

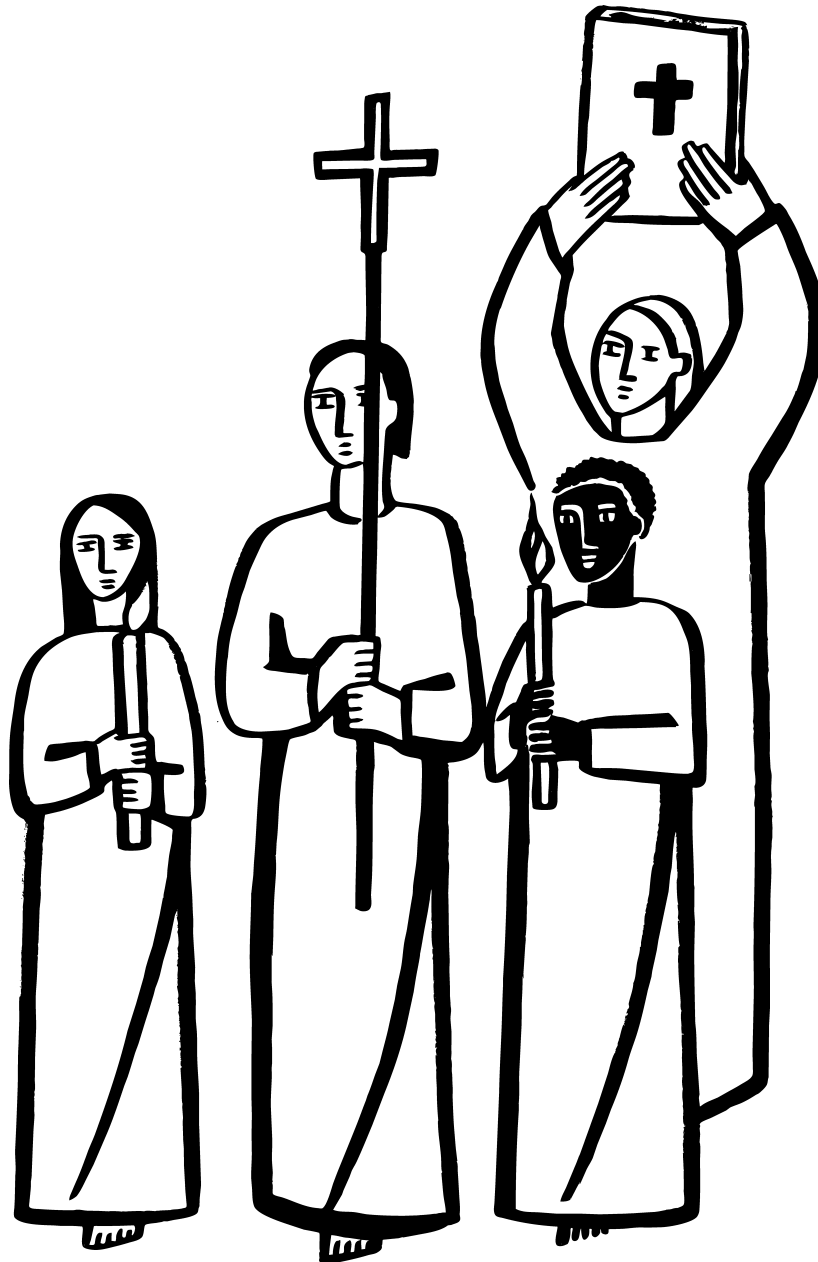
# SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS

**Reformation Sunday | October 31, 2021 | 8:00 am**

*"...to Reach, Ignite, & Empower people for Jesus."*

Romans 3:19-28 & John 8:31-36

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.



## Words of Welcome & Announcements

### Meditative Moment

### Passing of the Peace Greeting

#### Gathering Hymn      *The Church's One Foundation*

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| <p>1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;<br/>she is his new creation<br/>by water and the word.<br/>From heav'n he came and sought her<br/>to be his holy bride;<br/>with his own blood he bought her,<br/>and for her life he died.</p> <p>2 Elect from ev'ry nation,<br/>yet one o'er all the earth,<br/>her charter of salvation<br/>one Lord, one faith, one birth:<br/>one holy name she blesses,<br/>partakes one holy food,<br/>and to one hope she presses,<br/>with ev'ry grace endued.</p> | <p>4 Through toil and tribulation<br/>and tumult of her war,<br/>she waits the consummation<br/>of peace forevermore;<br/>till with the vision glorious<br/>her longing eyes are blest,<br/>and the great church victorious<br/>shall be the church at rest.</p> <p>5 Yet she on earth has union<br/>with God, the Three in One,<br/>and mystic sweet communion<br/>with those whose rest is won.<br/>Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!<br/>Lord, save us by your grace,<br/>that we, like saints before us,<br/>may see you face to face.</p> |
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Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

### Prayer of Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.  
Amen.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Most merciful God, **We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.**

Minister: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

### Kyrie

**ELW s138**

In Peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

## Canticle of Praise

ELW s140

**Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.*

**Refrain**

*Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. Refrain*

*Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:*

*Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain*

*For the lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Refrain*

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## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, Architect of the Universe,

**ALL: May we find our place in Your design, may we build our lives in accordance to Your ways and will. May we connect with one another through Your love, and build up Your loving-kindness in this world.**

**In the name of Christ, who shows us Your design of love, forgiveness, and justice, we pray. Amen.**

## Scripture Reading

**Romans 3:19-28**

<sup>19</sup>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.

