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## Reformation Day

*October 29, 2023*

### **Our mission:**

*to spread the Word of Salvation through Christ,  
honor God, serve others, and grow in faith.*

**Welcome!** The rallying cry of the Reformation includes five "solas" (sola means "alone" in Latin). **Grace Alone** - Our human nature is so corrupted by sin that nothing but God's undeserved favor can save us. **Faith Alone** - Our good works, important as they are, contribute nothing to our salvation. **Christ Alone** - Jesus Christ, by his perfect life, innocent death, and resurrection is our only Savior from sin and death. **Scripture Alone** - God's inspired Word is the only perfect source of truth. **Glory to God Alone** - God alone gets all the glory for our salvation. These are the truths we celebrate today!

**Welcome guests!** We are delighted you are with us for worship this morning. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jon, sign the guest book next to the front doors, and let us know how we can be of service to you. The order of service is printed in this bulletin starting on page 2. A cryroom is available at the back left of the sanctuary for families with young children if there is a need.

**Communion Note:** We believe that our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us. Because unworthy reception of the sacrament can be harmful, those who are not yet instructed, are uncertain or doubtful, or hold to a different confession should speak to the Pastor before participating.

***Divine Service, Setting One***  
***LSB page 151***

***The Preparation***

**Prelude:** “Ein Feste Burg” – G. Bohm

**Words of Welcome**

**Invocation, Confession, and Absolution** (page 151)

***The Service of the Word***

**Opening Hymn:** 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

**Kyrie** (page 152 - sung)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise** This Is the Feast (page 155)

C: **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**



**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Almighty and gracious Lord,  
pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people.  
Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth,  
protect and deliver us in times of temptation,  
defend us against all enemies,  
and grant to Your Church Your saving peace;  
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

**First Reading:** Revelation 14:6-7 (see back cover)

**Choir:** “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

**Epistle Reading:** Romans 3:19-28 (see back cover)

**Alleluia Verse** (page 156)

**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Reading:** John 8:31-36 (see back cover)

Acclamations (sung): **Glory to you, O Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Apostles' Creed, The Second Article and Explanation** (LSB pp 322-323)

**Hymn of the Day:** 545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

**Sermon**



**Prayers** After each petition of the prayer P: Lord in your mercy,  
**C: Hear our prayer.**

**Prayer Request List** (Names are placed on the list by request only.)

***For comfort:***

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***For those with health concerns:***

Janet	Terence	Linda	Emma
Sue Nelson	Claire Haenisch	Kay Compton	Pat Dietz
Bob Latimer	Judy Grube	Martin Boczur	Kay Compton
Nathan Wilhelm	Mina Ciqus	Bob Van Hise	Tom Reside
Brennan	Phillip Trivett		

***For those with cancer:***

Charlie Huebner	Yolanda Piekaoskey	Rich deDufour	Lynn
Rich Knechel	Rose Bonecki	Aaron Kline	Linda
Carol Tezla	Karen Shevchuk	Jane Chmieleski	Kathy
Edward Keenan	Kathy Lamkin	Mary Ellen	

***For those serving in the armed forces:***

Jake Grube	LJ Lupinacci	Carrick Porter	Nate Fiske	Daniel Gewecke
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***For those suffering around the world:***

War in Europe	Prayers for peace and forgiveness
Family of Olga Nichols living in Ukraine	Prayers for health, safety, and provision
War in Middle East	Prayers for peace and forgiveness

***Birthdays:***

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***The Service of the Sacrament***

**Gathering of the Offering and Offertory**

Instrumental Offertory: “Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort” – J. G. Walther



Congregational Offertory: LSB 785 We Praise You, O God (v. 1,3)

**C: We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;  
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

**With voices united our praises we offer  
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.  
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**



### Presentation of Bibles

### Order of Holy Communion (page 160)

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

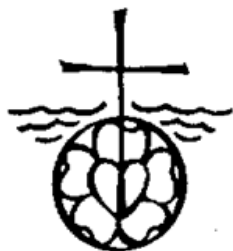
P: It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising you and saying:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth... one God now

**C: Amen.**



P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: Our Father who art in heaven...**

P: Words of Institution

Pax Domini (page 163)

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

**C: Amen**

### Sharing of the Peace

Agnus Dei

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Distribution Hymn: 673 Jerusalem, My Happy Home

Post Communion Cantic: Thank the Lord (page 181)

**C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done.  
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.  
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of  
thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Benediction** (page 166)

### Announcements

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord;

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Closing Hymn:** 803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

**Postlude:** "Ein feste Burg" – J. G. Walther



**Announcements – Week of October 29, 2023**  
**Need assistance? The Church Office is staffed each week**  
**Tues, Wed. and Thurs. from 1:00 – 3:00 to help.**



**Worship, Sunday School, and Bible Study**

**Welcome!** Serving in worship today are: Fred Grube (Communion Assistant and Reader), Andy Wright (Acolyte), Bill Kianka (Usher), Jesse Dunbar (Live-streaming), Hope Dunbar and Amy Van Hise (Communion and coffee set-up and clean-up).

