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Reformation Sunday with Affirmation of Baptism
October 31, 2021 † 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The assembly stands as they are comfortable. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

GREETING p. 138

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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE p. 139

Refrain S 140



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

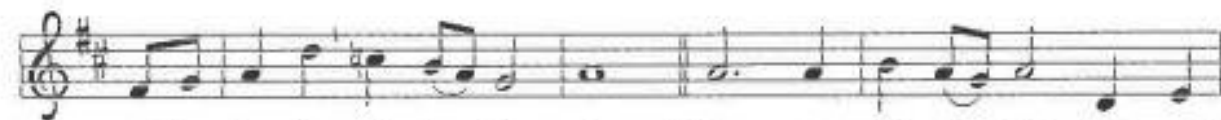


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.


Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, 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 all enemies of the gospel, 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.**

ANTHEM (9:00 service)

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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.**

PSALM: Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰**"Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

A reading from Romans.

¹⁹Now 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. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For 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.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION p. 142

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

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

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They 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’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY 504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our Go**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious,
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

(Pastor) Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Presentation [Confirmands stand in the pews]

(Confirmation Leader) I present:

Matthew Bradley Blumberg (11:15 service)
Erick Jamel Drew-Council
James Thomas Ehl
Brendan Charles Graf
Hailey Shea Wilcox

who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

(Pastor) Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers,
whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called them to yourself,
enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit,
and nourished them in the community of faith.

The gifts and promises of baptism,
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

Profession of Faith

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly. The assembly rises as able.

*People of God and Confirmands: Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Affirmation

(Confirmation Leader) In your baptism, your parents and sponsors and the church made commitments for each one of you: to share your life with God's faithful people; to teach you the word of God; to bring you to the Lord's Supper; to serve all people, following the example of Jesus; to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. You have been taught to love God, love yourself, and love others. Now it is your turn to make these commitments for yourselves. I invite the family and sponsors of the confirmands to come forward:

Matthew Bradley Blumberg (11:15 service)
Erick Jamel Drew-Council
James Thomas Ehl
Brendan Charles Graf
Hailey Shea Wilcox

[Pastor lays hands on Confirmand and invites the family to do so. For each confirmand:]

Name, do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism?

Confirmand: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

God, pour out your Holy Spirit on **Name**, whom you have marked with the cross of Christ.

[After all Confirmands have received laying-on of hands:]

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their continued life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, for the baptism of these young people. Through water and the Holy Spirit you give them new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Father in Heaven, for Jesus' sake stir up in them the gift of the Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Confirm their faith; guide their lives; empower them in their serving; give them patience in suffering; and bring them to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Acclamation

(Confirmation Leader) Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

We pray for all who long for a word of truth and for the radical grace that flows from the cross. Inspire congregations to freely and boldly proclaim your love for all people with persistence and hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for your creation, for mountains, rivers, streams, cities, homesteads, and neighborhoods. Write in our hearts a new love and care for creation. Give us the will to curb wasteful habits and to hold accountable those who neglect the vulnerable. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who aspire to public office, especially the District 12 and 13 Legislature candidates and for all who will vote on Tuesday at local polling places. Pour wisdom and understanding upon all who govern so that communities of justice and peace may thrive. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who long for healing in mind, body, or spirit, especially Carol, Martha, Judy, Frank, Wayne, Nicholas, Rocky, and Noelle; all on the prayer list; all people affected by COVID-19; and those we name before you now (pause), that all may be healed. Strengthen hospitals, clinics, counseling centers, nursing homes, and recovery centers to be holy spaces of renewal that all might live the abundant life you intend. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who seek to grow in faith and love of you. Guide teaching and learning in confirmation, small groups, Sunday school, youth groups, schools, seminaries, and universities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for all the saints and reformers who have gone before us who dwell in your holy habitation, especially Gay, Marion, Kathy, Penny, Salvatore, Linda, Audrey and Ruth.

Give us courage through their example to challenge unjust systems and work toward life-giving reformation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

(Pastor) Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

Amen.

