

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

Reformation Sunday

October 30, 2016

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Dear Christians One and All Rejoice

INVOCATION AND OPENING VERSES

P: In the name of the father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: The Lord of hosts is with us;

C: **The God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Psalm 46:11

P: Everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.

C: **But if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.**

John 8:34, 36

P: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

C: **All are justified by his grace as a gift.**

Romans 3:23-24

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

From the Confessional Service of the Old Lutheran Hymnal

P: Let us make confession of our sins . . .

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserve your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent sufferings and death of your beloved son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: I now ask you before God: Is this your sincere confession that you heartily repent of your sins, believe on Jesus Christ, and sincerely and earnestly propose, by the assistance of God the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life?

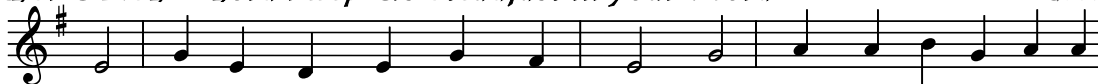
C: Yes.

P: Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

RESPONSE *“Lord Keep Us Steadfast In your Word”*

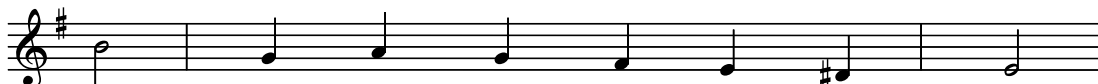
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Lord, keep us stead - fast in your Word; Curb those who by de - ceit or
 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, For you are Lord of lords a -
 O Com - for - ter of price - less worth, Send peace and u - ni - ty on



sword Would seek to o - ver - throw your Son
 - lone; De - fend your o - ver - throw your Son
 earth. Sup - port us in our fi - nal strife,



And to de - stroy what he has done.
 May sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 And lead us out of death to life.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, our out your Holy Spirit on 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.

MUSICAL SELECTION *“O Church Arise”*

God's Word

The gospel of Jesus Christ brings true freedom.

OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 31:31-34

The new covenant is a promise signed in the blood of the Christ.

"The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

GOSPEL John 8:31-36 **The truth of the gospel sets us free**

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia

John 8:31, 32

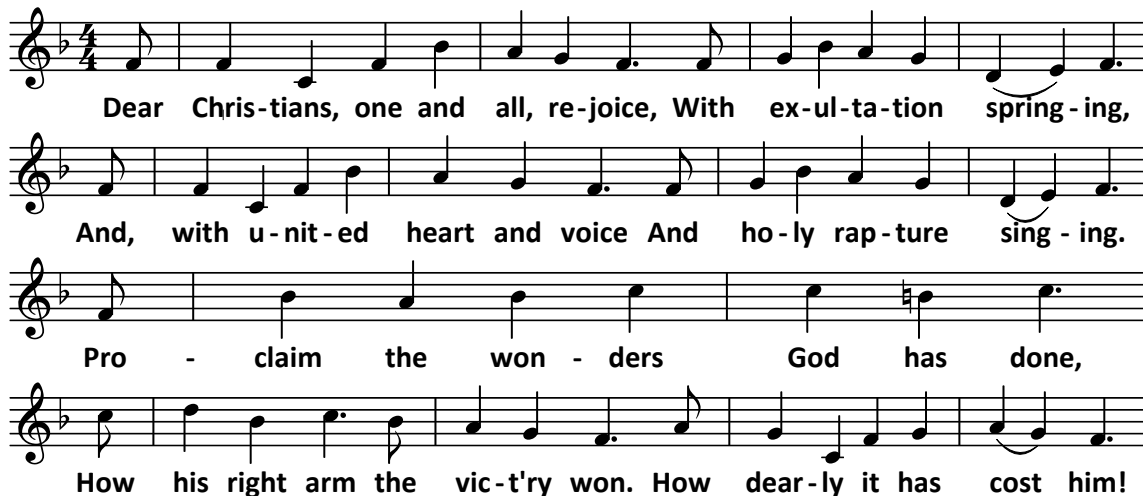
Sermon

“Dear Christians One and All Rejoice”

Romans 3:21-28

Hymn 377 Text: Martin Luther

INTRODUCTION



Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, With ex-ul-ta-tion spring-ing,
And, with u-nit-ed heart and voice And ho-ly rap-ture sing-ing.
Pro - claim the won - ders God has done,
How his right arm the vic-t'ry won. How dear-ly it has cost him!

A LIVING HELL

²¹But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²²This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

**Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me.
Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me.
Yet deep and deeper still I fell; Life had become a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.**

**My own good works availed me naught, No merit they attaining;
My will against God's judgment fought, No hope for me remaining.
My fears increased till sheer despair Left naught but death to be my share
And hell to be my sentence.**

HE CAME TO BE MY BROTHER

There is no difference, ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
²⁴and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by
Christ Jesus.

**But God beheld my wretched state Before the world's foundation,
And, mindful of his mercies great, He planned my soul's salvation.
A Father's heart he turned to me, Sought my redemption fervently;
He gave his dearest treasure.**

**He spoke to his beloved Son: "'Tis time to have compassion.
Then go, bright Jewel of my crown, And bring mankind salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with you forever."**

**The Son obeyed his Father's will, Was born of virgin mother,
And, God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.
No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore; A servant's form like mine he bore
To lead the devil captive.**

YOU ARE BLEST FOREVER

²⁵God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished - - ²⁶he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

**To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, your friend divine, And evermore you shall be mine;
The foe shall not divide us.**

**"The foe shall shed my precious blood, Me of my life bereaving.
All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.
Life shall from death the vict'ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.**

THIS FINAL WORD I LEAVE YOU

²⁷Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. ²⁸For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.

**"Now to my Father I depart, The Holy Spirit sending
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart, My help to you extending.
He will a source of comfort be, Teach you to know and follow me,
And in all truth will guide you.**

**"What I on earth have lived and taught Be all your life and teaching;
So shall my kingdom's work be wrought And honored in your preaching.
Take care that no one's man-made laws
Should e'er destroy the gospel's cause. This final word I leave you."**

OFFERING AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

REFORMATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

BLESSING

CLOSING ANTHEM *"Not Unto Us"*

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Not un - to us, not un - to us be glo - ry,
A - maz - ing grace--that chose us e'er the worlds were
O faith - ful love--that shep - herd - ed through faith - less
Not un - to us but to your name be glo - ry,



Lord; Not un - to us but to your name be praise; Not un - to
made; A - maz - ing grace--that sent your Son to save; A - maz - ing
years; For - giv - ing love--that led us to your truth; Un - yield - ing
Lord, For grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free. A - bide with



us but to your name all hon - or be giv'n For match - less
grace--that robed us in your right - eous - ness And taught our
love--that would not let us turn from you But sent us
us till trav' - ling days are ov - er and done, And pil - grim



mer - cy, for - give - ness, and grace.
lips to sing glo - ry and praise.
forth to speak par - don and peace.
feet lead us home, Lord, to you.

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- Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our 10:30a service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.
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