



LORD OF LIFE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*CELEBRATING SIGNS OF LOVE
IN THE GRACE
OF JESUS CHRIST!*

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LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
“MAKING GOD FIRST THROUGH HOPE, GROWTH & TOGETHERNESS”

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Reformation Sunday

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Opening Song Gathering In Spirit & Grace “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

(Sung by Worship Leaders)

- vs. 1 A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor’s rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.
- vs. 4 God’s Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The Kingdom’s ours forever!

Litany Trusting God’s Signs of Love, Based on Psalm 46

Pastor: Today, we celebrate anew God’s faithfulness, our Mighty Fortress, transforms us, reforms us, changes us, one and all, to be signs of love once again, in God’s saving grace, so we worship in the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit.

All: Amen. Though the earth changes, the mountains shake, the waters roar, our faith rests in the river whose stream is God! We forever live in Christ alone!

Living & Believing Anew “In Christ Alone”

(Sung by Worship Leaders)

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

Pastor: People of God: The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms totter. Let us take a moment of silence to confess our sins and those times we have failed to trust the unchanging grace of Christ alone. *(silence for reflection)* Friends in faith: Sing anew, trust anew, live anew; for your light and life are forever in the grace of God’s Almighty Word!

Living & Believing Anew “God, Whose Almighty Word”

(Sung by Worship Leaders)

vs. 1 God, whose almighty word, Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight:
Hear us, we humbly pray, And where the Gospel day,
Sheds not its glorious ray, Let there be light!

Pastor: Friends in Christ: trust anew, The Sign Of Love and God’s grace change everything:
Jesus saves; Jesus forgives you all your sins. The Son has made you free; you are free
indeed; we will not be shaken. We are transformed: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty!

Living & Believing Anew “Praise to the Lord”

(Sung by Worship Leaders)

vs. 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear, now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

Pastor: Friends reformed in grace: God is exalted in all the earth. God has changed what was,
into what is. We are signs of love, forever changed. Believe anew in God’s grace alone!

Living & Believing Anew “Grace Alone”

(Sung by Worship Leaders)

Ev’ry promise we can make, ev’ry prayer and step of faith,
Ev’ry diff’rence we will make is only by His grace.
Ev’ry mountain we will climb, ev’ry ray of hope we shine,
Ev’ry blessing left behind is only by His grace.

ref: Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown He will provide.
Christ in us, our Cornerstone, we will go forth in grace alone.

Prayer of the Day

All: Almighty and loving God, we praise you, for all good gifts around us, are sent from heaven above. As we celebrate Reformation Sunday, give us faith to trust anew you are The One who entrusts us with your grace, you change Your Church, you change our hearts to be signs of love, you change the path to salvation, you change everything; as we believe anew in the greatest reformation of all: we love because you first loved us. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Hearing The Word of God

Gospel

John 8:31-36

(all read bold print)

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, **“If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”** 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’?”** Jesus answered them, **“Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”** (New Revised Standard Version)

“Jesus Loves Me” (Sung by Worship Leaders) & Children’s Sermon

Sermon

“Signs of Love . . . Change Everything!”

Pastor Jamie Thompson

Song of Abundant Grace “Just As I Am, I Come Broken”

Cottrell

(Sung by Worship Leaders)

vs. 1 Just as I am, without one plea, But that thy blood was shed for me.
And that thou bidd’st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

vs. 2 Just as I am, and waiting not, To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

ref: I come broken to be mended; I come wounded to be healed.
I come desperate to be rescued; I come empty to be filled.
I come guilty to be pardoned by the blood of Christ the Lamb,
And I’m welcomed with open arms, praise God, just as I am.

Sharing Our Needs and Joys with God in Prayer

Pastor: ...as we pray to you, Jesus,

All: We trust anew, your signs of love and grace change everything.

