

Happy Anniversary! We congratulate our pastor, Jim Vitale, on the first anniversary of his ordination. The planter at the altar is given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the event. We hope to celebrate this anniversary with you and your family for many years to come!

Confirmation! Corinne Beaver, Vaughn Phelps and Lana Plummer will be confirmed today. *Following worship, please help celebrate by participating in a drive-by reception.*

Bishop in Residence – On Tuesday, October 27, Bishop Collins will be having office hours here at Beaver Lutheran Church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you are interested in having a conversation with the bishop that day, you can email her to set up an appointment: BJCollins@uss-elca.org. Social distancing precautions will be observed.

Drive Thru Trick-or-Treat – On October 31 from 5-7 p.m. we will be handing out candy here at the church. All are invited to come by! This is a way we can still reach out to our community while maintaining safe practices. If you would like to help hand out candy, please let Pr. Jim know. Remember to come in costume!!

TIME CHANGE! Don't forget that we "FALL BACK" next Sunday, November 1st! Set your clocks back one hour before going to be on Halloween Night!!

Election Night Prayer Service —You are invited to a prayer service on election night, November 3rd at 8pm in the sanctuary. This is an opportunity for us to gather together, to pray for the health of our divided nation, to pray for deliverance from sin, fear, and suffering, and to look in hope to God's promised salvation. The service will also be streamed live on Zoom.

Poinsettias – In today's bulletin, you will find an order form for poinsettias. Due to Covid concerns, the orders need to be placed no later than Sunday, November 15. Prices are slightly less expensive than last year. Something new this year is the option of having a bow placed in your poinsettia for \$1, and/or in replacement of the foil pot cover, a wicker basket can be substituted for \$2. Payment envelopes can be found next to the collection basket.



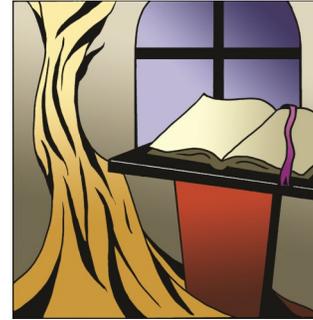
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HOLY COMMUNION

Reformation Sunday
Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Service of the Word
Sunday, October 25, 2020

**Please stand as you are able.*

GATHERING

Prelude

*Confession and Forgiveness

As we gather for worship, please take some time to confess your sins to God in the quiet of your heart, know that in Christ Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Gathering Song

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

WORD

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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

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the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 46

- ¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
- ³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
- ⁶The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.
- ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- ⁸Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
- ⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields
with fire.
- ¹⁰“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”
- ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading

Romans 3:19-28

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 re-

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

An usher will dismiss each pew.

Postlude

**Please proceed to your vehicle and join us for a drive-thru reception
in honor of our Confirmands!**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome to Worship! Remember to please wear a mask and maintain six feet between individuals, couples or family groups while on the premises. Children under two and those with trouble breathing should not wear masks and should maintain as much social distance as possible.

Communion – When you entered the building this morning you received a bag containing your bulletin, a copy of Taking Faith Home, this Announcement/Prayer List sheet, and a “Communion Kit”. At the appropriate time we will lower our face coverings and commune sitting in our pews. First the wafer found on the top of the juice cup, and then the cup. Immediately following communion, please return your face coverings and deposit the empty cup into the bag and seal it. These bags can be disposed of in the waste receptacle located in the narthex. *There are gluten-free wafers available.*

Livestreams – You can view our service from your mobile device either through Zoom or Facebook Live. See our weekly email, website, or Facebook for more information.

Online Giving – Tired of forgetting to bring your envelope to church? You can also donate online through **PayPal** by clicking the “donate” button on our homepage. You can also ask Amazon to donate a portion of your purchases to Beaver Lutheran Church by logging into **Amazon Smile**.

Altar Flowers – The flowers this morning are presented by Junior and Bobbi Leister to the Glory of God and in celebration of their son Devan’s 21st birthday. The altar flowers are a joyous symbol of the resurrection of Christ.

*Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy, ...

Response: hear our prayer.

Presentation of Bibles

*The Peace

Please offer one another a socially distant sign of Christ's peace.

MEAL

Please be seated.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

The Great Thanksgiving continues.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Communion

Please remain seated and commune together.

Prayer After Communion

Presentation of Prayer Shawls

Gratitude for Confirmation Teachers

SENDING

Benediction

Sending Song

Built on a Rock

demption 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.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

*Gospel

John 8:31-36

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.

Faith Statements

Corinne Beaver

Vaughn Phelps

Lana Plummer

Song of the Day

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Affirmation of Baptism

The assembly is seated.

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these sisters and brother, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Those making affirmation are presented by a sponsor.

Sponsors: I present name, who desires to make public affirmation of his/her baptism.

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Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brother, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold 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.

The assembly stands and joins in the responses.

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?

We renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

We renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

We 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?

Each confirmand responds:

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

Sponsors and parents, do you promise to support these sisters and brother and pray for them in their life in Christ?

Response: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brother and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Those making affirmation of baptism kneel.

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.

The blessing is repeated for each person as the minister lays both hands on the head of the person and says:

Stir up in name 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.

The president of the congregation addresses the assembly.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

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.**

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