

# Reformation Sunday

October 31, 2021

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Divine Setting Three pg. 184 in the hymnal

**WELCOME**

**BELL CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING HYMN**

*“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”*

#656

**INVOCATION + CONFESSION + ABSOLUTION**

**KYRIE**

*“Lord, Have Mercy”*

**GLORIA**

*“Glory to God in the Highest”*

**COLLECT**

**FIRST READING**

**Revelation 14:6-7 (ESV)**

*In John's heavenly vision, God sends a messenger of Good News to share with all people. Many people during the Reformation believed this to be a prophecy about Martin Luther.*

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. 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."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“Chariot's Comin!”**

**5th-8th Grades**

**EPISTLE READING**

**Romans 3:19-28 (ESV)**

*God's Law can show us our sin, but it cannot make us righteous in the eyes of God. We depend on the righteousness of Jesus to cover our sins and assure us of our eternal salvation.*

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. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it-- the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. 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, 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. 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. 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. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA**

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**GOSPEL READING**

**John 8:31-36 (ESV)**

*All human beings are born into the world as slaves of sin and incapable of pleasing God. Only Jesus and the Truth of his words can set us free from our slavery to sin.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St John, the eighth chapter. **C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." 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'?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Chelsea Irwin**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“By Grace I'm Saved”*

#566 vs 1-3, 6

**SERMON**

OFFERING  
 OFFERTORY  
 PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH  
 LORD'S PRAYER  
 SALUTATION AND BENEDICTION  
 CLOSING HYMN  
 MISSION PRESENTATION  
 ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Create in me a clean heart, O God”

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“Glory Be to God the Father”

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Chelsea Irwin

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Rev Dan Barbey, St Peter Lutheran Church & School, Hampton  
 Rev Eddie Mekasha, missionary to Sudanese and Ethiopian Immigrants

**For Our Congregation and Community:**

**Paityn Rain Clonce (daughter of Logan and Shelbi) baptized into God's family on Saturday**  
**Marfay Wallace (Bobbie Luce's sister) on hospice**

**Dealing with an illness:** Artie Rutledge, Kelly Hesper (friend of Cristy Richters),  
 Paula Young (niece of Maribelle Gierhan), Taida Grantski, Andrea Swanson Kuester, Jenni Conell, Shelley Scheele,  
 Stephen Ramsey, Roger Rhodes, Mitch Peeks, Bill Chessar (brother of Teresa Rathjen), Sheila Franks, Dick Greenwood,  
 Carole Stern (Heather Wellman's mother), Shelley Neemeyer (Sheri Hahn's sister-in-law), Anna (Friend of DuAnne Deremer)

**Recovering from surgery:** Jayne Griffiths, Alretta Klepper, Penny Watson, Lindy Wiemer, Barb Barth

**Declining Health:** Wilmer Ritterling

† St. Paul Visitation Ministry †

<b>Duane Barth</b>	<b>Don Butzke</b>	<b>Paul Heidorn</b>	<b>Christine Erks</b>
<b>Jim Klepper</b>	<b>Rosemary Matlock</b>		<b>Elsie Pirrie</b>
<b>Alretta Klepper</b>	<b>LaVerne Rohren</b>		<b>*Bill West</b>
<b>*Marilyn Ziemke</b>	<b>Delores Nordmeyer</b>		<b>Ardith Stuhr</b>
<b>Bryce Clausen</b>	<b>Darrell Gocke</b>		<b>Farmer Bob Brauer</b>

\*denotes nonmember

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***In Response to God's Love***

**October 24: Inperson Attendance:** 184    **Visitors:** 4    **Online:** 86    **Sunday School:** 26

**VOLUNTEERS:**

**TODAY: 10-31-21 Acolyte:** Kobie Kosek    **Lay Reader:** Justin Slawynk    **Organist:** Pat Koch

**Next Week: 11-07-21 Acolyte:** Andrea Gumaer    **Lay Reader:** Jeremy Gumaer    **Organist:** Donneta Schmieding

**THIS WEEK**

SUNDAY (10-31)	9:00 AM	Reformation Sunday Worship
	10:30 AM	5th-8th Grades Sing
	-----	Bible Study/Sunday School
		NO YOUTH GROUP
MONDAY (11-01)	8:45 AM	Orphan Grain Train
TUESDAY (11-02)	-----	
WEDNESDAY (11-03)	8:45 AM	Chapel Kindergarten
	9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
	3:45 PM	Midweek Class
	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study
THURSDAY (11-04)	4:00 PM	Private Baptism
FRIDAY (11-05)	6:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
SATURDAY (11-06)	-----	
SUNDAY (11-07)	9:00 AM	Worship w/Communion
	10:30 AM	Bible Study/Sunday School
	6:00 PM	Junior High Youth Ministry
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Ministry

