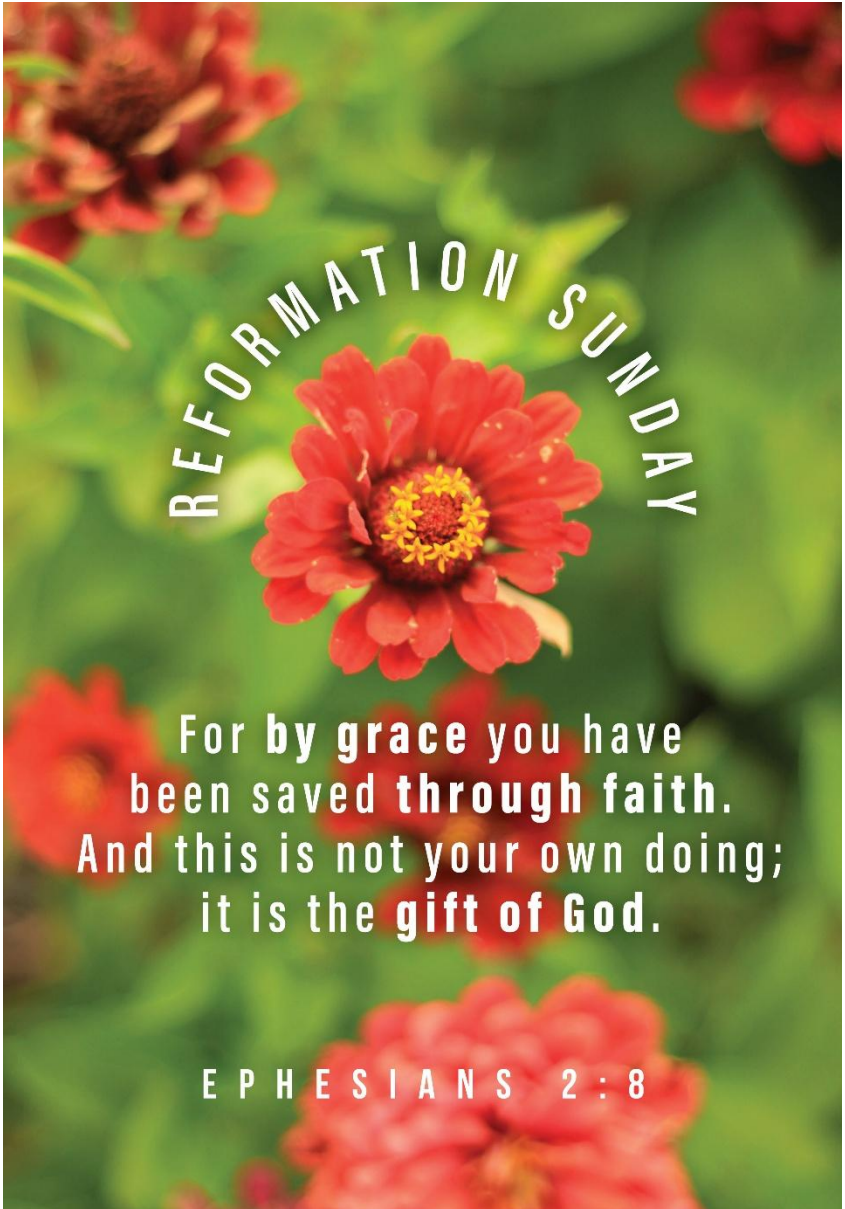


REDEMPTION LUTHERAN CHURCH



REFORMATION SUNDAY

For by **grace** you have
been saved **through faith**.
And this is not your own doing;
it is the **gift of God**.