Pastor: All these things and whatever else you see we need, grant to us we pray, for into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

We Receive the Gifts of Life from God in Holy Communion

The Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

**All: 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.**

Strengthened to Live Today, and All Our Days, In The Grace of Christ

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, as you trust anew every sign of God’s unchanging love changes everything, each of us, in the saving grace of Jesus Christ. In the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us go in the reforming peace of Christ, celebrating the transforming love of God, and as signs of love, serving in new ways, The Lord of life.

All: Thanks be to God!

Going Anew in Grace & Hope “Your Grace Is Enough”

Maier

(Sung by Worship Leaders)

- vs. 1 Great is Your faithfulness, oh God.
You wrestle with the sinner’s restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy,
And nothing can keep us apart.
So remember Your people, remember Your children,
Remember your promise, oh God.
- ref 1: Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.
- bridge: So remember Your people, remember Your children,
Remember your promise, oh God.
- ref 2: Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.
Your grace is enough, Heaven reaches out to us.
Your grace is enough for me.
God I see Your grace is enough; I’m covered in Your love,
Your grace is enough for me, for me.

Songs During Holy Communion “We Believe”

(Sung by Worship Leaders)

We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He’s given us new life.
We believe in the crucifixion.
We believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection, and He’s coming back again.

Let the lost be found, and the dead be raised,
In the here and now, let love invade.
Let the Church live loud! Our God will save.

We believe! We believe!
And the gates of hell will not prevail,
For the pow’r of God has torn the veil.
Now we know Your love will never fail.
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We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back.
He's coming back again. He's coming back again.
We believe! We believe!

“Freedom is Coming”

(Sung by Worship Leaders)

- vs. 1 Freedom is coming, freedom is coming, freedom is coming,
 Oh, yes, I know.
 Freedom is coming, freedom is coming, freedom is coming,
 Oh, yes, I know.
- ref: Oh, yes, I know, oh, yes, I know, oh, yes, I know, oh, yes, I know.
 Oh, yes, I know, oh, yes, I know, oh, yes, I know, oh, yes, I know.
- vs. 2 Jesus is coming, Jesus is coming, Jesus is coming,
 Oh, yes, I know.
 Jesus is coming, Jesus is coming, Jesus is coming, Oh, yes, I know. *(refrain)*

***Join us next Sunday, November 1, as we celebrate
All Saints' Day, “Signs of Love ... Set Apart!”***

***We will celebrate with Christians around the world, and share a special time remembering
loved ones who have gone before us to join the company of saints in the full glory of heaven.
You are invited to submit names of loved ones to be read as part of the day's morning prayers.
A reminder to turn your clocks back one hour next Sunday!***

***Worship next Sunday to include a Children's Message, a Sermon from Pastor Jamie
and a special time of prayer remembering all the saints!
Worship to be 30 minutes, and to conclude with Holy Communion!***

***As we share worship in this new way, we are seeking volunteers to assist
with greeting, ushering, serving communion,
live streaming, AV ministry, set up, clean up, worship leaders, and more!
You can access details and ways to sign up on our website and Facebook page! Thank you!***

Friends, today as always, all who proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, are welcome to God's table of grace as we share Holy Communion. Communion will be offered to you following the closing song as you exit the sanctuary, as we share pre-packaged single servings of communion, including a wafer and grape juice. Carefully pull back the first tab to expose the host, the body of Christ, given for you; then pull back the second tab to expose the blood of Christ, shed for you!

Please ask for assistance or clarification as you are served!

For those sharing their generosity today, we thank you for your faithful giving!

Offering is collected in baskets by the ushers as you exit the sanctuary.

For those who wish to volunteer to serve on future Sundays, please see the Signup Genius links in the LINK, and on our Facebook page. Thank you for giving in this blessed way!

For those who are not able to join us for worship, you are invited to receive drive-through communion, available Sundays, 10:15-10:30 a.m. at the front curb near the church entrance.

We hope having the service provided for you in this way, will touch you, comfort you, reassure you, and grace you in some way! If you believe others you know would be blessed to receive this bulletin, the sermon notes, or our live stream links, please forward these to them.

