

# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## REFORMATION DAY

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### HOLY COMMUNION

**TO OUR GUESTS AND MEMBERS:** We receive the Lord's Supper, believing the Word of Jesus, that He gives into our mouths His true body and blood, miraculously united to the bread and wine, to eat and to 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 Word, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love one another, even as He forgives and loves us.

God's Word teaches us that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm, and that this Holy Communion is a confession of the faith that is confessed in this church. Therefore any who are not yet instructed, who are in doubt, or are members of a congregation not in the fellowship of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to commune, are asked to kindly speak with the pastor ahead of time. (*Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16-21; 11:17-34*)

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### The Confessional Service with Holy Communion

#### Prelude

#### Hymn of Invocation – #262

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

#### The Invocation – pg. 46ff *(stand)*

#### Versicles & Responses

**Introit** *Ps. 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Ps. 119:46*

*I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O LORD,]*

*and shall not be put to shame.*

**I will bless the LORD at all times;**

**his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

*My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.*

**Come, O children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

*The LORD redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.*

**I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O LORD,]  
and shall not be put to shame.**

**The Confessional Address or Exhortation, pg. 47**

**The Corporate Confession of Sins and Absolution, pg. 47-48**

### **The Collect for the Day**

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. **Amen.**

### **The 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.”

### **The 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.

### **The 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.”

### **+ The Nicene Creed – pg. 22**

#### **Hymn #373, v. 1, 2, 4, 5, 7**

“By Grace I’m Saved, Grace Free and Boundless”

#### **Sermon – “The Angel with the Everlasting Gospel”**

##### **Revelation 14:6-7**

- I. God’s everlasting gospel will be preached until the end.
- II. We give glory to God because of it.

#### **The Offertory – pg. 22 (*stand*)**

#### **The Offerings**

**Vocal Ensemble:** “O God, Our Lord, Thy Holy Word”

*(You may follow the text at Hymn 266, v. 1-3.)*

#### **The Preface ~ The Agnus Dei – pg. 24-28**

#### **Distribution Hymns**

**#313** - “O Lord, We Praise Thee”

**#288** - “Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain”

**#472** - “Rise, Ye Children of Salvation”

#### **The Nunc Dimittis – pg. 29**

#### **The Thanksgiving – pg. 30**

#### **Post-Communion Collect – pg. 31**

**The Salutation & The Benedicamus – pg. 31**

**The Benediction – pg. 31**

**Closing Hymn - #261**

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word”

**Silent Prayer & Postlude**

**+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +**

## **DAILY READINGS**

October 31: Deut. 32:28–52; Matt. 20:17–34; November 1: Deut. 34:1–12; Matt. 21:1–22; 2: Jer. 1:1–19; Matt. 21:23–46; 3: Jer. 3:6–4:2; Matt. 22:1–22; 4: Jer. 5:1–19; Matt. 22:23–46; 5: Jer. 7:1–29; Matt. 23:1–12; 6: Jer. 8:18–9:12; Matt. 23:13–39

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