As of 10-26-21	Amount received 10-24-21	Needed each week	Received YTD 2021	YTD Amount needed to cover 2021 budget	Difference
General Fund	\$14,540.00		\$540,582.00		
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00		\$3,987.00		
School Tuition	\$0.00		\$27,771.00		
<b>Total</b>	\$14,540.00	\$25,111.00	\$572,340.00	\$660,163.00	-\$87,823.00
Building Fund	\$0.00		\$790.00	Bldg Fund**	\$7,978.00
Teacherage Fund	\$0.00		\$600.00	Teacherage Fund	\$675.00
Restricted Funds (other than bldg)	\$28.00		\$1,599.00		
Mekasha Mission (9/21-8/22) 5k goal	\$40.00		\$730.00	\$769.00	-\$39.00

Current Operating Note: \$40,000.00 (debt limit is \$90,000) \*\*Insurance Proceeds Received

**Southeast Nebraska CASA and Seward Foster Friends are hosting SCARE AT THE FAIR on October 31st at the Seward Ag Pavilion. There will be a Free Will Offering Hot Dog Meal, 25 fun booths and lots of candy! Please join us for this fun Halloween event. We will have a special needs admission at 3:30 and General Admission is from 4:00-6:00PM**

**Dear St. Paul Members and school children, Thank you for your prayers and concerns and the many cards you sent me during my one month stay in the hospital and now that I have returned home. It is so nice to be thought about. Prayers to you.....Jane Slawnyk**



*Fundraising has begun for the LCMS youth gathering! In the narthex is a wall of envelopes. We ask that you take an envelope and return it with a donation matching the number on the envelope. You can return the envelope to the basket next to the wall of envelopes.*

*Thank you for supporting your St Paul Youth!*

I would like to thank you for your prayers, cards and word of encouragement since the passing of my dad. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. God's Blessings Diane & Mike Fehlhafer

*Every day brings different challenges in the life of a caregiver for someone who has Alzheimers, 70-80% of whom are women. What can you do to make their lives easier? There are 11 different ways given in the LLL tract, "Alzheimers: Facing the Loss of a Lifetime", written not just for caregivers, but also for everyone who knows someone in this situation. Pick up a copy of this tract at the Welcome Center.*

**St. Paul's is excited to welcome Chelsea Irwin - a missionary living in Eastern Europe - for our morning worship and education hour Today Sunday, October 31! Chelsea is a Lincoln, NE native and Concordia graduate who now oversees volunteer mission opportunities from her base in the Czech Republic. She has been serving the Lord in mission for the past 11 years, and will have many stories to inspire us to live out the Great Commission. Join us!**

**2021 LLL Fall Rally November 7, 2021 Emmanuel Lutheran Church York, Guest Speaker: Pastor Jacob Tuma & Virginia VonSeggern 2:30 pm- Board Meeting 3:30 pm- Registration 4:00 pm -Program 5:00 pm -Meal Cost is \$12.50 per person. Please call 402-362-3655 for reservation by October 25th. "Households of Faith!"**

**COMMUNITY PANTRY DRIVE NEEDED ITEMS:** In addition to non-perishable, non-expired food items, kitchen, bathroom and laundry items are needed. **WHERE:** Collection boxes will be at local businesses and all local churches  
**WHEN:** Sunday, November 7 - Sunday, November 14, 2021 **WHY:** Because our community cares about each other.  
**WHO:** EVERYONE Thank you for caring enough to share! Sponsored by: Utica Commercial Club

**We're looking for someone to organize the children's activity clipboards that are by the Welcome Center. Crayons and coloring pages need to be refreshed on a weekly basis. Supplies are available in the office. Or fresh ideas for helping families with young children worship together? It's a small but important job! Visit with Carrie, our church secretary, if interested.**

Check out Mardel Christian & Education, a new Christian bookstore in Lincoln (100 South 66th Street). It has a large inventory of faith resources including Bibles and devotionals. You can also go online to [www.mardel.com](http://www.mardel.com). Another good place to find resources that are specifically Lutheran is Concordia Publishing House, online at [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org).