In this time of social distancing, please trust that we are committed to doing everything possible to slow the spread of the coronavirus, and yet, please also trust that we are equally committed to keeping us socially and spiritually connected!

On behalf of the Kingdom of God, thank you for the ways you make God and neighbor first!

A most holy and blessed Sunday to each of you and your loved ones!

From everyone on every level of leadership and service, please know during these days, days filled with new opportunities, possibilities, information to process and evaluate, and yet, still so many questions, we continue to pray for you and to give thanks to God for each of you! Please contact Pastor Jamie if he can serve you in any way: jamie.thompson@lordoflifemn.org

We pray The Holy Spirit breathes anew on us to be God's people and to be God's Church, as together we make known and we trust anew

God's gifts of hope, peace, justice, clarity, calm, and comfort forever break forth in new ways for you and your loved ones, today, and as we share every sign of God's love and grace!

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“SIGNS OF LOVE ... CHANGE EVERYTHING!”
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JEREMIAH 31:31-34; ROMANS 3:19-28; JOHN 8:31-36
Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.

Some things change all the time. The time is now for a change. Long ago, the time was now for a change as well; a change in how God’s Church, did Church, was Church. God has never changed. There has never been a change in God’s gift of freedom, in God’s Word as truth, in the hope of mercy and salvation, or in God’s grace. God’s grace changes everything, and yet, God’s grace never changes. How God’s promise and power and presence come to us is done in ever changing ways. Freedom, truth, mercy and salvation, and even God’s treasured grace used to come in The Law. As God witnessed his people struggling, God decided to reform, to change, how he gave his signs of love. Jesus dies, rises again, graces us, saves us, changes us, reforms us, transforms us, completely, eternally. God’s Son, his perfect Sign Of Love, changes us, setting us free, free indeed, in God’s saving grace!

1. God’s grace, his signs of love, change The Church. God’s Church needs God’s grace. God’s Church is called to trust we are entrusted with signs of love, with God’s grace!
Romans 3:24,27-28; John 8:36
 - A. God’s grace, his signs of love, invite us to see God forever reforming God’s Church, God’s ministries, God’s people!
 - B. God’s grace, his signs of love, call, empower, reform, free, give and equip God’s Church, God’s people, to give, to proclaim, to be bold, to welcome all who long to be free, to be free indeed!

2. God’s grace, his signs of love, change God’s people, God’s Church. God’s grace, his signs of love, change us, reform us, one and all, to change everything in grace!
Jeremiah 31:31-34; Romans 3:27-28; John 8:33-36
 - A. God’s grace, his signs of love, reform us, restore us, redeem us, renew us, reconcile us. We are Jesus’ neighbors, his brothers and sisters. We love because God first loved us!
 - B. God’s grace, his signs of love, change us, to be signs of love, to be change, to love The Lord and our neighbor.
 - i. God’s grace changes us to think anew, to act anew, to believe anew, to trust anew, all God’s grace entrusts to us!
 - ii. God’s grace is moving in us and through us, with the power of one believer, one encounter, at a time.

C. God's grace, his signs of love, free us. God in grace is counting on us, to be change, to let our light, The Light, shine before others!

3. Long ago, The Reformation changed how people lived out life in The Church. From eternity, for eternity, God's grace, his signs of love, continue to reform, reshape, change God's people and God's Church. God loving us has changed everything! The Holy Spirit and God's grace have forever changed us, one and all!
Jeremiah 31:31-34; Romans 3:23-24; John 8:31-36

A. God's grace is never changing, yet, Jesus Christ, God's perfect sign of love, God's grace, changed bondage into freedom, sin into forgiveness, death into life, weakness into power, helplessness into hope, changing forever the gift of salvation!

B. God's grace, his signs of love, have forever changed you! Trust God's grace, passion, devotion, and desire for you will never, ever, change!