



NALC

North American Lutheran Church

Combined Worship Service Of area NALC Congregations

October 25, 2020
11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



Reformation Sunday

St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North American Lutheran Church. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in the Service of the Word this morning as we celebrate **Reformation Sunday**. Please register your attendance in the blue pad at the end of the pew. HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated the first and third Sundays of each month and on Festival Sundays. All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.

Prayer upon entering God’s House:

O Lord God, we ask You to pour out Your Holy Spirit upon Your faithful people, keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and comfort us, and bestow upon us, Your Church, Your saving peace, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

Festival Piece on “Ein Feste Burg”

Faulkes

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P We worship this day in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God.

Silence for self-examination.

P Holy and gracious God,

C I confess that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness.

P The Almighty and Merciful Lord grants you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

LBW 229

***GREETING**

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.

***KYRIE**



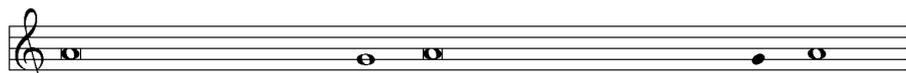
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



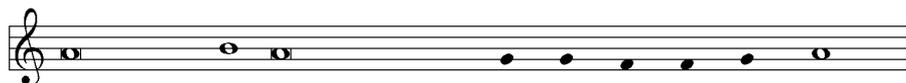
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **G** A - men

*HYMN OF PRAISE



A This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



G Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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



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



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



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

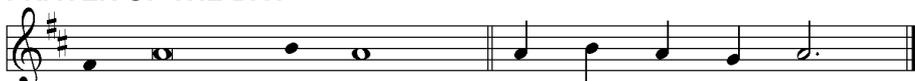


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**



☞ The Lord be with you. ☞ And al-so with you.

P Let us pray.

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

C Amen

FIRST LESSON:

Jeremiah 31:31–34

The First Lesson is from the thirty-first chapter of Jeremiah.

³¹ “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares 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.

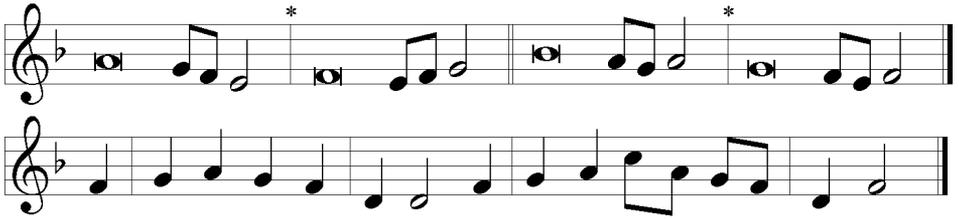
³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

A Here ends the reading.



PSALM:

Psalm 46



The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our strong-hold.

God is our ref-uge and strength,*
a very present help in trouble.

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

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

4The LORD of hosts is with us;*the God of Jacob is our stronghold. R

5There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,*
the holy habitation of the Most High.

6God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;*God shall help her at the break of day.

7The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken,*
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

8The LORD of hosts is with us;*the God of Jacob is our stronghold. R

9Come now and look upon the works of the LORD,*
what awesome things he has done on earth.

**10It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;*he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.**

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

12The LORD of hosts is with us;*the God of Jacob is our stronghold. R

SECOND LESSON:

Romans 3:19–28

The Second Lesson is from the third chapter of Romans.

19 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. **20** For by works of the law no

human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ 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.

²⁷ 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. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

A Here ends the reading.

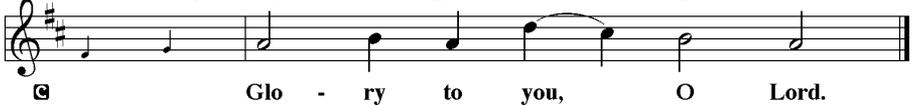
***VERSE**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 8:31–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the eighth chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house

***OFFERTORY**

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

A Blessed are You,

C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made, for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

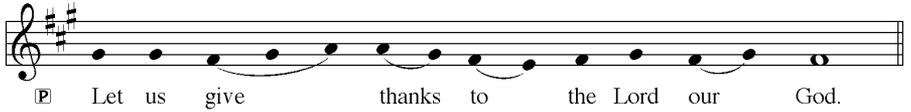
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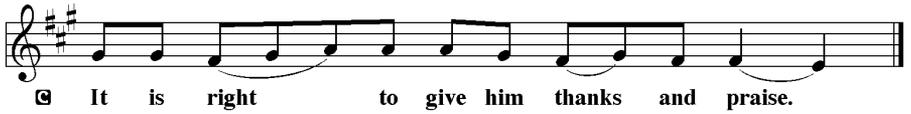
♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.



♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.



♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



♪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

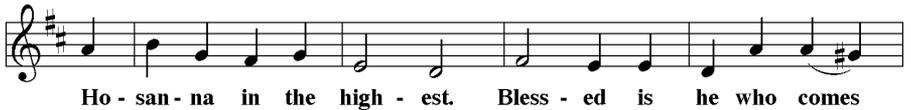
P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:



♪ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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

P Blessed are You, LORD of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world You gave Your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to You for the salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our

hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P 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.