E P H E S I A N S 2 : 8



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Pre-Service Meditation:

Daniel 6:10: ¹⁰ When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your everlasting Word that You have given to us in the Holy Scriptures. By Your Word, Daniel withstood the temptation to cave to King Darius' command. By Your Word, Martin Luther and reformers refused to compromise Your grace and free forgiveness. Lord, keep Your Word steadfast in our lives as well, that we might withstand every temptation of the devil, this world, and our sinful flesh. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

On Reformation Sunday we give thanks to God for the salvation that comes by his grace alone. We thank him for the faith he gives us to trust his promise. We thank him for the pure Word, which gives and strengthens that faith. At the same time we understand that we can fall away from that grace in unbelief. We recognize that our faith will be challenged daily by Satan, our society and our sinful self. Therefore let us never stray from his life-giving Word.

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening: **WS 776 Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose You**

Confession of Sins and Absolution

P: Confession has two parts.

C: First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have placed other gods before You. We have failed to fear, love, and trust in You above all things. We humbly ask that for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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 TLH 283 God's Word is Our Great Heritage

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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray... 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.

⁶ Then these high officials and satraps came by agreement to the king and said to him, "O King Darius, live forever!" ⁷ All the high officials of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counselors and the governors are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an injunction, that whoever makes petition to any god or man for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions. ⁸ Now, O king, establish the injunction and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked." ⁹ Therefore King Darius signed the document and injunction. ¹⁰ When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously. ¹¹ Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and plea before his God. ¹² Then they came near and said before the king, concerning the injunction, "O king! Did you not sign an injunction, that anyone who makes petition to any god or man within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?" The king answered and said, "The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked." ¹⁶ Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!" ¹⁷ And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. ¹⁸ Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him. ¹⁹ Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. ²⁰ As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?" ²¹ Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever!" ²² My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless

before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm." ²³ Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

Second Scripture Reading

Galatians 5:1-6

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ² Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. ³ I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. ⁴ You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵ For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

Hymn:

WS 749 Come to Living Word and Water

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 10:16-23

¹⁶ "Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹ When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰ For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹ Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²² and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn: **TLH 261 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word**

Sermon **Daniel 6:10ff**

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Stand Firm in the Freedom of the Gospel!

Offertory:

Create in Me ♪♪

Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen

Hymn:

TLH 262 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer For the Church:

Responsive Lord's Prayer:

P: Our Father Who art in Heaven:

G: God would by these words tenderly invite us to believe that He is our true Father, and that we are His true children.

P: Hallowed be Thy name:

G: We pray that the Word of God be taught in its truth and purity and we as the children of God lead a holy life according to it.

P: Thy Kingdom come:

G: We pray that our heavenly Father would give us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace, we believe His holy Word, and lead a godly life here in time and hereafter in eternity.

P: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven:

G: We ask that God would break every evil counsel and will that would not allow us to hallow His name nor let His kingdom come.

P: Give us this day our daily bread:

G: God gives daily bread indeed without our asking, even to all the wicked; but we pray in this petition that He would lead us to appreciate, and to receive with thanksgiving, our daily bread.

P: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us:

G: We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins, nor on their account deny our prayers; but that He would grant them all to us by grace;

P: And lead us not into temptation:

G: We pray that God would guard and keep us, so that the devil, the world, and our flesh may not deceive us, nor lead us into misbelief, despair, and other great shame and vice;

P: But deliver us from evil:

G: We pray that our Father in heaven would deliver us from every evil of body and soul, of property and honor, and finally, when our last hour has come, grant us a blessed end, and graciously take us to Himself in heaven.

P: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

G: I am certain that these petitions are acceptable to our Father in heaven, and heard; for He Himself has commanded us to pray, and promised that He will hear us.

Hymn: **TLH 379 I Do Not Come Because My Soul vs 1,5**

Words of Institution

Distribution

Note on Communion

Since the Lord's Supper implies a unity of faith and confession, we ask that those who have not previously participated with us in the Lord's Supper meet first with the pastor to discuss our Scriptural doctrine before partaking of the Lord's Supper in our services. In this practice of close communion, we seek to follow and obey the Word of God.

Benediction

G Amen.

