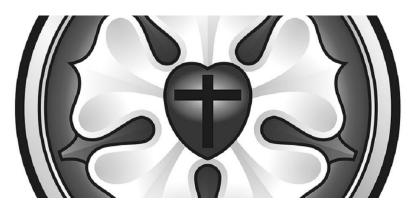
+In the Name of Jesus+

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The Chicago Conference (Wisconsin Synod) Joint Reformation Rally Saint Andrew Lutheran Church, Center of Chicago. 30 October 2016.







4pm The Lutheran Reformation at 499 www.ChicagoReformationRally.com

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PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN
Organ, Brass, Choir, Congregation

Te Deum (sung to THAXTED)

Please stand at the introduction to the Te Deum.

Please turn and face the processional cross at the doors of the church. Face the cross as it enters God's House.



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Service of Word and Sacrament, Festival Setting

Greeting

- M: 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 and Absolution

- M: God invites us to come into His presence and worship Him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask Him to forgive us.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Prayer and Praise

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all Your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from Your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M: For the well-being of Your holy church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

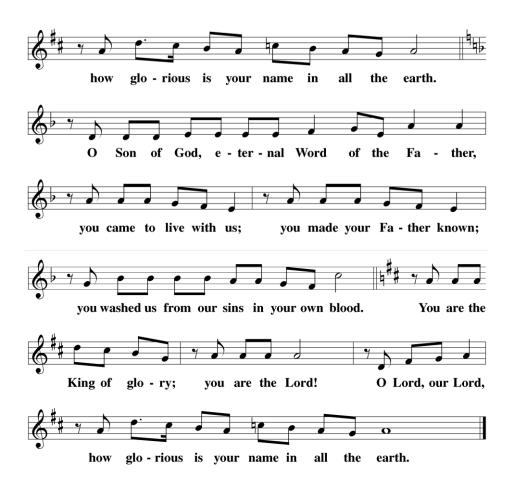


M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by Your power and keep us in Your tender care:



M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; His name is worthy of praise!





PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with Your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of Your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 19:1-6 (NIV 1984)

At Mt. Sinai, the Lord blesses Moses and the Church as a Kingdom of Priests and a Holy Nation.

¹In the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on the very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai. ²After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

³Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ⁴You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. ⁵Now if you obey me fully and keep My covenant, then out of all nations you will be My treasured possession. Although the whole earth is Mine, ⁶you will be for Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM -I'm Not Ashamed To Own My Lord

PSALM OF THE DAY—Psalm 46





God is our refuge and strength,* an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the <u>earth</u> give way* and the mountains fall into the heart <u>of</u> the sea,

though its waters <u>roar</u> and foam* and the mountains quake with their <u>surging</u>.

Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,* the holy place where the Most <u>High</u> dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall;*
God will help her at break of day.

"Be still, and know that <u>I</u> am God;"

I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted <u>in</u> the earth."

Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spirit</u>, as it was in the beg<u>inning</u>,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:4-10 (NIV 1984)

Jesus provides the pure spiritual milk of His Gospel to keep the Church close to Himself in every age.

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. ²Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴As you come to Him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to Him—⁵you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For in Scripture it says:

"See, I lay a stone in Zion,

a chosen and precious cornerstone,

and the one who trusts in Him

will never be put to shame."

⁷Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

"The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone",

8and,

"A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE OF THE DAY

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword Would seek to overthrow your Son And to destroy what he has done.



HOLY GOSPEL

St. Mark 13:14-27 (NIV 1984)

The fact that the church needed a Reformation in the first place is a sign of the Last Days.

¹⁴[Jesus said:] "When you see 'the abomination that causes desolation' standing where it does not belong—let the reader understand—then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁵Let no one on the roof of his house go down or enter the house to take anything out. ¹⁶Let no one in the field go back to get his cloak. ¹⁷How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! ¹⁸Pray that this will not take place in winter, ¹⁹because those will be days of distress unequaled from the beginning, when God created the world, until now—and never to be equaled again. ²⁰If the Lord had not cut short those days, no one would survive. But for the sake of the elect, whom He has chosen, He has shortened them. ²¹At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'Look, there He is!' do not believe it. ²²For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and miracles to deceive the elect—if that were possible. ²³So be on your guard; I have told you everything ahead of time.

²⁴"But in those days, following that distress,

"the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light;

²⁵ the stars will fall from the sky,

and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'

²⁶"At that time men will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And He will send His angels and gather His elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

M: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.



In keeping with sound Lutheran tradition, please Remain standing for 'A Mighty Fortress' HYMN OF THE DAY

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

Text and Tune, Martin Luther, 1483-1546

1 A mighty fortress is our God,

A trusty shield and weapon;

He helps us free from ev'ry need

That has us now o'ertaken.

The old evil foe

Now means deadly woe;

Deep guile and great might

Are his dread arms in fight;

On earth is not his equal.

2 With might of ours can naught be done;

Soon were our loss effected.

But for us fights the valiant one

Whom God Himself elected.

You ask, "Who is this?"

Jesus Christ it is,

The almighty Lord.

And there's no other God;

He holds the field forever.

Be seated

SERMON

Theme: You Are God's Royal Priests (1 Peter 2:4-10)

3 Though devils all the world should fill,

All eager to devour us,

We tremble not, we fear no ill;

They shall not overpow'r us.

