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Reformation

October 29, 2023

9:30 a.m.
Worship Service

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St. Timothy Lutheran joyfully welcomes all people of any race, national origin, age, gender, ability, relationship status, political affiliation or sexual orientation, whether you are a believer, doubter or seeker. We welcome all because God welcomes all. Sharing and learning from our different experiences and ideas about life and faith, we live the love of Christ together.

Prelude..... “A Mighty Fortress” *Blersch*
(Trish Stocking -Oboe, Crystal Szewczyk -Flute, Alan Stocking -Timpani)

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✚ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,
you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world’s violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God’s justice stretches beyond all understanding. God’s compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✚ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn “**Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**” #645

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.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Word

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Children's Sermon

First Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

¹You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse.....p. 124

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty second chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 22:34-46*

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴“The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet?””

⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon *Pastor Said*

Hymn of the Day **“Salvation Unto Us Has Come”** **#590**
(Stanzas 1-4)

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition, the Pastor says:

Gracious God,

The people respond:

receive our prayer.

After the final petition, the people say:

Amen.

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

Offering of Our Gifts

Offering Anthem..... **“Built On a Rock”**..... *Young*
(The Choir)

Offertory Prayer

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

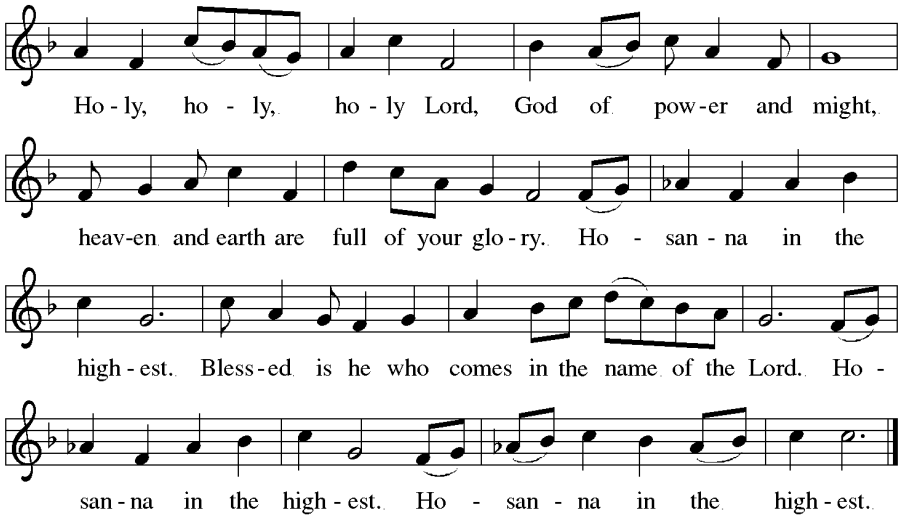
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right.... praise your name and join in their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Celebration of First Communion for Nora Kocka

Let us welcome Nora, our sister in Christ to Holy Communion.

**Welcome to the Lord's Table. We thank God for you.
We pray that you will find joy and strength in this meal,
until we feast forever at God's heavenly banquet.**

Distribution of Communion

*All people are invited to the Lord's table of grace. We offer Holy Communion by individual glass, **the red glasses are filled with wine and the white glasses are grape juice.** Gluten free wafers are available from a pastor upon request. If you prefer to receive communion at your pew, just let the usher know. Children who have not yet received Holy Communion instruction are invited forward to receive a blessing as well as anyone who doesn't want to receive communion.*

Before and after you receive communion, please spend time in silent prayer for yourself and for everyone in our congregation. You are invited to visit the prayer wall and write a prayer and place it on the wall.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Music “Gabriel’s Oboe” *Morricone*
 “Adagio” *Bach*

Post Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where non are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus’ name we pray.

Amen.

Blessing and Sending of Pastor Said

Congregational Leader

And so we all say....

Congregation... Thanks be to God

Special Music Blessing “Go Now In Peace”
 (The Choir)

Blessing

The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of + Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Closing Hymn..... “A Mighty Fortress” #504

Dismissal

People of God, what are we called to do?

Live the love of Christ!

In that love, go in peace to serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude “Te Deum”*Charpentier*

Worship Volunteers

October 28 & 29	Saturday 5:00	Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Reader	Janet Heep	Cindy DeLuca
Deacon(s)	N/A	Lary Pfeiffer
	N/A	Maria Wilson
Cantor	Ross Berkley	The Choir
Worship Assistant	Janet Heep	
Acolyte		
Usher	Mary Hasselberger	Bill Wilson
Usher	N/A	Scott Merrihew

If you are a visitor, we welcome you as siblings in Christ as together we “Live the love of Christ.” We are happy you are here, and we would like to get to know you. As you leave the sanctuary, please introduce yourself to the pastors and sign the guest register at the Welcome Center in the narthex.

If you wish to request prayers for fellow members, family members or friends, please email them to sttimothyprays@gmail.com. Our Prayer Line members will join you in praying for anyone who needs your prayers.

St. Timothy Lutheran Church

Pastors: Sarah Swindall, Associate Pastor
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Gwen Holst, Organist/Accompanist
Derek Howell, Sound Technician
Kirsten Holzhauer, Keyboardist
Amado Martinez, Custodian
Susie Merrihew, Health and Wellness Ministry Coordinator
Susan Moraski, Office Administrator
Jana Tindall, Health and Wellness Ministry Coordinator

Words for Worship, Year A ASetting
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Hymns from ELW Worship Book
O Christ Surround Me

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