***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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen**



☩ 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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

LBW 198, 233, 158, WOV 740 (6x)

***COMMUNION**

*All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present
In the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.
Please let Pastor Johnson know if you need a gluten free wafer.*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen

***CANTICLE**



☉ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A Let us pray...Pour out upon us the spirit of Your love, O LORD, and unite the wills of those whom You have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our LORD.

C Amen

***BENEDICTION**

P The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



☉ A - men

***RECESSIONAL HYMN** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" *LBW 294*

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Kirken"

arr. Peeters

Annual Reformation Frolicking Festival Today!

Today following worship we will eat, drink and play games! Bring your appetite for Reformation (Octoberfest) food and get ready to frolic the day away. Today's menu includes, brats, hot dogs, buns, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, salads, desserts and drinks.

Please stay to feast and frolic!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

TODAY	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	12:00 p.m.	After Worship Frolicking
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group Flannel Fest
Monday 10/26	7:00 p.m.	Worship/Music Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Fireflies
Wed 10/28	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	6:00 p.m.	New Bells
	7:00 p.m.	Hand Bells
Thurs 10/29	1:00 p.m.	Newsletter Mailing
	5:00 p.m.	Trunk R Treat at St. John's
Saturday 10/31	9:00 a.m.	Mission District Convocation
Sunday 11/1	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	All Saints Sunday: Communion
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group Grades 6-8



**2020 Annual Mid-Northeast Mission District
Convocation**

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

Saturday, October 31, 2020

St. John's Lutheran Church
Kittanning, PA.

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

8:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

This fantastic day will include:

Festival Eucharist

Keynote address on being “Steadfast at Home”

Elections – including Election of a Dean

Budget 2021

Luncheon Fellowship

Stuff-the-Truck – NALC Disaster Preparedness/Response

Ministry Displays

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

**Registration due Monday, Oct. 26th by noon
to the office.**

Annual “Turkey” Ham Luncheon

Sunday, November 8, 2020 following Worship

We will be serving ham at our turkey luncheon. A free-will offering will be taken and proceeds will go to the Armstrong County Community Action Agency to be used toward the purchase of Thanksgiving turkey dinners for the needy in our community.

If you cannot come to the luncheon, but would like to participate by making a donation, please put your offering envelope marked “Turkeys” in the offering plate during worship. Thank you for your support!

NALC DISASTER RESPONSE NEEDS

<p>BABY CARE KIT</p> <p>TWO lightweight cotton t-shirts</p> <p>TWO long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers</p> <p>TWO receiving blankets, medium weight *Cotton, flannel, crocheted or knitted w/ lightweight yarn, up to 52" square</p> <p>FOUR cloth diapers, flat fold preferred</p> <p>ONE jacket/sweater/sweatshirt w/ hood or include a baby cap</p> <p>TWO pairs of socks</p> <p>ONE hand towel</p> <p>TWO OR THREE bars of gentle soap *Equaling 8-9 oz in original wrap</p> <p>TWO diaper pins or large safety pins</p> 	<p>SCHOOL KIT</p> <p>ONE cloth bag or backpack</p> <p>FOUR notebooks *wide or college-ruled *no loose-leaf paper</p> <p>ONE blunt scissors</p> <p>ONE ruler</p> <p>ONE pencil sharpener</p> <p>SIX new pencils</p> <p>ONE eraser</p> <p>TWELVE sheets assorted construction paper</p> <p>Elementary: ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons</p> <p>High School: ONE calculator</p> <p>*Label bag handle for E or HS</p> 
<p>FLOOD BUCKET</p> <p>ONE 5 gallon bucket w/ lid</p> <p>TWO large trash bags</p> <p>ONE gallon of bleach</p> <p>Comet or scouring cleanser</p> <p>PineSol or liquid floor cleaner</p> <p>Dust mask, N-95 recommended *If no mask, mark bucket & send</p> <p>Scrub brush</p> <p>Rubber gloves</p> <p>Broom</p> <p>Rakes, shovels, hoes—debris removal tools</p> 	<p>HEALTHCARE KIT</p> <p>ONE bath towel</p> <p>ONE wash cloth</p> <p>TWO bars of soap *in original wrapping</p> <p>ONE toothbrush</p> <p>ONE pack of dental floss</p> <p>ONE tube of toothpaste *two if sample size</p> <p>ONE comb</p> <p>ONE deodorant</p> 
<p>NATIONAL CHAIN GIFT CARDS</p> <p>HOME DEPOT</p> <p>WALMART</p> <p>LOWE'S</p> <p>TARGET</p> <p>& MORE</p> 	<p>QUILTS & BLANKETS</p> <p>ANY SIZE quilt or blanket *religious, patriotic & military fabrics okay</p> 
<p>BIBLES</p> <p>NEW AND USED</p> 	

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The flowers on the altar this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Helen Berringer, by Karen Waugaman.

OUR MISSION

St. John's Lutheran Church is a group of people who believe that we are saved by God's grace and who respond to God's love by joyfully serving God, each other, our community and our world. We will humbly and lovingly serve by proclaiming the Gospel, teaching the Word, offering Sacraments, leading others to fellowship, supporting those in need, giving generously of our talents as well as our resources and by thanking and praising God.

GRACE
happens



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