All Saints Lutheran Church Albuquerque, NM Reformation Sunday, October 27, 2024

Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.



Prelude

Meditation on 'Slane' ~ Healey Willan

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Hymn O God Of Light ~ ELW 507

<u>Litany</u>

Blessed be God: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. There is one Body and one Spirit The is one hope in God's call to us; One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, One God, Creator and Redeemer of all.

This is the Feast







Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you

And also with you

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.

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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.

Holy word, holy wisdom Thanks be to God

<u>Psalm</u> When We Share God's Dream (Ps. 126) ~ Richard Bruxvoort-Colligan (Grace Notes)

Second Reading Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹Now 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. ²⁰For no human being will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Holy word, holy wisdom Thanks be to God Gospel Reading John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter - nal life.

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

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They 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'?"

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

The gospel of the Lord Praise to you, O Christ

<u>Sermon</u>



Hymn of the Day

The choir will sing the third verse



Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546: tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1805–1890 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

Affirmation of Baptism and Reception of New Members

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ. Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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. You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ? We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ and welcome them as new members of All Saints Lutheran Church.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Prayers

Each portion of the prayers concludes, God of grace, and you may respond, Hear our prayer

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

<u>Musical Offering</u> The Truth Will Make You Free ~ Anne Krentz Organ

Offering Hymn For By Grace

Offering Prayer

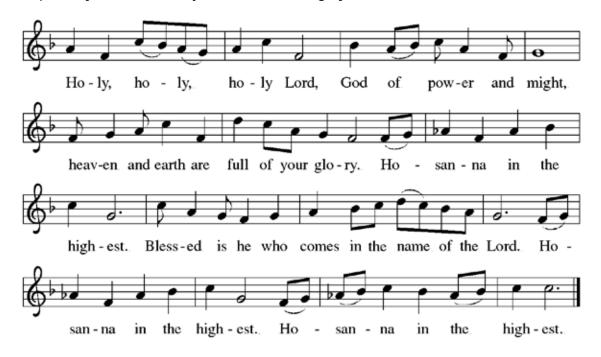
Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. You have always been faithful to your people. By these gifts and with our lives, we respond in love, to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



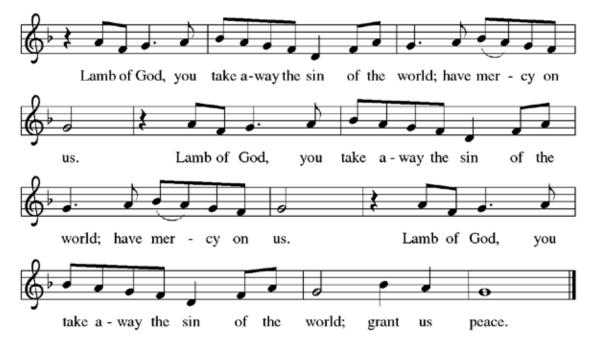
The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Holy Communion

You are beloved of God, and this meal is for you. Come forward to the altar rail and stand or kneel to receive communion. The bread is gluten-free and there is wine or grape juice. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest.



<u>Communion Hymn</u> Be Thou My Vision ~ ELW 793

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

please remain seated

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Birthdays and Anniversaries

<u>Blessing</u> For all that God can do within us, for all that God can do without us, Thanks be to God!

For all in whom Christ lived before us, for all in whom Christ lives beside us, **Thanks be to God!**

For all the Spirit wants to bring us, for where the Spirit wants to send us, **Thanks be to God!**

The blessing of God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, be with you and on your way together, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

The Church's One Foundation ~ ELW 654

<u>Dismissal</u> Go in peace. Love and serve God. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prelude in G major, BWV 541 ~ J.S. Bach

MISSION STATEMENT As God's forgiven people: + We welcome all in Christ's love. + We grow together in faith and life. + We go out to love and serve others.



All Saints is a Reconciling in Christ community, which means we intentionally welcome people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex.



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