

# *10:45 Reformation Sunday Confirmation Worship Service*



The truth  
will make you  
free

JOHN 8:32

*October 27, 2024*



Welcome to all, especially visitors! It is no accident that you are here! We've been praying for you. We believe God has brought you here and wants to touch your life. You are among friends.

- ◆ If you are visiting, please sign in on our guest sign in sheet in the Narthex Hallway.
- ◆ *At our 10:45 service:* words for the hymns are projected on the screens at the front of the sanctuary.
- ◆ *For the hearing impaired:* hearing devices are available in the Narthex outside the sanctuary.
- ◆ *Restrooms:* To locate a restroom, exit the back of the worship area. Take two rights and proceed down the hallway. At the stairs, go left. The Women's Room is on the left, the Men's Room is straight ahead.
- ◆ *Holy Communion at ELC:* We welcome to the Lord's Table all the baptized people of God. Gluten free options and grape juice are available.
- ◆ *Nursery:* We have a fully staffed nursery for infants through children six years of age or children of any age with special needs. The nursery opens at 10:30 AM on Sunday morning for our 10:45 AM worship service. The nursery is equipped with a pager system to help parents feel at ease.
- ◆ *Photo Release Form:* Our 10:45 service is live-streamed to our Facebook Page and YouTube Channel. All children coming to the front for the Children's Message or Holy Communion will be visible on the live-feed. If you do not want your child's image online, please do not send them up to the front. If you are ok with it, please fill out a Photo Release Form located on the sign-up table in the Narthex and put it in the offering box.

**\*Criminal Background Checks have been done for all of our Nursery & Children's Ministry Volunteers.**

## ***October 27, 2024 Reformation Sunday***

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

### ***GATHERING***

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING**

*Please stand*

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Gracious God,

**C** have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,  
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us  
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first**

**we make distinctions among ourselves.**

**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.**

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,  
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**P** God promises to forgive our iniquity  
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

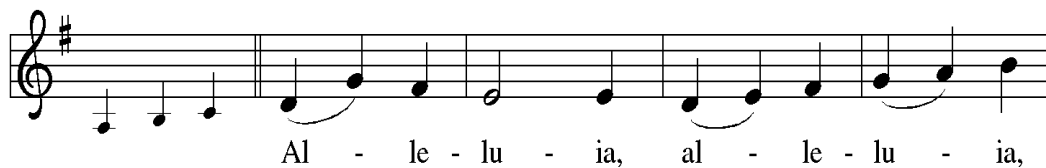
In the name of † Jesus Christ,  
the source of eternal healing,  
your sins are forgiven.

**C Amen.**

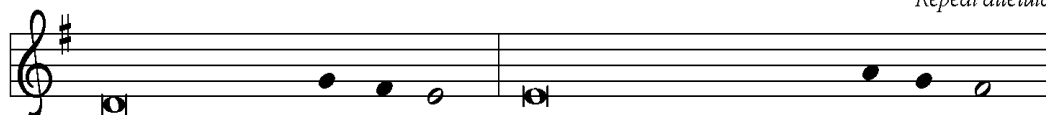
**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray. Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Repeat alleluia*

**GOSPEL**

**John 8:31-36**

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

**P** The holy gospel according to St John the 8th Chapter

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

Dr. Bob

*Our 10:45 service is live-streamed to YouTube. All children coming to the front for Children’s Worship will be in the live-feed. If you do not want your child visible on-line, please do not send them forward.*

## **CHILDREN’S WORSHIP**

*After the children’s message, the children are welcomed to be a part of the Children’s Worship that takes place in our Sunday School Room #108. Children return from Children’s Worship during the sharing of the peace.*

## **SERMON**

Pastor D

## **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM & PARENT’S & CONFIRMAND’S SHARING**

Today we will be confirming 7 young people who has studied hard over the past 3 years. By reaffirming the promises their parents made at their baptism, they will become adult members of the church. We celebrate this milestone in their lives.

*Craig Dirr son of Eric and Solange Dirr  
Henry Erwin son of Mason and Kim Erwin  
Emma Jones daughter of Martin & Jennifer Jones  
Lily McDannell daughter of Mark & Lorna McDannell  
Cadance Shemon daughter of Austin and Alicia Shemon  
Noah Walker son of Brian and Karen Walker  
Abigail Weaver daughter of Jason & Sharon Weaver*

**L** These persons has been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

**P** We rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

**P** In holy baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his church.

In your baptism we remembered the saving power of God, saving Noah and his family, and leading the Israelites from bondage to freedom through the waters of the Red Sea.

We remembered Christ's own baptism in the Jordan River, when he was anointed with the Holy Spirit, making water a sign of the kingdom, of cleansing and rebirth.

We also remembered his death and resurrection, and his final command that we make disciples of all nations.

At your baptism you were given a candle, lit from the Christ candle, such as this one, with these words spoken to you, "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven".

We also gave thanks for you, and prayed that God would pour out his Spirit upon you, giving you the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in God's presence.

Finally, we prayed that God would look with kindness upon your parents, enabling them to fulfill the promises, which they made, and serve as a teachers and examples of righteousness.

And so today the journey continues as we gather to affirm your baptism, confirm your faith, and pray again, that God will bless you with the Holy Spirit. We ask you now to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

**P** Do you renounce the devil and all his empty promises?

**C I renounce them.**

**P** Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**C I renounce them.**

**P** Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C I renounce them.**

**P** Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
born of the Virgin Mary.  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
on the third day he rose again.  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**P** You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

If so answer individually.

