

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Teaching God's Word for our temporal and eternal benefit!

Services: **Sunday**, October 30 at 8:00 & 10:45; **Monday**, October 31 at 7 PM

Church Year: Reformation Day Observed – 2016



Reformation Day

What is the Reformation? On the last Sunday of each October, we remember **GOD'S WORK** through the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther to return the Church to the saving truth of salvation ♦by grace alone, ♦through faith in Christ alone, ♦on the basis of Scripture alone. Luther's nailing of his 95 theses on the door of the Wittenberg Castle Church on **October 31**, 1517, the recent invention of the printing press, and God's powerful blessing caused discussion, debate, and reform to spread quickly throughout Europe!

Sermon: How We Became & Become Righteous

Text: Romans 1:16, 17 NET

Visitors – See the block on the back of this folder; pick up a "Visitor Information" packet in the Narthex!

L = Leader ♦ C = Congregation ♦ A = All

Today's service is **Divine Service, Setting Three** (Adapted from Lutheran Service Book, 184-202).

SERVICE BEGINNING:

1. **Bell:** Please take a service folder and be seated.
For a service folder on your smartphone:
www.BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com/ServiceFolder
2. **Welcome:** He is risen! (He is risen indeed!)
3. **Today's Theme:** See the Sermon Title above †
4. **Prelude:** Let us listen in silence as we prepare our hearts to receive God's blessings!

↑ CONFESSIOn and **ABSOLUTION:**

- L: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.**
- L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

L: ☩ If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

L: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness, and confess before God and one another that *we have sinned in thought, word, and deed*, and that *we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition*. Together as His people let

us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, *our heavenly Father*, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:
God, be merciful to me a sinner.

C: Almighty God, →have mercy upon us, →forgive us our sins, and →lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

L: Almighty God, *merciful Father*, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Please ✦face the entrance and ✦focus on Jesus!

 **Service of the Word** 

ENTRANCE HYMN – Part 1: LSB 656, sts. 1-3
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.
- 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.

- 3 Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill;
They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none.
He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

KYRIE (Mark 10:46-52): *Let Us Pray*

- L:** O Lord, **C: have mercy upon us.**
L: O Christ, **C: have mercy upon us.**
L: O Lord, **C: have mercy upon us.**

SALUTATION and COLLECT:

- L:** The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
L: *Let us pray.* Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your 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.
C: Amen. ↓

ENTRANCE HYMN – Part 2: LSB 656, st. 4
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Children – Please come forward now!

- 4 The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone,
Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All children (parents) are welcome!

10:45 Staffed Nursery (4 and under) – Parents can now take their children to our Little Lamb Room!



Be blessed! Read the Scripture readings in advance!

FIRST READING: Revelation 14:6-7 NET

⁶ And I saw another angel flying in mid-heaven with the everlasting Gospel to preach to those who live on the earth and to every nation and tribe and language and people, saying with a loud voice: ⁷ "Fear God and give Him glory, because the time has come for Him to judge; and worship Him who made heaven and the earth and the sea and springs of water."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 46 ESV: *The basis for "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

L: God is our refuge and strength,

C: a very present help in trouble.

L: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

C: though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

L: though its waters roar and foam,

C: though the mountains tremble at it swelling.

L: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

C: the holy habitation of the Most High.

L: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

C: God will help her when morning dawns.

L: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

C: he utters his voice, the earth melts.

L: The LORD of hosts is with us;

C: the God of Jacob is our fortress.

L: Come, behold the works of the LORD,

C: how he has brought desolations on the earth.

L: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

C: he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

L: "Be still, and know that I am God.

C: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

L: The LORD of hosts is with us;

C: the God of Jacob is our fortress.

A: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28 NET

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the Law says, it says to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may become silent and the whole world may stand guilty before God.

²⁰ Therefore, not one person will be justified before God by doing what the Law says, because the Law teaches us to recognize sin.

