



*Continue  
in my word*

JOHN 8:31



# Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**Reformation Sunday**  
**October 27, 2024**  
**10:30 a.m.**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *Chorale Prelude on “Ein feste Burg” – Johann Gottfried Walther*  
*Throughout this bulletin, the text in **bold** type is said by the congregation.*

*Please be seated or kneel if able.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and prayer*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

*The congregation stands to sing the hymn.*

**HYMN #504: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God** EIN FESTE BURG

### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### **KYRIE**

*(music on p. 147 ELW Setting 4)*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE: This Is The Feast** *(music on p. 149 ELW Setting 4)*

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

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

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

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

**Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

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

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray:

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.**

*The congregation is seated.*

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34** *(printed on back cover)*

*At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 46

*Please remain seated. The refrain printed below is sung first by the choir; everyone sings each time it is repeated. The choir sings the verses.*



- <sup>1</sup>God is our ref-<sup>1</sup>uge and strength,  
a very present<sup>1</sup> help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the<sup>1</sup> earth be moved,  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths<sup>1</sup> of the sea;
- <sup>3</sup>though its waters<sup>1</sup> rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble<sup>1</sup> at its tumult. **Refrain**
- <sup>5</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-<sup>1</sup>y of God,  
the holy habitation of<sup>1</sup> the Most High.
- <sup>6</sup>God is in the midst of her; she shall not be<sup>1</sup> overthrown;  
God shall help her at the<sup>1</sup> break of day.
- <sup>7</sup>The nations make much ado, and the king-<sup>1</sup>doms are shaken;  
God has spoken, and the earth shall<sup>1</sup> melt away. **Refrain**
- <sup>9</sup>Come now and look upon the works<sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
what awesome things he has<sup>1</sup> done on earth.
- <sup>10</sup>It is he who makes war to cease in<sup>1</sup> all the world;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the<sup>1</sup> shields with fire.
- <sup>11</sup>“Be still, then, and know that<sup>1</sup> I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted<sup>1</sup> in the earth.” **Refrain**

### **SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28** *(printed on back cover)*

*At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation stands to sing the Gospel Acclamation.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(music on p. 151 ELW Setting 4)*  
**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

### **HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:31-36** *(printed on back cover)*

*Prior to the reading of the Holy Gospel, the following is said:*

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the conclusion of the Gospel, the following is said:*

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The congregation is seated.*

**SERMON**

Vicar Philip Supeck

*The congregation stands to sing the hymn.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY #665: Rise, Shine, You People!** WOJTKIEWIECZ

### **APOSTLES CREED**

With the whole church let us confess our faith...

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Please kneel or be seated.*

### **PRAYERS**

*Each petition concludes: Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers. The congregation responds: **Amen.***

### **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you" or similar words.*

*At the conclusion of the Peace, the congregation is seated.*

**ANTHEM: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word** – arr. Gary Matheny

*Please stand if you are able.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN #884: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow** OLD HUNDREDTH

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

*Assisting Minister: Let us pray: **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The presiding minister continues with the proper Preface. At the conclusion of the Preface, the congregation sings the Sanctus.*

## SANCTUS

*(music on p. 153 ELW Setting 4)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*The congregation responds. Amen.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gather into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us to pray...

**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.**

## FRACTION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

## AGNUS DEI

*(music on p. 154 ELW Setting 4)*

**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, grant us peace.**

## COMMUNION

*The congregation is seated. The ushers will dismiss the assembly for communion. Lutherans teach that Christ is truly present with, in, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We commune by pouring chalice. Please take an empty cup before going to the rail. (The pre-filled cups contain grape juice.) Those who wish to receive only a blessing at the rail should indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. As the ministers distribute the elements, they say these words: The body of Christ, given for you. Amen. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.*

**COMMUNION HYMN #590: Salvation unto Us Has Come**    ES IST DAS HEIL

*Please stand if you are able.*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Assisting Minister:* Let us pray: We give you thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy strengthen us through this gift of faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**HYMN #652:** *Built on a Rock*      KIRKEN DEN ER GAMMELT HUS

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** *Chorale Prelude on “Es ist das Heil”* – Johann Sebastian Bach

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given today to the Glory of God.

### SERVING IN THE LITURGY

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|-----------------------|---|
| Vicar                 | Philip J. Supeck                                  |
| Organist              | Roger Kurtz                                       |
| Asst. Minister/Lector | Dave Carson                                       |
| Altar Guild           | Kathy Schreiber                                   |
| Acolyte               | Joyce Burkholder                                  |
| Ushers                | Claude Grube, Andy Anderson, Charles Sweigart Jr. |

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Rene Amey, Chrystine and Andy Anderson, the family of James Boudier, Leslie Carson, Cheyenne Colon, Rev. Stephen Deal, Spencer Ehrhart, Bonnie Hench, Weston Hertzler, Hunter Leisey, Sharon Levering, Lois Mearig, the family of Edwin Pietsch, Judy Perry, Mel Ravegum, Andrea Reynolds, Norma Rhoads, Lisa Riley, Mary Royer, Greg Summers, Toby Sweigart, Neal Vital, Doris Witwer and Karen Larson.

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**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It 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. <sup>33</sup>But 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. <sup>34</sup>No 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.

**Psalm 46****SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28**

Now 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. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness

of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom 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; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

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

**GOSPEL: John 8:31-36**

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

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

**Next Sunday's Readings: All Saints Sunday** Isaiah 25:6-9 or Wisdom 3:1-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44, **OR 24th Sunday after Pentecost** Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Psalm 119:1-8; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34.

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