Hymn: **Lord, Give Us Hearts to Treasure (to the tune of WS 793)**

Silent Prayer

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Announcements

WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

Upcoming Events:

- **Special Services Upcoming:** Thanksgiving Day Service November 27th at 10am; Advent Candlelight Service Dec. 17th at 7pm; Christmas Eve Service Dec. 24th (time TBD).
- **Voters' Meeting:** Our 3rd quarter voters' meeting will be Sunday, November 9th. Church at 11:30

Call News:

- Pastor Matthew Ude of Faith Lutheran in Markesan, WI ***is considering the call*** to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.
- Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Lutheran in West Columbia, SC ***has returned the call*** to Living Word Lutheran in Appleton, WI
- Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redeemer Lutheran in Sister Lakes, MI ***has returned the call*** to Peace Thru Christ in Middleton, WI. Peace Thru Christ ***has since called*** Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ
- Pastor Emeritus Paul Tiefel Jr. ***has received the vacancy call*** to Trinity Lutheran in Spokane, WA

- Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Rapid City, SD ***is considering the call*** to Trinity Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA

Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday, November 2nd Redemption Sunday Service at 9

Sunday, November 9th Redemption Sunday Service at 11:30

Sunday, November 16th Redemption Sunday Service at 9

A Spotlight on 2nd Generation Lutheran Reformers

Martin Chemnitz: Chemnitz was born in the Margraviate of Brandenburg into a merchant family that fell on hard times after the death of his father. His early adult years were spent gaining whatever education he could with the limited funds he possessed, then using those skills to pursue knowledge on his own. In 1545, he was able to move to the University of Wittenberg, where he was fortunate to attend lectures by Martin Luther shortly before the great reformer's death. However, outbreaks of war and plague forced him to move to East Prussia, where he finally enjoyed a long-time period of theological study.



In 1553, Chemnitz moved back to Wittenberg at Philip Melancthon's invitation, joining the theological faculty the following year. After being ordained to the ministry by Johannes Bugenhagen, he became ecclesiastical superintendent for the Duchy of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel.

In Martin Luther's later life, he found himself at odds not only with the Roman Catholic Church from which he was excommunicated, but also with other Protestants, individuals who were implementing reforms, changes and in some cases outright innovations to the faith. Luther was generally antagonistic towards these other reformers because they threw out historic teachings like the efficacy of Baptism,

the importance of liturgical worship and the real, bodily presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper. However, some Lutherans, including Philipp Melancthon, were hopeful of reaching an agreement with these other Protestants, especially with John Calvin and his followers. Their motive was understandable: The political ramifications of a myriad of little Protestant groups were not favorable, seen clearly in the carnage wrought by the various wars of religion in this period, and later the Thirty Years' War.

Martin Chemnitz and his like-minded colleagues worked to respond to these attempts to muddy the waters between Lutherans and Calvinists. But the powder keg really exploded when an intercepted letter revealed a plot to manipulate the Saxon Elector Augustus into increased openness to Calvinism — by tricking his wife into reading Calvinist literature. This unearthed scheme led to the imprisonment of many of the Wittenberg faculty. It also led to the adoption of the Formula of Concord, authored primarily by Martin Chemnitz and fellow pastor Jakob Andreae. The Formula was intended to be a definitive statement outlining Lutheran doctrine, paying special attention to controversies among Protestants which could not be fully answered by earlier documents like the Augsburg Confession. Chemnitz and his circle also went on to compile the Book of Concord, bringing together their Formula along with nine other documents to create the authoritative, and still binding, statement on Lutheran belief.

By the early 1600s, Martin Chemnitz was known by the moniker "The Second Martin." Though not as bombastic, charismatic or funny as Luther, Chemnitz helped the early Lutheran church navigate some of its first theological controversies, crises which could have resulted in the dissolution of the Lutherans into generic and sacrament-less syncretism. With his unique gifts — gifts that were not always appreciated by others — Martin Chemnitz provided the doctrinal clarity necessary to ensure that the theological heritage of Luther could be passed on to us today.