, and we daily sin much. Let us therefore confess our sins to God, our merciful Father.

(Silence for personal confession)

P: What is confession?

**C: Confession has two parts.**

P: What is the first part?

**C: That we confess our sins,**

P: What is the second part?

**C: That we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

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P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire

forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

\*The Hymn of Praise

*“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* #565

\*The Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**All: Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all enemies of Your Word, and bestow on the Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The First Reading

-Jeremiah 31:31-34

*The Lord announces a brand new covenant to the houses of Israel and Judah.*

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 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.**

The Second Reading

-Romans 3:19-28

*Paul clearly states that we are justified by faith apart from works of law.*

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 Verse & Responses

*“Alleluia...”*

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\*The Holy Gospel

-John 8:31-36

*The Son of God frees us from slavery to sin.*

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 Sermon

The Hymn of Response

Apostles’ Creed

"In God We Believe"

(sung to the tune of "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise")

[Tune: St. Denio, LBW 526]

In God we believe: the Creator whose pow'r  
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.  
He graciously grants us our years and our days  
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.

In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured.  
True God and true man once the cross He endured  
To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.  
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.

God's Spirit at work in our lives we confess;  
With power and truth the Church now He does bless.  
As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall then  
Be living in glory forever. Amen.

\*The Prayers

\*The Lord’s Prayer

\*The Hymn      “*The Church’s One Foundation*” #369

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

\*The Silent Prayer

\*The Postlude

\*Congregation stand if you are able

**WELCOME** to all who have joined us for worship this morning. If you are a visitor, please sign the guest registry and do come visit us again. May the Lord bless each of us.

**THE OFFERING TODAY** is for Benevolence. The offering next Sunday is for Current Expenses.

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE**

Tues., Nov. 2	Election Day
Wed., Nov. 3	9:30 a.m. Pastor's Study
	7:00 p.m. Confirmation on Zoom (check in by 6:45)
Sat., Nov. 6	<b>Set clocks BACK one hour at bedtime</b>
Sun., Nov. 7	9:15 a.m. Sunday School
	10:30 a.m. Worship/ All Saints Sunday

**THE PARSONAGE PHONE** number rings to Pastor Kim & Bess' home. You can reach him on his cell phone 605-759-5415 (preferred) or the parsonage phone, 928-2552. Thank you!

**IF YOU ARE** the last one to leave the church please turn off the lights on your way out! Thank you!

**IT IS TIME** for Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts. What a wonderful way to tell the world about the Good News of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Please consider packing a box or two, praying for the child as you pack it, and donate \$9.00 per box for shipping. Drop your box off at church by **Nov. 21** for delivery.