**Sunday Bible Study.** In week 4 of our Ecclesiastes study, the Preacher offers some very wise and practical advice on how to deal with frustrations in life. How do we handle strong emotions like sadness and anger in a God-pleasing way? What words of encouragement and promise does our Lord Jesus offer those who walk the narrow way of the cross? Read Ecclesiastes 7:1-29 to prepare. Find the study guide at

<https://stpeterj.org/archives/2853>

**Sunday School Classes.** Sunday School classes for all ages are going strong! Elementary through High School classes meet during the adult bible study hour from 8:15-9:15am in the lower level of the church. Let's grow together in God's Word this year!

**Today's service will be live streamed** on You Tube at the following link <https://youtube.com/live/PIHVR-JF4Zc?feature=share> If you miss the service live, watch it whenever you like! The services are also posted after the fact to the church's website.

**Wednesday Zoom Bible Study.** Our discussion will cover Acts 15 and the first early Church Council meeting on record! The apostles and elders gathered to discuss critical questions about including Gentiles as full-fledged members of God's Church. We can learn a lot from their manner of debate with one another and how the Holy Spirit guided them deeper into God's truth. (You can find archived recordings of our studies on our church website - [www.stpeternj.org](http://www.stpeternj.org))



**Special Reformation Service.** St. Peter is once again joining with three other area LCMS congregations to sponsor a joint Reformation Commemoration Service. It will be held TODAY at 4:00pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lawrenceville. The service will be followed by a potluck dinner.

**Service of Healing: Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00pm.**

*"He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds." Psalm 147:3*

Join us on Tuesday, Nov. 14th at 7:00pm in the sanctuary for an evening of singing, devotion, and prayer around the theme of healing. This service is an interactive experience that includes laying on of hands, anointing with oil, baptismal remembrance, and candle lighting. All are welcome. Fellowship time with refreshments will follow the service.

**Men's, Women's, Senior's, Youth and Family Ministry**

**Volunteers needed!** On November 4th from about 8:30am-10:30am at Rosedale Park in Pennington, St. Peter will again be passing out water to runners at the Meadow Miler, a race that benefits the Princeton Child Development Institute, a school for individuals with autism. There are over 500 runners and it is a great event to get involved in our community. Plus it's fun - and you don't have to run! Let Jenna or Jason know if you can help out!

**Prayer Shawl Ministry.** The Prayer Shawl ministry team has distributed 18 prayer shawls during the month of October. Twelve of those were given to the Veteran's Hospital. What a blessing!



**Prayer Chain.** The Prayer Chain is ready to receive your prayer requests. Simply call Barbara Greenberg at (609) 512-1928 to start or update a prayer.

**Service and Other**

**Operation Christmas Child.** As we look forward to next year's collection, we are focusing on certain supplies during each month. For October we could use combs (need 50) and toothbrushes (need 80), so if you can, pick up a few and drop them in the collection box in the narthex (next to the food pantry box).

**Food Pantry.** If you can, please grab some non-perishable items at the grocery store to add to our food pantry collection box in the narthex. October’s collection is PASTA: penne, rigatoni, spirals, bow ties, spaghetti, linguini, lasagna, and pasta sauce. You can also sign up to deliver the donations; see the hall sign-up.

**Flowers.** A Flower sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Flower contributions can be made in honor of someone, in thanksgiving for God’s grace, or for a special occasion. The suggested donation is \$25.

**Faithfulness Report** (10/29) Attendance: 62  
 General Fund: \$5250 Debt reduction: \$65  
 (Weekly contributions of approx \$6,000 are needed to meet our Congregation-approved 2023 budget.)

**Website and Facebook.** Our website is at [www.stpeternj.org](http://www.stpeternj.org), and our Facebook page is Saint Peter Lutheran Church - the link is: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Peter-Lutheran-Church/337705479662612>. Come check us out!

**Weekly Schedule.**

TODAY (10/29)	4:00pm	Special Reformation Service & Pot-luck Dinner at Holy Trinity, Lawrenceville
TUESDAY (10/31)		<b>NO Confirmation Class</b>
WEDNESDAY (11/1)	7:30pm	Zoom Bible study
THURSDAY (11/2)	9:45/11:45am	Nursery Chapel Services
SUNDAY (11/5)	8:15am	Bible Study/Sunday School; 9:30am Worship

**A Look Ahead.** Mark your calendars!



Saturday, November 11	8 am – noon	Fall clean-up
Tuesday, November 14	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Service of Healing
Wednesday, November 22	7:30 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Service
Wednesday, December 6, 13	7:30 pm	Advent Services
Wednesday, December 20	7:30 pm	Youth-led Advent Celebration
Saturday, December 9	10–noon	Nursery School Christmas
Sunday, December 24	5 pm & 7 pm	Christmas Eve Services
Monday, December 25	10:30 am	Christmas Day Service

**Other Important web links.**

NJ District LCMS	<a href="http://njdistrict.org">njdistrict.org</a>
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod	<a href="http://lcms.org">lcms.org</a>
LCMS World Relief and Human Care	<a href="http://lcms.org/ca/worldrelief">lcms.org/ca/worldrelief</a>
“The Lutheran Hour” Broadcast	<a href="http://lhm.org">lhm.org</a>



## REFORMATION DAY (OBSERVED)

### **First Reading: Revelation 14:6–7**

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

### **Epistle: Romans 3:19–28**

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—<sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption

that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

### **Holy Gospel: John 8:31–36**

<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”