

**Living Faith Lutheran Church
Reformation Sunday, October 31, 2021**

Preservice Music/Announcements

Welcome *Please rise in body or spirit*

Psalm 46 (responsive)

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

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

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 the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

**He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.**

‘Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.’

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: **cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

Silence for reflection

God of goodness and mercy,
**we confess that we have been indifferent to your will,
staying silent when we should have spoken up for justice.
We have heard your call to put our faith into action,
but fear holds us back.
There is work to be done in Jesus' name,
but we often seek an easier way.
Forgive us, O God, and give us courage and commitment
to serve as your saints in this time and this place,
whatever the challenges may be. Amen.**

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
Know that you are forgiven by God's great mercy,
and have the grace to forgive each other, just as you have been forgiven.

Gathering Song #408 Come, Thou Almighty King
Greeting and Kyrie p. 175
"Gloria" p. 176

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have taught us in your Son that love fulfils the law. Inspire us to love you with all our heart, our soul, our mind, and our strength, and teach us how to love our neighbour as ourselves, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Response after each reading: **Thanks be to God**

First Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34
Second Reading: Romans 3: 19-28
Gospel Acclamation (sung) p. 216 (Please rise as you are able)
Holy Gospel John 8:31-36
Sermon

Hymn of the Day #504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (v3 music only)

Affirmation of Faith (Iona Community) *please stand*
Together we affirm our faith.

**We believe in God above us,
Maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon,
of water and earth,
of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of compassion, he died forsaken;
he descended into the earth
to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb;
he ascended into heaven
to be everywhere present;
and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and eternal life.
Amen**

**Prayers of Intercession
Sharing of the Peace**

A musical reflection is played while the gifts are brought forward and the meal is prepared for all to share.

MEAL

Offertory Prayer (please rise in body or spirit)

God of all generations, we offer our gifts in gratitude for the inheritance of faithfulness we have received as followers of Jesus. Bless these gifts so that through our witness and work more may come to believe, and more may share in the fruits of your creation. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving p. 180

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy p. 181

Prayer over the gifts

Lord's Prayer (sung)

Fraction and Invitation to the Table

Lamb of God p. 182 (sung as servers come forward)

Hymn during Distribution #496 One Bread, One Body

Prayer After Communion

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

Benediction

Sending Song # 729 The Church of Christ in Every Age

Dismissal and Postlude