

October 25, 2020 (8:30 and 10:45)

PRELUDE “Lift High the Cross” Patty Neff, organist

MEDITATION (a time to prepare your hearts for worship)

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Faithful God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

HYMN/SONG(S) “A Mighty Fortress”

with Introduction by Bell Choir Gary Auck, director

- 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.**
- 2. No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
Whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.**

3. **Though hordes of devils fill the land
All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;
They cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
In battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.**
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!**

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

C: And also with you.

KYRIE [*Congregation sing response*]

C: Lord, Have mercy.

SONG “This Is the Feast” [*Congregation sing refrain*]

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

[*After verse 2*]

**This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:31-34 (10:45)

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.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 3:19-28 (10:45)

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 in his sight” 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 faith in 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 show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

GOSPEL: JOHN 8:31-36

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.”

SPECIAL MUSIC “A Simple Song of Joy” (8:30)

Bell Choir & Grace Everett, trumpet

“How Great Thou Art” (10:45) Scott Smith, soloist

SERMON

HYMN/SONG “Built on a Rock” (vss. 1, 5)

- 1. Built on a rock the church shall stand,
Even when steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
Bells still are chiming and calling—
Calling the young and old to rest,
Calling the souls of those distressed,
Longing for life everlasting.**
- 5. Through all the passing years, O Lord,
Grant that, when church bells are ringing,
Many may come to hear your Word,
Who here this promise is bringing:
"I know my own, my own know me;
You, not the world, my face shall see;
My peace I leave with you. Amen."**

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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (8:30)

We present these persons who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism:

Kenna Marie Caldwell
Kobie Wayne Naufzinger
Lily Kaye Pifer
Ivy Michelle Schifer

P: Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles:

C: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching

them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matt. 28:19-20

P: You have been baptized and you have been taught the faith according to our Lord’s bidding. The fulfillment of his bidding we now celebrate with thankful hearts, rejoicing to confess the faith into which you were baptized and which you yourselves will now confess before the Church.

C: Jesus said: “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before my Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before my Father who is in heaven.” Matt. 10:32-33

P: Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P: Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts which God gave you in your Baptism?

Confirmands: Yes, I do.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

Confirmands: Yes, I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ his Son, and in the Holy Spirit?

Confirmands: Yes, I do.

P: Then proclaim your faith and trust in God with your family and this congregation in the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

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

P: Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

Confirmands: Yes, I do.

P: Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord’s Supper faithfully?

Confirmands: I do, by the grace of God.

P: Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

Confirmands: I do, by the grace of God.

P: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

Confirmands: I do, by the grace of God.

P: Do you desire to be a member of the Lutheran Church and of this congregation?

Confirmands: Yes, I do.

P: We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His Blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

P: Give your hand as pledge of your promise, and kneel to receive the blessing.

P: Name the Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with his grace to life everlasting.

Confirmand and Family: Amen.

Presentation of gifts

P: Upon this your profession and promise I invite and welcome you, as members of the Lutheran Church and this congregation, to share with us in all the gifts our Lord has for his Church and to live them out continually in His worship and service. Let us pray for the newly confirmed.

P: Lord, God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for your great goodness in bringing these your son and daughters to the knowledge of your Son, our savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CREED (10:45)

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

SHARING THE PEACE

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Grace Alone" (8:30)

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" (10:45)

OFFERING PRAYER

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING [*Congregation sing responses*]

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.

SONG “Holy, Holy, Holy” [*To be sung*]

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

**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.**

COMMUNION

BLESSING

C: Amen.

SONG “Lamb of God” [*To be sung*]

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

The Lord Be with You and Keep You