

# NEW BEGINNINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reformation Sunday - October 27<sup>th</sup>, (11:11 am)

## BACK TO BASICS

Psalm 46

Revelation 14:6-7

**Romans 3:19-28**

John 8:31-36

### ***The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace***

*"Wisdom is justified by her deeds" (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, has justified us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and "remain in the house forever" (John 8:35). He is "a friend of tax collectors and sinners" (Matt. 11:18-19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel "to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people" (Rev. 14:6), "the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law" (Rom. 3:21), "that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus" (Rom. 3:26). And by the hearing of that Gospel of Christ Jesus, "whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith" (Rom. 3:25), "you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32).*

**WELCOME - (Deanna)**

### **GATHERING SONG**

#### **NOT BE SHAKEN**

I will declare my choice to the nations  
And I will shout for joy in the congregation  
I will worship God (worship God)  
All my days  
Those who love the Lord are satisfied  
Those who trust in Him are justified  
And I will serve my God (serve my God)  
All my days

***When the nations crumble***

***The word of the Lord will stand***

***Kings may rise and fall***

***His love will endure***

***Though the strong may stumble***

***Oh the joy of the Lord is strength***

***To my soul***

***I will not be shaken***

***I will not be moved***

***I will not be shaken***

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## **IN CHRIST ALONE**

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All

Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand

Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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## **OPENING PRAYER and CALLING ON GOD'S NAME (Pastor)**

**P – In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P –** Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord. In Paul's letter to the Ephesians (2.3) it is written: ***“we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.”*** In other words, we were all cut off from God and were sinners. By the **grace** God sent us the Savior and gave us knowledge of him through the **Scriptures** and through faith we become children of God. Sin, however, remains part of our daily routine. And this will be so until our death. We should be condemned for that. But the Father loves us and wants to forgive everyone who recognizes his unworthiness and seeks his grace. Let's pray:

**C – Forgive us, o Lord, the sins we have committed against You and our neighbour, by thoughts, words, actions and omissions. We recognize that we are unworthy to be called your children, however, through faith in Christ, we have full confidence in your love, so: Forgive us, Lord! In Jesus' name! Amen.**

**P –** The God of all **grace** has had compassion on us. And to all the repentant who believe in this **saving grace**, He forgives, restores hope and gives the power to become children of God, giving him the Holy Spirit. Go in peace! Your sins are forgiven in the name of the FATHER and the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT. Amen.

## **PSALM 46 – GOD IS OUR FORTRESS**

**P –** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**C – Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

**P –** There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

**C – God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.**

**P** – The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

**C** – **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**P** – Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth.

**C** – **He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.**

**P** – “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth!”

**TOGETHER** – **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

### **KIDS SONG – JESUS LOVES ME (SHA-NA-NA)**

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong.

Singin’ sha-na-na-na-na-na-na-na (ooo!)

Sha-na-na-na-na-na-na-na (ah!)

Sha-na-na-na-na-na-na-na (ooo!)

Sha-na-na-na-na-na-na-na

***Yes, Jesus loves me (clap, clap),***

***Yes, Jesus loves me (clap, clap)***

***Yes, Jesus loves me (clap, clap),***

***The Bible tells me so.***

### **KIDS MOMENT – NEWBY HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT FAITH AND LAW**

#### **WORSHIP SONG – CORNERSTONE**

My hope is built on nothing less

Than Jesus' blood and righteousness

I dare not trust the sweetest frame

But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

***Christ alone cornerstone***

***Weak made strong in the Saviour's love***

***Through the storm He is Lord***

***Lord of all***

When darkness seems to hide His face

I rest on His unchanging grace

In every high and stormy gale

My anchor holds within the veil

My anchor holds within the veil

*He is Lord Lord of all*

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless stand before the throne

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**PRAYER BEFORE READINGS** – *Dear God. We thank you for your Holy Word that guide, forgives, motivates and saves us through the work of Christ on the cross. Bless the readings we will hear today in our hearts. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.*

### **READING OF REVELATION 14:6-7 (Penny)**

**<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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.”**

### **READING OF EPISTLE – ROMANS 3:19-28 (Penny)**

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

*The Righteousness of God Through Faith*

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

**<sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.**

## READING OF HOLY GOSPEL – JOHN 8:31-36 (Penny)

*The Truth Will Set You Free*

**<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” <sup>33</sup>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’?”**

**<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.**

## WORSHIP SONG – IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
***What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand***

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
***Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live***

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
***And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ***

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me

From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
**No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand**

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## SERMON – BACK TO BASICS (*Romans 3:22-23 and 28*)

### THE APOSTLES' CREED BASED ON BIBLE VERSES

*P – In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1)*

**C – I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

*P – For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)*

**C – I believe in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord.**

*P – The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most high will overshadow you. So the Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God. (Luke 1:35)*

**C – He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

*P – Pilate handed Him over to them to be crucified. (John 19:16)*

**C – He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

*P – [Christ] was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, through whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison. (1 Peter 3:18,19)*

**C – He descended into hell.**

*P – Don't be alarmed, you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. (Mark 16:6)*

**C – On the third day He rose again.**

*P – When He had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, He lifted up His hands and blessed them. While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into heaven. (Luke 24:50,51)*

**C – He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

*P – We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:10)*

**C – He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*P – Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit? (1 Corinthians 6:20)*

**C - I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

*P - Just as each of us has one body with many members... so in Christ we who are many form one body. (Romans 12:4,5)*

**C - I believe in the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints.**

*P - In Him we have redemption, through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. (Ephesians 1:7)*

**C - I believe in the forgiveness of sins.**

*P - Jesus answered him: "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43)*

**C - I believe in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**WORSHIP SONG - A MIGHTY FORTRESS**

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 threatening 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!

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Prayer)**

### **LORD'S PRAYER (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.  
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.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SENDING**

**P - Faith** is the certainty that we will receive the things that we hope for and the proof that there are things that we cannot see. *By faith*, Noah listened to God's warnings about things that were going to happen and that cannot be seen. *By faith*, he obeyed God and built a boat that he and his family were saved. *By faith* Abraham, when called by God, obeyed and left for a land that God promised to give him. *By faith*, Moses left Egypt, without being afraid of the king's anger, and remained steadfast, as if he were seeing the invisible God. And it is also *BY FAITH* that we will leave here confident that God loves us, protects us and helps us to walk in this world full of challenges. Go in peace! May the Lord strengthen and increase your faith.

## RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING (Pastor)

**P – The grace of our Lord JESUS CHRIST and the love of GOD and the communion of the HOLY SPIRIT be with you all. Amen.**

### CLOSING SONG – LION OF JUDAH

You're the Lion of Judah  
The Lamb who was slain  
You ascended to heaven  
And ever more will reign  
At the end of the age  
When the earth You reclaim  
You will gather the nations before You  
And the eyes of all men  
Will be fixed on the Lamb  
Who was crucified  
With wisdom and mercy and justice  
You'll reign at Your Father's side

***And the angels will cry hail the Lamb  
Who was slain for the world rule in pow'r  
And the earth will reply You shall reign  
As the King of all kings  
And the Lord of all lords***

There's a shield in our hand  
And a sword at our side  
There's a fire in our spirits  
That cannot be denied  
'Cause the Father has told us  
For these You have died  
For the nations who gather before You  
And the ears of all men  
Need to hear of the Lamb  
Who was crucified  
Who descended to hell  
Yet was raised up to reign

# At His Father's side

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