

St. Olaf Lutheran Church
Sunday, 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.

Welcome & Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

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.

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.
Amen.

***Hymn**

The Church's One Foundation

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Statement of Faith

Avery Bryhne

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***Kyrie**

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***Glory to God**

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***Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Statement of Faith

Sydney Carver

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me,

from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L: Word of God. Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

Statement of Faith

Coda Kalvig

Psalm: Psalm 46

**¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.**

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

**³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.**

⁶The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.

**⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

⁸Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up on the earth;

**⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with
fire.**

¹⁰“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

**¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

Statement of Faith

Makayla Liska

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus

Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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Mason Zuspann

***Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)**

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***Gospel: John 8:31-36**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They 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’?”

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

P: The gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Pastor Emily Sauer-Alvarez

Sermon

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***Hymn**

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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***Affirmation of Baptism**

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Confirmand

Avery William Bryhne

Parent Erika Bryhne
Grandparents Kurt and Carol Bryhne

Confirmand *Sydney Grace Carver*
Parents Todd Carver and Brandy Mills

Confirmand *Coda Ryan Kalvig*
Parents Nick Kalvig and Tanya Brokaw

Confirmand *Makayla Marie Liska*
Parents Shane and Heather Liska

Confirmand *Mason Jon Zuspenn*
Parents Jerid and Allison Zuspenn

*** Prayers of Intercession**

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

***Peace** (*Feel free to share a handshake or hug*)

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Offering: *Please consider giving an offering for the mission and ministry of St. Olaf. We can continue to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ with your support and generosity. God bless you. Also, please pass the attendance sheets down your row and fill out your info.*

***Offering prayer**

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.
Amen.

***Lord's Prayer**

***Blessing**

God all mighty,
God most merciful
‡ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

Amen.

***Hymn**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Assisting in Worship

Presider: Pastor Jim McColley

Preaching: Pastor Emily Sauer-Alvarez

Organist: Jason Swedlund

Reader: Nancy Hamilton

Ushers: Craig Hamilton, Karla Berg, Terry Hansen

Tech: Marc Matthes