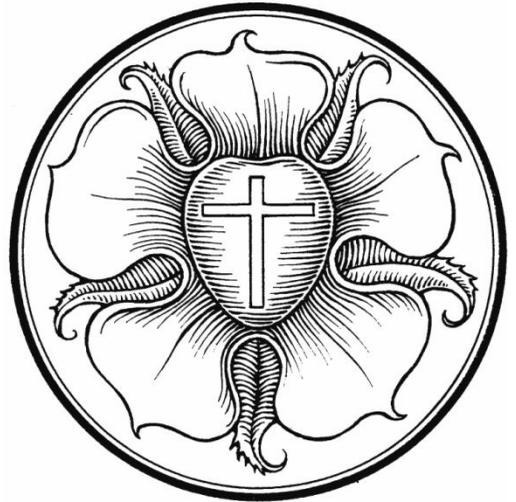


# REFORMATION

## Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Reformation Sunday - November 4, 2018

Pastor Mark S. Voss



## God's Word is Our Great Heritage

Opening Hymn - *"O Word of God Incarnate"*

CW 279

### Invocation

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

C: Amen.

### Confession and Absolution (from Luther's Small Catechism)

P: Confession has two parts. The one is that we confess our sins; the other, that we receive absolution or forgiveness from the pastor as from God himself, not doubting but firmly believing that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven. Let us confess our sins:

C: **Father, I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child. Yet in mercy you sacrificed your only Son to take away my guilt. For his sake, O God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and in the joy of your Holy Spirit let me serve you all my days.**

P: By the authority of 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 - Psalms 46 and 124**

P: If the LORD had not been on our side - let Israel say -

**C: If the LORD had not been on our side**

P: when men attacked us, when their anger flared against us,

**C: they would have swallowed us alive;**

P: the flood would have engulfed us, the torrent would have swept over us,

**C: the raging waters would have swept us away.**

**Psalm 46, the "Reformation Psalm"**

**St. Anne** Melody CW 441

God is our Ref-uge and our Strength Our Help-er ev-er near.  
God's stead-fast help will sure-ly come As cer-tain as the dawn.

The Lord of hosts is on our side To shel-ter us from fear.  
The Lord of hosts is on our side, So let all fear be gone!

P: Praise be to the LORD,

**C: who has not let us be torn by their teeth.**

P: We have escaped like a bird out of the fowler's snare;

**C: the snare has been broken, and we have escaped.**

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**C: the Maker of heaven and earth.**

**SING: O God our Refuge, God our Strength, Accept the praise we bring  
For mercy shown by grace alone Through Christ, our Savior-King!**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Almighty God, through the preaching of your servants, the blessed Reformers, you caused the light of the gospel to shine forth. Grant that we may faithfully defend it against all enemies and joyfully proclaim it to the salvation of people everywhere to the glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

# God's Word is Our Great Heritage

HYMN – *"In Trembling Hands"*

CW 199



In trem-bling hands, Lord God, we hold Our her - it - age, your gift of grace,  
"In trem-bling hands" for how could we Re - tain your gift by our own pow'r?



Your gos-pel, bring-ing wealth un - told: All bless-ings here, in heav'n a place.  
The pearl of price-less worth would be Soon lost - at - tend us ev - 'ry hour!

## God's Word is a Hammer

### Jeremiah 23:28-31

<sup>28</sup> "Let the prophet who has a dream tell his dream,  
but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully.

For what has straw to do with grain?"

<sup>29</sup> "Is not my word like fire," declares the Lord,  
"and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?"

<sup>30</sup> "Therefore," declares the LORD, "I am against the prophets who  
steal from one another words supposedly from me.

<sup>31</sup> Yes," declares the LORD, "I am against the prophets who wag  
their own tongues and yet declare,

'The LORD declares.' "

**SING:**

**"In trembling hands" - with joyous awe,  
Like Luther, we behold your Son:  
For us he kept your holy law, In dying full salvation won.**

**"In tremgling hands" – and yet we cling  
With grip of steel, which you must give,  
To Christ our all, our ev'rything,  
To Christ the life in whom we live.**

# God's Word is a Platform

## Romans 5:1-5

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

<sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope.