PEACE p. 143

OFFERING

Thank you for continuing to make your contributions in support of the ministries of Saint Andrew's, by mail or by visiting our website to set up online giving.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

DIALOGUE AND PREFACE p. 144

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

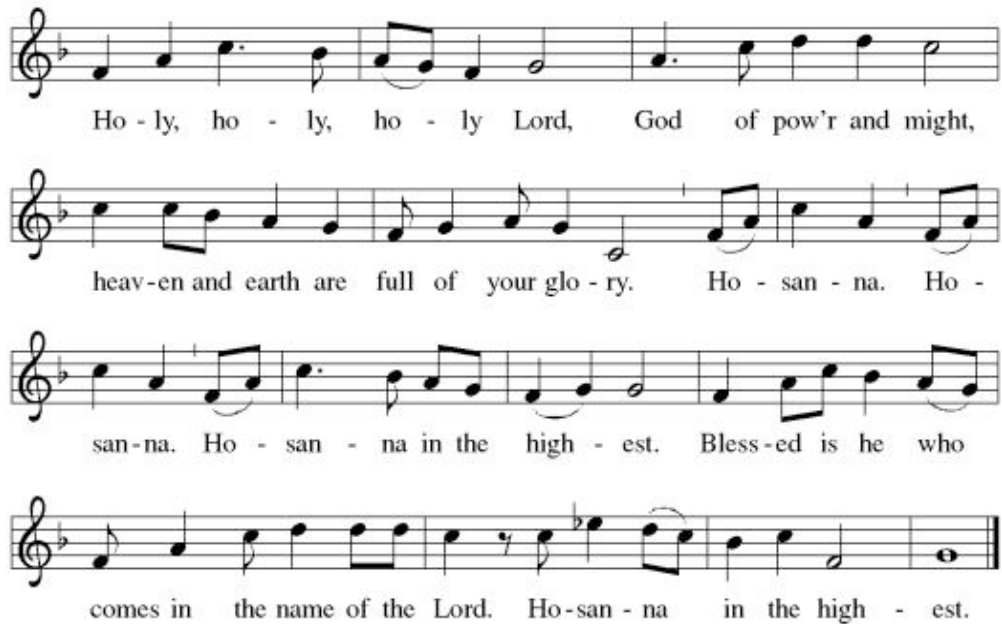
We lift them to the Lord.

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,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus 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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.**

COMMUNION p.146

All who hunger and thirst, come.
The table is ready.

LAMB OF GOD

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.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

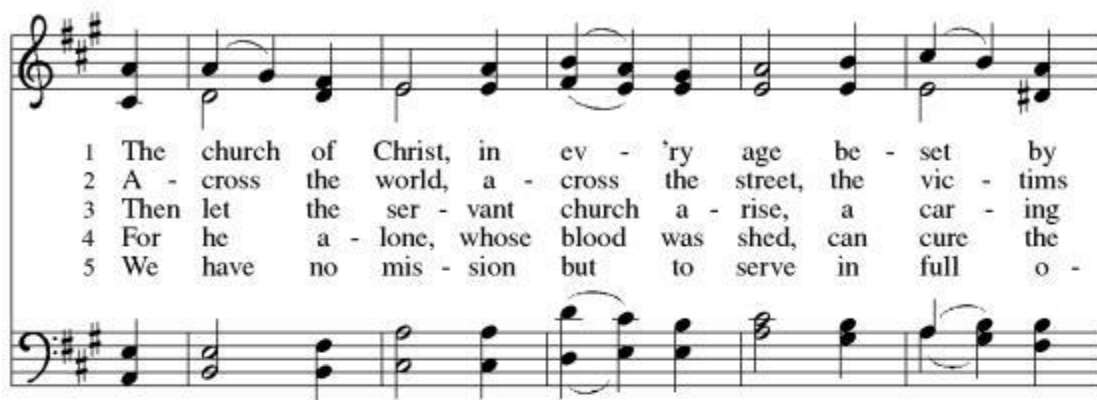
BLESSING

People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN #729 The Church of Christ, in Every Age


The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Please stay for coffee hour between services. Thanks to our hosts, Joe and Laura Kostecki and Rick Madarasz.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING: (27 October 2021)

Lex Stolle, Carmine Colasanto, Richard Mengert [requested by Carolyn Gabelman]

Margo Naranjo [requested by Barbara English]

Norma Martin [requested by Sue Rorke]

Carol Kaelin, Robert Richards, Pamela Catania (Justine Hoffman's mom), Lise Gunther, Nancy Fjellstad, Winnie Malloy, Joe Dugan, Don & Marianne Spagna [requested by Mary Fjellstad]

Marilyn Havighorst [requested by Martha Hahn]