**C** I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

**P** People of God, do you promise to support these brothers and pray for them in their life with Christ?

**C** We do, and ask God to help and guide us.

**P** Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Amen

## SHARING TIME

### LAYING ON OF HANDS

**P** Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in these young men and women the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their lives, empower their serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life. Amen

*Please stand*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION



***Members of Our Congregation:*** Don Cool, Mason Erwin, Sadie Garner, Karla Oller, Pam Wagaman, and Duke & Joann White.

***Friends of the Congregation:*** Anna Batson, Annette Fillmore, Kathy Freese, Wayne Ford, Cullen Gaston, Jim Gleason, Naziha & Abraham Hanna, Paula Kline, Tyler Kreiter & Family, David & Jannie Moltrup, Dan Rovelstad, Regina Spagnoletti, Susie Spagnoletti, and John Spagnoletti, Tony Stoops, William Swetcharnik, Dakota Thomas, Sherry Toomey, Renni Tressler, Joe Vance, Sue Vance, Mrs. Viscusi, and Sarah.

*(Names will be posted for a month. If you would like to have them on longer, please contact the church office.)*



## **PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*Please be seated*

**ANTHEM:**            *The Truth Will Set You Free*

**Anne Krentz Organ**

*Please stand*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**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.

## **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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

*Please be seated*

## COMMUNION SONG

*Lamb of God*

*Please stand*

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

**C Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** Let us pray. Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## ***SENDING***

### **BENEDICTION**

### **SENDING HYMN**

*The Church's One Foundation*

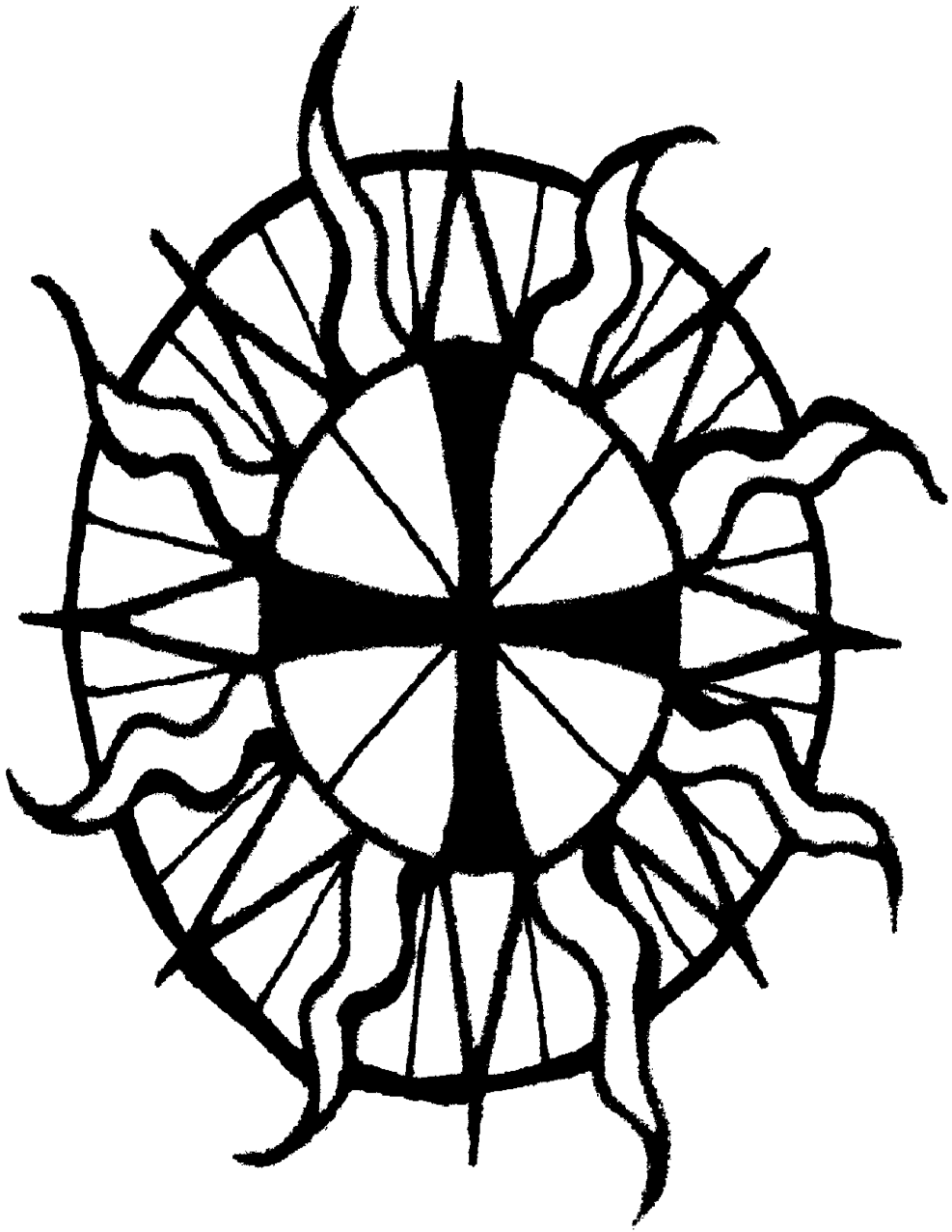
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### **DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace, God is at work in you.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolyte	Mira Schuchart
Altar Guild	Pat Radtke & Janey Jenkins
Children's Message	Dr. Bob
Children's Worship	Andrea Brown
Communion Assistant	Drew Reed & Linda Bennett
Flower Delivery	Joe & Sue Hess
Greeter	Linda Beaver(Welcome) Allison Devlin(Choir)
Ushers	Team A
Sound Board	Mark Reed
Screens	Riley Walker



Altar Flowers

*In memory of Don Kline on his Oct. 25th  
Birthday by his daughter Karen.*



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