<sup>5</sup> And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

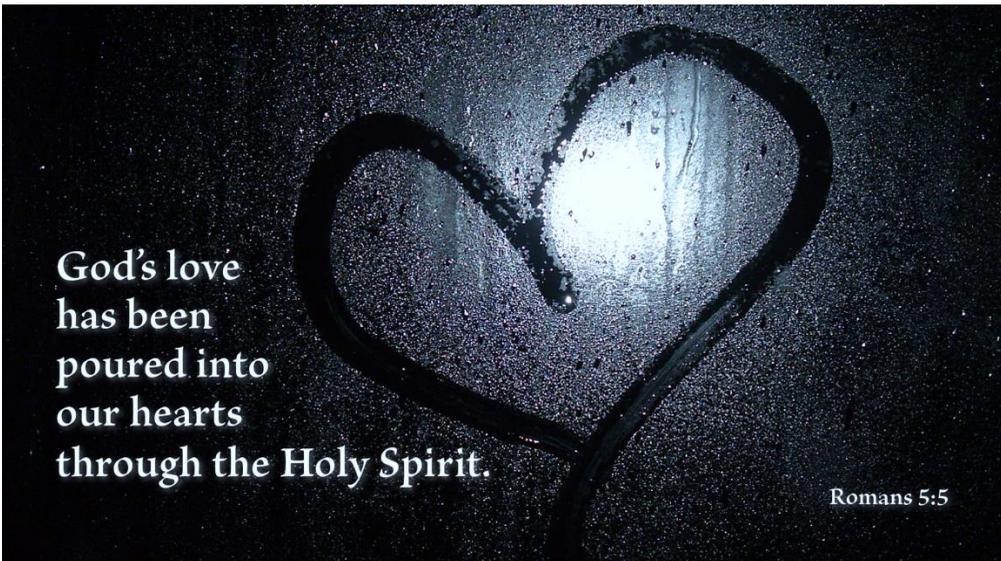
**SING:**

**“In trembling hands”- the treasure won  
We only hold through Scripture, Lord.**

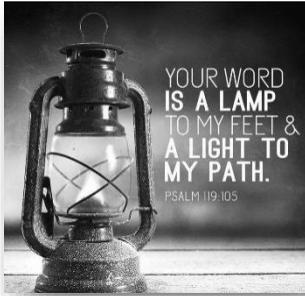
**Then keep us all, till life is done, As people trembling at your Word.**

**“In trembling hands”- if it be so, How can our hearts remain unstirred  
While millions still in tatters go Nor yet of wealth in Christ have heard?**

**In trembling hands, Lord God, we hold Our heritage; now give us hands  
That gladly share your heav'nly gold With needy souls in many lands!**



# God's Word is a Lamp



## Psalm 119: 103-106

- <sup>103</sup> How sweet are your words to my taste,  
sweeter than honey to my mouth!
- <sup>104</sup> I gain understanding from your precepts;  
therefore I hate every wrong path.
- <sup>105</sup> Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.
- <sup>106</sup> I have taken an oath and confirmed it,  
that I will follow your righteous laws.

## Confession of Faith The Meaning of the Third Article

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead; And he will give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. Amen.

REFORMATION HYMN – *“If God Hand Not Been on Our Side”*

CW 202

## OFFERING SENTENCES AND OFFERING

P: The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom.

C: How shall I respond to the Lord for all his goodness?

P: Whatever you do for the least of those who belong to Jesus, you do for him.

C: I will bring an offering in the name of the Lord.

*As we gather our offerings please sign the Friendship Register*

# Lord's Supper

*Our church practices membership communion.  
We ask that only members partake of the sacrament.*

## The Sacrament

P: As we come together to celebrate the Lord's Supper, we do so with thanksgiving to our Savior for graciously giving us this sacrament and for the unity of faith that he has bestowed upon us.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

P: Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ?

**C: And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?** *1 Corinthians 10:16*

P: Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body,

**C: for we partake of the one loaf.** *1 Corinthians 10:17*

P: For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup,

**C: you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.** *1 Corinthians 11:26*

## 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.**

### Words of Institution



**Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord, And drink the ho - ly  
Come for-ward, then, with faith-ful hearts sin - cere, And take the pledg-es**



**blood for you out - poured. Of-fered was he for great - est and for least,  
of sal - va - tion here. Be - fore your al-tar, Lord, your ser-vants bow;**



**Him-self the vic-tim and him - self the priest.  
In this your feast of love be with us now.**

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**Thanksgiving**

P: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your people until that day when you will receive us as your heavenly guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**Blessing**

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

**Closing Hymn - "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"**

CW 293



God's Word is our great her-i - tage And shall be ours for - ev-er; To spread its  
light from age to age Shall be our chief en - deav-or. Through life it  
guides our way; In death it is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en-  
- dure, We keep its teach-ings pure Through-out all gen-er - a - tions.

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**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Join us tomorrow night as we go over the short-term and long-term plans for our school. Nebraska District President, Pastor Phil Hirsch, will be here to answer any questions you might have regarding staff positions and potential calls or revising of calls.

**TOWN MEETING:**

Please set aside some time to include Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15a for our Town Meeting. Come and share this opportunity to hear about and discuss Christ Our Redeemer's ministry.

## **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – November 4 - 11**

Today	<b>Daylight Savings Time</b> 8 & 10:30a Worship with Communion 9:15a Bible Study & Sunday School 12-1:30p Catechism Class 3p Joint Reformation
Monday	7p Congregational Meeting
Tuesday	6:30-8p Facility in Use
Wednesday	7p COR Sr. Choir
Thursday	8a Bible Study 7p Worship 7:45p Bible Study
Sunday	8 & 10:30a Worship 9:15a TOWN MEETING & Sunday School 12-1:30p Catechism Class 4p Veterans Dinner

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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 and click on Video Broadcast.**