This world's prince may still

Scowl fierce as he will.

He can harm us none.

He's judged; the deed is done!

One little word can fell him.

4 The Word they still shall let remain,

Nor any thanks have for it;

He's by our side upon the plain

With His good gifts and Spirit.

And do what they will --

Hate, steal, hurt, or kill --

Though all may be gone,

Our victory is won;

The kingdom's ours forever!

Rev. Mark Jeske, Saint Marcus Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, WI

After the sermon, please stand

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Luther's Explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed from the Small Catechism

- M: I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life Everlasting. Amen. What does this mean?
- C: 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, 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 give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Be seated

OFFERING

These gifts are dedicated to the new Chinese Outreach Ministry at Saint Andrew Church.

CHORAL OFFERING - O Lord, We Praise Thee

PRAYER of the CHURCH

Following each Petition:

M: Come Holy Spirit, lift up the hearts of your Holy People...

C: And kindle in us the fire of your Love. Alleluia!

LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



M: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.

By His saints and witnesses of the past He encourages us to run with perseverance the race marked out for us and to live in righteousness and peace.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ. To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Sanctus



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

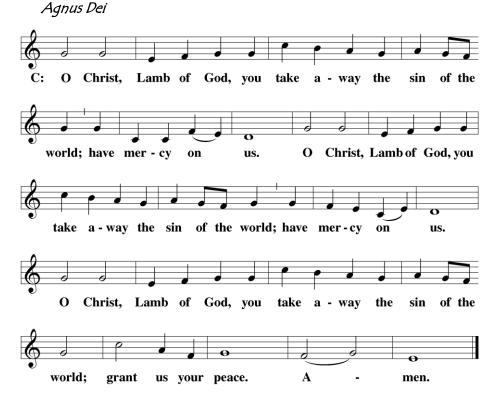
Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PEACE OF THE LORD

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



Be seated

Continuous distribution today. Please walk up center aisle for the host, pause as you take and eat, go to the right or left for the cup. Pause as you drink. Return to your pew at side aisles. The post-meal blessing will occur at the end of distribution.

CLOSED COMMUNION, OPEN HEARTS: The Lutheran church has always practiced the ancient and wide-spread Christian practice of closed communion. In this meal we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth. If you are not a confirmed member of this parish or one of our sister congregations in the WELS or ELS and wish to partake of the Sacrament at this place, please make arrangements with Rev. Adam Gawel of St. Andrew to receive the Sacrament here in the future. Our hearts are open to your spiritual needs! Thank you for honoring this sacred and biblical practice, and we look forward to any opportunity of sharing the teachings of the Christian faith together.



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS and SONGS

DEAR CHRISTIANS, ONE AND ALL, REJOICE (CW 377)

Text, Martin Luther, 1483-1546

1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,
And, with united heart and voice
And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done,
How His right arm the vict'ry won.
How dearly it has cost Him!

2 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.

3 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.

4 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.

5 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."

6 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.

7 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.

8 "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.

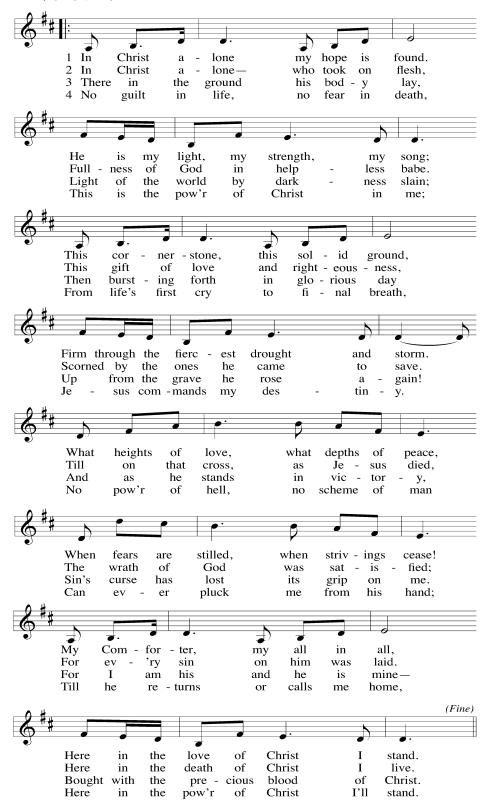
9 "Now to My Father I depart,
The Holy Spirit sending
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,
My help to you extending.
He will a source of comfort be,
Teach you to know and follow Me,
And in all truth will guide you.

10 "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."

IN CHRIST ALONE (CWS 752)



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After the distribution, please stand.

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.







PRAYER

M: Hear the prayer of Your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised You here may glorify You in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for His coming again, and that all who have received in His true body and blood the pledge of Your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

M: 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.



God's Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way; In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations. Amen.

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Caterer: Corky's from Addison, IL will cater the meal after the service. We offer an Oktoberfest menu which includes bratwurst with sauerkraut, herb roasted chicken, German potato salad, green beans almond and confetti jello dessert. The meal will start at 5:30 PM and will be served across the street at the old St. Andrew's school building. In consideration for those who traveled a great distance to be here this evening, we invite the folks on the buses from Indiana to get in line first.

Choir Selections Today

We Praise You and Acknowledge You, Bender

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