<sup>20</sup>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.

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

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Faith Statement Reading

**Matthew Hahn**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

## Gospel Reading

John 8:31-36

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup>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'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever.

<sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Message

Sister Tashina Good

## Song of the Day

*O Word of God Incarnate*

1 O Word of God incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,  
O Light of our dark sky:  
we praise you for the radiance  
that from the hallowed page,  
a lantern to our footsteps,  
shines on from age to age.

2 The church from you, dear Master,  
received the gift divine;  
and still that light is lifted  
o'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass  
that, all life's voyage through,  
mid mists and rocks and quicksands  
still guides, O Christ, to you.

3 Oh, make your church, dear Savior,  
a lamp of burnished gold  
to bear before the nations  
your true light, as of old;  
oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims  
by this their path to trace,  
till, clouds and darkness ended,  
they see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

## Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

*Lord in Your mercy. Hear our prayer*

## Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

### Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace.

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## Offering Prayer

## Service of Holy Communion

### 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.*

### Preface

#### Holy, Holy, Holy

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.*

*Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

### Words of Institution

#### The 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, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Communion Blessing & Prayer

Gracious God, **We have received the elements of bread and wine. We have come to the table, and because we are loved, You in Christ receive us and offer to us healing and hope. Forgive our stubbornness. Heal our brokenness. Challenge us to truly live lives of faithfulness and discipleship. Amen.**

## Benediction

## **Sending Hymn**

## ***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

- 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!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

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## **Dismissal**

Minister: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

## ***Fugue in G Major***

J. S. Bach

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Wednesday Bible Study:** The afternoon Bible Study at 1 pm will be in-person outside door G (the door by the garage) or in the Narthex. The evening Bible Study will meet at 6:30 pm on Zoom.

**Coffee & Bagels:** **This Thursday, November 4th.** Come and meet Pastor Brice at the North Oaks Bruegger's on their patio the 1st Thursday of every month and the 3rd Monday of the month at 10-11:30 am. Stop in and grab a coffee and bagel.

## **October Drive:**

**Donations needed to support our Confirmation November 10th Service Project making**

### **Ralph Reeder Snack Packs:**

- Canned easy to open pasta
- Mac & Cheese Cups
- Granola Bars
- Juice Boxes
- Small cereal boxes
- Oatmeal packets
- Small cracker or cookie package
- Fruit snacks

## **Ralph Reeder Food Shelf**

### **Most needed items:**

- Pasta Sauce
- Flavored rice mixes
- Boxed Dinner Kits  
(Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, etc.)

\*Please drop off your items at Shepherd in the grey bin in the hallway by Door G. Thank You!

**Trunk 'n Treat:** **This afternoon 12:30-2:00 pm. In our parking lot.**

**Music rehearsals:** We are beginning **Celebration Choir rehearsals**—6:30 pm, this Wednesday in Mission Chapel. All are welcome – if you have sung in a choir, if you have NOT sung in a choir, if you are looking for an opportunity to join with others, please come! Typical schedule includes rehearsing for two weeks and then singing at both services that following Sunday. All choir members will be masked and socially distanced.

And, if ringing bells is more your style, we will begin **JuBELLation rehearsals** on Wednesday, November 10...again at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. Contact Jean Johnson for more information.

**Donut Table Hosts needed:** Donut table hosts/servers are needed to set up and serve donuts during our gathering time on Sunday mornings. Time commitment is 8:40 to 10:00 am Sundays on a schedule that fits your availability. Please sign up at the donut table or contact Maria in the office to volunteer.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 9:30-11:00 in the narthex. The next meeting will be **November 9th**. Anyone interested in knitting or crocheting is welcome to drop in.

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### **Donut Time 9:00 - 10:00 am**

All are welcome to enjoy donuts outside door A on the front lawn for fellowship. We will provide the donuts, please bring your own beverage of choice. Please join us!

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### **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

#### **TODAY:**

#### **8 am Service**

**Reader:** Ginny Altman

#### **Ushers:**

Steve Klietz

Lynn Sheff

#### **10 am Service**

**Reader:** Sydney Kearin/  
Braden Koepf

#### **Ushers:**

Chriss Latterell

Leslie Peterson

#### **How Can You Support Shepherd Financially?**

**Online Giving** [sohsv.org](http://sohsv.org)

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