²¹ But now God has shown a righteousness that comes from Him--<a righteousness> apart from the Law. The Law and the Prophets tell about it. ²² This righteousness comes from God to all who believe, just by their believing [*by having faith*] in Jesus Christ.

There is no difference, ²³ for all have sinned and are without the praise that God gives.

²⁴ They are justified [*declared righteous*] freely by His grace, through the ransom Christ Jesus paid.

²⁵ God publicly displayed Him as the Atonement Cover through faith in His blood. <God did this> to show that He is just, even though in His patience He had left unpunished those sins which had been done in the past. ²⁶ He wanted to show His justice at the present time, so that He might be righteous and the One who

5. Ashamed of Jesus? Yes, I may
When I've no guilt to wash away,
No tear to wipe, no joy to crave,
No fears to quell, no soul to save.
6. Till then--nor is the boasting vain--
Till then I boast a Savior slain.
And oh, may this my portion be,
That Christ is not ashamed of me!

↑ THE NICENE CREED:

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: *Let Us Pray*

After Each Petition:

L: Lord, in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

Conclusion:

L: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen. ↓

OFFERING: *Let us honor the Lord!*

- ✓ God has entrusted His possessions to our care!
- ✓ We honor Him and express our faith in Him by tithing from the first of all we receive!

⇒ **Offertory:**

⇒ Please complete your attendance slip!

† Service of the Sacrament †

LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION: *Get Ready*

Self-Examination Questions:

1. Do I feel sad about my sins ([2 Cor. 7:10-11](#))?
2. Do I believe in Jesus as my Savior ([John 3:16](#))?
3. Do I believe I will receive bread & *Body*, wine & *Blood*, for the forgiveness of my sins ([1 Co. 10:16](#); [Mt. 26:26-28](#); [Mk. 14:22-24](#); [Lk. 22:19-20](#); [1 Co. 11:23-25](#))?
4. Do I desire to follow God's Word ([James 1:22](#))?

Who Should Receive the Supper Today?

- ⇒ LCMS Members who answered "yes" to each of the self-examination questions.
- ⇒ Non-Members who have completed our Lord's Supper Preparation packet (*which is available on the wall by our main entrance*) and answered "yes" to each of the self-examination questions.

Receive at Your Pew: Please notify an usher.

Everyone Not Receiving the Supper: All ages are invited to come forward for a *spoken* blessing!

↑ PREFACE and PROPER PREFACE:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

L: It is truly good, right and beneficial that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS (LSB 195): *Holy, Holy, Holy*

(“Sabaoth” – angelic armies; “Hosanna” – save us now)

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.

LORD’S PRAYER: *Let Us Pray*

L: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

A: Our Father who art in heaven...

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD: *On Good Friday*

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as

often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI: *The Peace of the Lord*

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (LSB 198): *Lamb of God*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace. Amen. ↓

10:45 Staffed Nursery – Please pick-up your children and bring them forward for a spoken blessing!

LORD’S SUPPER DISTRIBUTION and DISMISSAL:

1. Come with sorrow: Jesus took your punishment.
2. Remember what you are receiving: **Jesus’ Body** – united to the bread, and **Jesus’ Blood** – united to the wine, **for the forgiveness of your sins.**
3. Reception options: Receive His Body *in your hand or on your tongue*, His blood *from an individual cup or from the chalice* (the center cups in each tray are alcohol removed wine).
4. Right after the dismissal: Respond with **“Amen!”**
5. Return with joy: *Your sins are forgiven!*

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION: LSB 617

O Lord, We Praise Thee

- 1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!

- 2 Thy holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!
 O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made:
 O Lord, have mercy!
- 3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor
That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union
Nor despise this blest Communion!
 O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity:
 O Lord, have mercy!

