Reformation Day (Observed)

Sunday, October 25, 2020, 9:30 am
Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church, Altamont, IL

Rev. Marcus Manley
Elder: Mike Buzzard
Organist & Choir Dir.: Dean Manuel
Acolyte: Kingston Koester
Book Bearer: Garrett Flood
Ushers: Cody Voelker, Ben Wharton

Ringing of Bells
Prelude – *"Festive Trumpet Tune" – David German*

✞ DIVINE SERVICE III ✞ *LSB p. 184-202*

Please stand and face the processional as it enters the sanctuary during the processional hymn.

Processional Hymn – *#656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

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Introit for Reformation Sunday

*Ps. 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Ps. 119:46 (respond with the words in **bold**)*

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
and shall not be | put to shame.
I will bless the LORD at | all times;*
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;*
let the humble hear | and be glad.
Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;*
I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.
The LORD redeems the life of his | servants;*
none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.
I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
and shall not be | put to shame.

♪ **The Gloria Patri** *p. 186*
♪ **Kyrie** *p. 186*
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♪ **Salutation** *p. 189*

Collect for Reformation Sunday

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.**

Please be seated

First Reading: Revelation 14:6–7

6 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. 7 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."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Romans 3:19–28

19 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. 20 For by works of the law no human being will be justified in
his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law,
although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the righteousness of God
through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for
all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as
a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 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.
26 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.

27 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. 28 For we hold that one is justified by
faith apart from works of the law.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

C: ♪ ***Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:12-19

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

C: ♪ ***Glory be to Thee, O Lord.***

12 From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered
violence, and the violent take it by force. 13 For all the Prophets and the Law
prophesied until John, 14 and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to
come. 15 He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

16 "But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the
marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

17 "'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' 19 The
Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a

drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed ***p. 191***

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day #555 ***Salvation unto Us Has Come***

v. 1 – congregation	***v. 6 – congregation***
v. 2 – congregation	*v. 7 – choir*
v. 3 – congregation - men	*v. 8 – choir*
v. 4 – congregation	***v. 9 – congregation***
v. 5 – congregation - women	△ ***v. 10 – congregation***

Sermon Text: Revelation 14:6-7

Title: "*The Moment for All Moments*"

THIS IS A DISTINGUISHABLE GOSPEL MOMENT IN TIME FOR THE WORLD.

I. God has given a distinguishable eternal Gospel and distinguishable Gospel moments for the world.

II. God has given a distinguishable Gospel faith and distinguishable Gospel means for the world.

Please stand

♪ **Offertory** ***p. 193***

Offering *(Offering plates will be located at the entrance of the sanctuary, you may place your gifts in the offering plates as you exit the building.)*

Offering Hymn #781 ***We Give Thee But Thine Own v. 1 & 2***

Prayer of the Church

Response after each petition of the prayer:

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Almighty God and Father, we pray You to grant us all good things that will benefit us in body and soul and to prevent anything harmful to us or to our salvation. Teach us to live in contentment with Your will and purpose and in the freedom You alone supply to serve You with all our heart, mind, body and soul; all these things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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Please be seated

Distribution (△ - doxological stanza – please stand where indicated)

#618 ***I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table***

#578 ***Thy Strong Word*** *(October 2020 Hymn of the Month)*

#616 ***Baptismal Waters Cover Me***

Please stand

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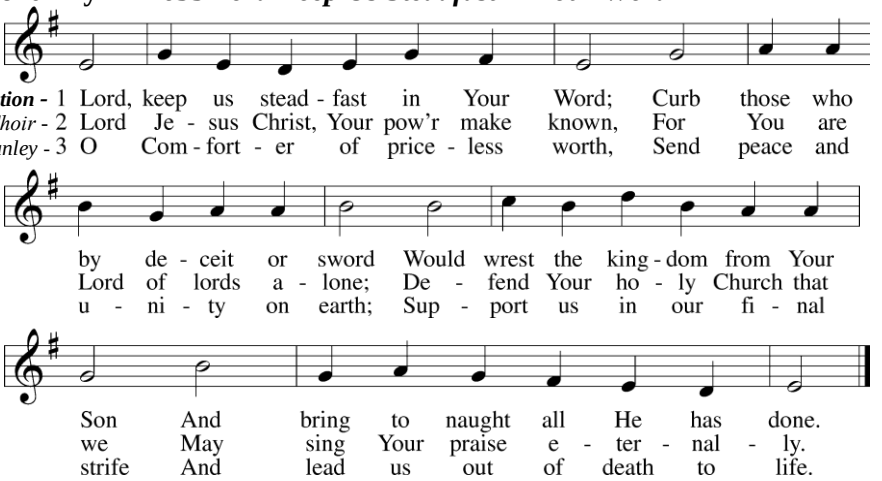
Announcements

Recessional Hymn #655 ***Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word***



Congregation - 4 Grant peace, we pray in mercy Lord;
Peace in our time, oh send to us!
For there is none on earth but You.
You only, Lord, can fight for us.

Congregation - 5 Give to our land and government peace,
wisdom only what is true
So with the guidance we may lead
Devoted Christian lives in You.

Note: The text for stanzas 4 & 5 is taken from Martin Luther' Vereih uns Frieden", a paraphrase of Da pacem Domine [Give peace, Lord] a 6th or 7th century Latin prayer for peace based on 2 Kings 19:19, 2 Chronicles 20:12,15 and Psalms 72:6-7. It was used as a regular closing of church services in Luther's time. In English, the hymn entered the Book of Common Prayer, "Give peace in our time, O Lord". This text has been adapted by Mr. Dean Manuel as an addendum to the hymn.

♪ Closing Prayer

Postlude