

# Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church



SERVICE OF WORD – Pastor Mark Voss – November 12, 2017

## REFORMATION: Grace, Faith, Scripture

As we continue to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, we center our worship on faith. By faith we believe the teachings the Reformation restored; and by faith we live those blessings daily.

One of the hymns we will sing, “Our Father, who from Heaven Above,” was written and composed by Martin Luther. This hymn sings us through the Lord’s Prayer and helps serve as our guide to live a life of faith.

OPENING HYMN – *“All Glory Be to God Alone”*

CW 262 vv 1-3

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

# CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

*Pause for silence*

**ALL:** Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C:** Amen.

# PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take



re-fuge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e-ter - nal; it stands firm in the



heav - ens. Your faith-ful-ness con - tin-ues for - ev-er. Oh, taste and see that the



Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take re-fuge in him.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and to the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## MUSICAL SELECTION – “By Faith”

Senior Choir

Arranged by Michael Lawrence Words and Music by Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townsend ©2011 Thankyou Music



## FAITH – Part One

Forgiven but Not Perfect: Saints and Sinners

VIGNETTE

**DEVOTION – Romans 7:21-25** <sup>21</sup>So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. <sup>22</sup>For in my inner being I delight in God's law; <sup>23</sup>but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. <sup>24</sup>What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God--through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

**HYMN – “Our Father, Who from Heaven Above”**

**CW 410 vv 1-3**

Our Fa - ther, who from heav'n a - bove  
Your name be hal - lowed Help us, Lord,  
Your king - dom come, we hum - bly pray,  
Bids all of us to live in love  
In pu - ri - ty to keep your Word,  
That Christ may rule in us to - day  
As mem - bers of one fam - i - ly  
That to the glo - ry of your name  
And that your Ho - ly Spir - it bring  
And pray to be - you in un - i - ty.  
We walk to - fore you free from blame.  
Still more to wor - ship Christ as King.  
Teach us no thought - less words to say,  
Let no false doc - trine us per - vert;  
Break Sa - tan's pow'r, de - feat his rage;  
But from our in - most hearts to pray.  
All poor, de - lud - ed souls con - vert.  
Pre - serve your Church from age to age.

# FAITH – Part Two

All Serve Christ: Vocation

## VIGNETTE

**DEVOTION – Isaiah 41:8-10** <sup>8</sup>"But you, O Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham my friend, <sup>9</sup>I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'You are my servant'; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. <sup>10</sup>So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

## OFFERING AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

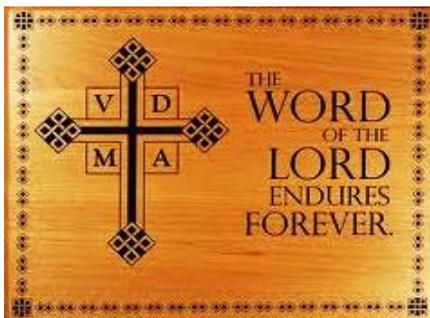
**HYMN – "Our Father, Who from Heaven Above"**

CW 410 vv 4-6

**Your gracious will on earth be done Just as in heav'n around your throne,  
That patiently we may obey Throughout our lives all that you say.  
Curb sinful flesh and ev'ry ill That sets itself against your will.**

**Give us today our daily bread, And let us all be clothed and fed.  
From hardship, war, and earthly strife, From sickness, famine, spare our life.  
Let selfishness and worry cease That we may live in godly peace.**

**Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore, That they may trouble us no more;  
We, too, will gladly those forgive Who hurt us by the way they live.  
Help us in our community To serve each other willingly.**



## REFORMATION PRAYER

P: O gracious Father,

We who call ourselves Lutherans are honored to be in your house today, We have come to praise your grace, your kindly attitude toward us not because of what we are, but in spite of what we are. Through your guidance Dr. Luther taught us to despair of human merit and to rely completely, utterly, absolutely on you for our justification.

**C: By grace alone you formed us to be yours;  
by grace alone you called us to be yours;  
by grace alone you made us kings and priests to serve you forever.**

P: O merciful Son,

We who call ourselves Lutheran Christians are honored to bear your name. We have come here to praise you for giving yourself for us. You gave up your heavenly glory to live our lives for us; you gave your precious life to take our curse; you still give yourself to us in Holy Communion. Through your guidance Dr. Luther taught us to despair of our own good works and simply to accept your marvelous gifts in faith.

**C: By faith alone we are forgiven;  
by faith alone we have the promise of your daily care;  
by faith alone we have the hope of everlasting life.**

P: O Holy Spirit,

We who call ourselves Evangelical Lutheran Christians are honored to have your Gospel, your pure Gospel. We have come here to praise you for inspiring holy writers with your sacred thoughts and words. Through your guidance Dr. Luther taught us to despair of man-made authority and traditions, the arrogance of human reason and the whims of personal experience, and to rely solely on the Scripture.

**C: By Scripture alone we are informed of your mighty works;  
by Scripture alone we are persuaded to believe you;  
by Scripture alone we test all religious teaching, thought and opinion. Amen.**

## 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.**

## BLESSING

Into temptation lead us not. When evil foes against us plot  
And vex our souls on ev'ry hand, Oh, give us strength that we may stand  
Firm in the faith, a mighty host, Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.

From evil, Lord, deliver us; The times and days are perilous.  
Redeem us from eternal death, And, when we yield our dying breath,  
Console us, grant us calm release,  
And take our souls to you in peace.

Amen, that is, it shall be so. Make strong our faith that we may know  
That we may doubt not but believe  
What here we ask we shall receive. Thus in your name and at your Word  
We say, “Amen. Oh, hear us, Lord!”

Written in German by Martin Luther in 1539 Translated into English in 1863 by Catherine Winkforth  
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**TOWN MEETING:** Join us today as we have the privilege to meet and discuss the ministry of Christ Our Redeemer. In the fellowship hall at 9:15a.

**SENIOR BIBLE STUDY:** We will meet Tuesday at 10:30a. A Bible study followed by lunch at a local eatery.

**SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:** Our Open House is this Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, from 6-7p. Invitations are on the table in the narthex.

**THANKSGIVING:** Join us for worship at 9a on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our Theme – “*It’s All in the Bag*”.

**COR WOMEN’S GROUP:** Join us on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p as we assemble jars for our Befriend a Mission Program.

**THANKSGIVING BASKETS:** The Teen Group is collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations for Thanksgiving Baskets through November 17<sup>th</sup>. All food donations can be put in the bags in the narthex. Monetary donations can be given to Kim Miller. If you know of any families that would benefit from a food basket this time of year, please contact Kim Miller at: [kim.miller@christredeemerschool.org](mailto:kim.miller@christredeemerschool.org)

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Worship services Sundays  
at 8 and 10:30a (Summer  
Worship at 9a) and Thursdays  
at 7p

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at 9:15a



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- A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.
- 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.
- Please let an usher know if you require a larger print bulletin.
- Our services can also be viewed online. Go to our website [corchurch.com](http://corchurch.com) and click on Video Broadcast.
- As a member of Christ Our Redeemer we are connected to each other through our unity of faith and the public confession of that faith in Lord's Supper. To read what our profession of faith is, go to [www.corchurch.com](http://www.corchurch.com) and click on "Our Beliefs" or take a copy of the tract "What We Believe" in the Visitor Information Center kiosk. To become a member of our church family, please speak with the pastor.