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↑ POST-COMMUNION COLLECT: *Let Us Pray*

- L: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

NUNC DIMITTIS (LSB 199-200): *Depart in Peace*

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast

prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

BENEDICTION: *Receive and Be Blessed*

- L: 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.** ↓

POSTLUDE and CANDLE EXTINGUISHING:

*Rejoicing in Jesus as our Savior,
we prepare to honor Him as our Lord!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS: *Be Informed*

1. **Recent Memory Verses** (for memory tips, take a Daily Devotion brochure – by our main entrance):
 - Be Steadfast: 1 Cor. 15:58; Heb. 12:3
 - Serve Others: Mark 10:45
2. **This Week's Verse: Serve Others:**
ESV **2 Corinthians 4:5** For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.
3. **Facebook:** Check in and be positive!
4. **Need Prayer:** Meet up front with: Millie (8:00); Matt (10:45).
5. **Refreshments** (9:10-9:30): Join us down the hall for coffee, juice, bakery, and more!
6. **Bible Class and Sunday School** (9:30-10:30): *Be blessed through God's Holy Word!*
7. **Pray, Serve, and Participate:** Use today's Faith in Action insert during the week!
8. **Get Ready for Next Sunday – Read:** Rev. 7:9-17; Ps. 149; 1 John 3:1-3; Mt. 5:1-12

Thanks for Serving on October 30

Leader: Dr. Phillip Giessler
Pastoral Assts.: Alan Carlson, Ray Dmytriw, Matt Hlavacek,
Jerry Huttner, Brian Zeleznikar
Organist: Gayle Powers
Altar Guild: Kathy Green, Angie Rohman
Candles: Lynda Tomasch
Financial Team: Natalia Ford, Janet Chilton

8:00 Service

Ushers: Matt Kusmaul, Mel Bucholtz,
Bonnie Moyer
Lord's Supper: Alan Carlson
Prayer Partner: Millie Sluka

9:10 Refreshments

Miriam Engleman, Doris Chmielewski

10:45 Service

Ushers: Jerry Hutner, Ray Dmytriw, Bart Pendley,
Lilli Riechert
Nursery: Hannah Hlavacek
Lord's Supper: Jerry Huttner
Prayer Partner: Matt Hlavacek

Thanks for Serving on November 6

Leader: Pastor Robert Green
Pastoral Assts.: Alan Carlson, Ray Dmytriw, Matt Hlavacek,
Jerry Huttner, Brian Zeleznikar
Organist: Gayle Powers
Altar Guild: Kathy Green, Angie Zeleznikar
Candles: Lynda Tomasch
Financial Team: Natalia Ford, Paul Martens

8:00 Service

Ushers: Rand Stender, Diane Martin
Jeanette De Simone
Lord's Supper: Tim Chilton
Prayer Partner: Dee Kaderbek

9:10 Refreshments

Miriam Engleman, Doris Chmielewski

10:45 Service

Ushers: Terry Tomasch, Brian Zeleznikar
Matt Fischler
Nursery: Sara Green
Lord's Supper: Brian Zeleznikar
Prayer Partner: Ray Dmytriw

ABOUT US:

- + **Beliefs:** We believe the Bible is true and trust in Jesus as our only Savior!
- + **Assurance:** We want everyone to be certain of God's forgiveness through Jesus!
- + **Growth:** We want everyone to understand the Bible and live according to it!
- + **Children:** Bibles (center pew racks); Bags (worship entrance); Nursery (sometimes staffed).
- + **Special Needs:** Large print and hearing assistance are available in the narthex.
- + **Lord's Supper:** Learn our practice by seeing our explanation in this folder.
- + **Congregation:** Find out more by taking a Visitor Information packet.
- + **Podcast:** Listen to our sermons on your smartphone or tablet. Use a podcast app (Apple, use the "Overcast" app); then search for "Benefit from the Bible"
- + **Schedule:** **Sundays** – Service 8:00; Refreshments 9:10; Classes 9:30; Service 10:45
Mondays – Service 7 PM (except *Advent and Lent*, see the "Join Us" brochure for the details)
- + **Join Us:** Keep attending and tell the pastor of your interest to join.

How can we help you?
Let us know.
See the block below or talk to the Pastor or a Pastor Assistant after today's service.

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