Mia Kaiser [requested by Emilie Diehl]

Nicholas Mauceri and Rocky Cinque [requested by Marianne Spagna]

Noelle Miller, Marlene Demetri, the Nason family [requested by Leslee Mathieson]

Richard Wiles [husband of Joan Wiles]

Stanley Ulc, Stefanie Spath [requested by Marianna Ulc and family]

John Sullivan, Holly Clavell [requested by Dottie & Jim Clavell]

Kerri Swanson [requested by Linda & Jud Taylor]

Rosemary Greiner [requested by Lee Nocero]

Virginia & Marty Perry, Marilyn Henson, Amy Kitay [requested by Diana & David Smiloff]

Ruth Aiello [requested by Cindy Davis]

Riordan Cavooris [requested by Darlene Klouda]

Ilse Gunther, Ralph Gunther and Stephanie O'Neill [requested by the Hoffman family]

Zach Hills, Joann Pagnani [requested by Brian & Diane Marley]

Bernadette Uneberg [requested by John Hinsch]

Joan Young [requested by Sue Dresch]

The Lindroth and Graziano families, the Peeders family, the Singelton family, Walter Henning Sr., Pastor Frank Modr, Art Hansen, the Clark and Hohlbein families, the DeRosa family, the Mursch family, Edward Pascale (father of Rose Fesselmeier), Martha Hahn, Gary Weymer [requested by Pastor Shelhart]

David Travis [requested by Richard Travis]

Mike Schuster [requested by Eric Palmer]

Carolyn Martin [requested by Linda Overton]

The family of Elaine Robinson [requested by Deborah Cella]

Bill Feigin [requested by Jessica Michalski]

Judy Hinsch [requested by the Hinsch family]

Pastor Wayne Gollenberg, Liz Solomon, Warren Hemming, Joe Lupo [requested by the Breimann family]

Jessica Becker and infant Grayson [requested by Eve Overton]

Fr Jeevan Paul [requested by Joe & Brenda Dugan]

Bill Davy [requested by Tom & Pat Pernice]

The Shelhart family, Brianna Maglio [requested by Linda Pagano]

Fred Eichorn [requested by James Flaherty]

Carol Paolillo [requested by Donna Ihlen]

Judy and John Hinsch thank you for your prayers. Judy is taking a break from Facebook and asks that you not post on social media. If you would like to follow updates on Judy's care/treatment and share comments, please visit the Caring Bridge link established by the Hinsch's children:

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/judyressmeyerhinsch/journal/view/id/60402ca3a9a2050001a80944>

THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE:

Captain Zachary Hinsch [nephew of Judy & John Hinsch]

Captain Brendan Madarasz

Major Lenore Livingston [daughter of Helen & Art Fortin]

Sergeant Charlee Seto [granddaughter of Jacci & Mike Milo]

Corporal August Detting

Major William Fortin



Every year on the last Sunday in October, many Lutheran churches mark Reformation Sunday. If you didn't grow up with this practice, you may wonder where the tradition comes from, and why we still practice it.

The story dates back to the 16th century – to the year 1517.

Across Europe, the Roman Catholic Church was engaged in one of the greatest fundraisers in history. If a person, as a sign of repentance for their sins, made a financial gift to help with building Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, the church furnished them with a certificate (or indulgence) recognizing the gift and promising that they or their loved ones would be freed from a portion of the time expected in purgatory, in the afterlife.

November 1st, known as All Saints Day on the church calendar, was an important day for selling and buying these indulgences. In 1517 on the day before All Saint's Day, October 31st, German monk Martin Luther posted a list of 95 Theses – 95 reasons that he objected to this practice of selling indulgences on the door of All Saints Church in the town of Wittenberg, Germany. Those 95 Theses (reasons) went viral.

Luther insisted that we are not forgiven because of anything we do, including buying indulgences or doing enough good work. ***Instead, we are forgiven because of who God is.*** We are loved and forgiven because God is full of grace and mercy.

Martin Luther's teachings and writings got him kicked out of the church. But he didn't go alone. Others agreed with him, and after his death those who agreed with Luther became known as Lutherans, and also as Protestants. All Protestant churches trace their roots back to this moment in history.

Every Reformation Sunday, we return to the core of our faith: that God loved us first, and God continues to shower us with grace and mercy.

Happy Reformation Sunday!