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Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2023

Celebration of 62 Anniversary of St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Joint Worship Service at 10:30am

*Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church. We love that you are here.
The order below will help you to find your way through our service. We are using the
Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book (red) and the Blue German Hymnal.
The liturgy is printed in the worship bulletin.*
P (Pastor) L (Lector) **C (Congregation)**

Ringling of the Bells

Prelude

Organist: Shannon Mattson

Welcome

Choir: Danke für diesen guten Morgen

Maria Koebisch

Words from Psalm 46:

P: God is our place of safety. He gives us strength.

C: He is always there to help us in times of trouble.

P: The earth may fall apart. The mountains may fall into the middle of the sea.

C: But we will not be afraid. The waters of the sea may roar and foam.

P: The mountains may shake when the waters rise. But we will not be afraid.

C: God's blessings are like a river. They fill the city of God with joy.

P: That city is the holy place where the Most High God lives.

C: Because God is there, the city will not fall.

P: The LORD who rules over all is with us. The God of Jacob is like a fort to us.

C: He makes wars stop from one end of the earth to the other.

P: He breaks every bow. He snaps every spear. He burns every shield with fire.

C: He says, "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be honored among the nations.

P: I will be honored in the earth. The LORD who rules over all is with us.

Gathering Hymn # Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 779

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Call to Confession:

P: Trusting in the love of God to make all things new, let us confess our sin to God

and to our neighbour.

Prayer of Confession

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

C: Lord, have mercy on us – Herr, erbarme dich!

P: For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

C: Lord, have mercy on us – Herr, erbarme dich!

P: For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others: **C: Lord, have mercy on us – Herr, erbarme dich!**

P: For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare: **C: Lord, have mercy on us – Herr, erbarme dich!**

P: For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation: **C: Lord, have mercy on us – Herr, erbarme dich!**

P: For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

C: Lord, have mercy on us – Herr, erbarme dich!

P: For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace: **C: Lord, have mercy on us – Herr, erbarme dich!**

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you in all goodness and bring you to everlasting life.

C: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Reading from the Old Testament, from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34:

The 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.

Reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans, 3: 21 – 24:

God’s restorative justice has entered the world, independent of the law. Both the law and the prophets told us this day would come. This redeeming justice comes through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, the Anointed One, *the Liberating King*, who makes salvation a

reality for all who believe. You see, all have sinned, and all their futile attempts to reach God in his glory fail. Yet they are now saved and set right by his free gift of grace through the redemption available only in Jesus Christ.

German Halleluia (Please insert)

Announcement of the Holy Gospel according to John 8: 31 – 36:

The Truth will set you free

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Reading of the Gospel - **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn # 517: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Lied # 246, 1 – 2 & 7: Ach bleib bei uns, Herr Jesu Christ

Predigt

Choir: Gut, dass wir einander haben

Maria Koebisch

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P: With the whole church let us confess our faith:

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 again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

Sharing of Peace

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always - **C: And also with you**

Prayers of Intercessions

P concluding: God in your mercy - **C: hear our prayer**

Vater unser im Himmel, geheiligt werde dein Name.

Dein Reich komme. Dein Wille geschehe, wie im Himmel, so auf Erden.

Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute, und vergib uns unsre Schuld,
wie auch wir vergeben unseren Schuldigern.

Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung, sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen.

Denn dein ist das Reich und die Kraft und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit.

Amen.

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 the evil one.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Sending Hymn # 503: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

German # 362: Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott

Postlude

Dismissal:

P: Go in Peace and share the good news! **C: Thanks be to God!**