

Reformation Sunday Welcome to Worship Today!

*Rooted in the past and
growing into the future,
the church must always be
reformed in order to
live out the love of Christ
in an ever-changing world.*

*We celebrate the good news
of God's grace, that
Jesus Christ sets us free
every day to do this
life-transforming work.*



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With Holy Communion
8:00 & 9:30 am October 25, 2020*

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Preaching: Pastor Joe Natwick & Presiding: Pastor Lisa Lewton

Organist: Barb Arneson

- Gathering -

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When the world seems shady, Jesus says,

Assembly: "You are the light of the world."

L: When there is something missing in the despair of social media ranting and news to the left or right, Jesus says,

A: "You are the salt of the earth."

L: Beloved ones of God: You are to light the way with the mercy of Christ; You are to break out of the bland political divide with the flavor of abundant life. St. John will be light and salt following these visions:

A: Meeting Jesus at the table.

L: Inviting you into a life-changing relationship with God.

A: Connecting human beings in the Holy Spirit.

L: Cultivating curiosity and honest conversation.

A: Making sense of the world with God's Word.

L: Finding everyday hope in the cross.

A: Showing up with love for the neighbor near and far

L: Together, we confess the ways in which we dim the light and hide the salt.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Faithful and forgiving God of new life,

A: we are a broken and unfaithful people, often hurtful to ourselves, each other and turning our backs on You.

L: We seek to lift ourselves up and thrive on our own power and independence.

A: We mix up priorities in life and forget that each day is a gift from You.

L: We forget that You are eager to hear our prayers and instead gripe, grumble and worry, when life is tough.

A: We get stuck in old patterns of behavior and resist turning around for the new start You give us.

L: Help us Lord, to humble ourselves and our agendas, that they would align with your plans for the world.

A: Help us to be a hopeful people and grateful for the love, blessings and freedom we are promised, and have already received, from You.

L: Hear our honesty, as we silently confess our frailty and failings.

Silent prayers of confession

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: Like so many before us, God continues to show mercy to each of us. Through the death and resurrection of God's Son, + Jesus Christ, our sins have been forgiven. With the power of the Holy Spirit among us, we are free to begin again and believe in these promises of God.

A: Amen.

PROCESSIONAL MUSIC A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Played by the Bell Choir & these Instrumentalists:
Jerry Thornton, Julianne Skaff, Christa Araujo,
Sarah Olson, Amber Sickler, Josmar Zepeda, Yevalea Zepeda

The words to this hymn are provided for your reflection:

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.

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.

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.

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!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship
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GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: **And also with you.**

*Thank you to our guest
musicians and the
St. John Bell Choir
for your
beautiful music
today!*

HYMN OF PRAISE #840 Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. You promised to make David's household great among the nations. Then you sent your son, Jesus, to transform this world so that all people are one in the great household of God. Show us how to live as your children, as sisters and brothers in your holy and blessed realm, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who will one day welcome us all home.

A: Amen.

Stepping Into the Story

ACCLAMATION OF THE WORD SONG #514 O Word of God Incarnate
(verse 1)



* 1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
oh, teach your wand - ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.
Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

– Word –

God speaks to us in Scripture, reading, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Samuel 7: 1-17

¹Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” ³Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.”

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle.

⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders^[a] of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. ¹⁵But I will not take^[b] my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me;^[c] your throne shall be established forever. ¹⁷In accordance with all these words and with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

L: The word of the Lord

A: Thanks be to God

SERMON Pastor Joe Natwick

HYMN OF THE DAY #311 Hail to the Lord's Anointed



1 Hail to the Lord's a - nointed - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.
 all na - tions shall a - dore you, your praise all peo - ple sing.



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to
 Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald,
 To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as -



free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion and
 light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are
 go; and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from
 cend; your king - dom still in - creas - ing, a



rule in eq - ui - ty.
 pre - cious in your sight.
 hill to val - ley flow.
 king - dom with out end.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.
 Music: FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN, Leonhart Schröter, 1540-1602



Baptized Thursday,
 October 22:

**Espen Aaron
 Natwick**

Son of
 Rebecca and Joseph
 Natwick

Sponsors:
 Lisa Janke
 Luke Hollander

Baptized today at
 11am:

Adaline Ann Powell

Daughter of
 Meagen & Markus
 Powell

Sponsors:
 Samantha Essen
 Jeremy Momberg

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Prayer response: L: Lord in your mercy, **A: Hear our prayer**

SHARING THE PEACE— *instrumental music*

- Meal -

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING— *instrumental music by the Bell Choir*
Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Thank you for returning your pledge cards this week!

Thank you to those of you contributing to the mission of St John by giving electronically, leaving a gift in one of the sanctuary baskets or mailing gifts in.

Offering:

*Please also consider
how you could be
SALT and LIGHT in
your circle of family
and friends today.*

OFFERING PRAYER:

L: Let us pray. Blessed are you O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables and be “salt” & “light” in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name:

L: Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might,

A: heaven and earth are full of Your glory,

L: Hosanna in the highest

A: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

L: Hosanna in the highest

A: Hosanna in the highest!

In the night in which he was betrayed . . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**A: 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**



*All are invited
to the table today.
Come as you are.*

- Distribution of Bread & Wine -

LAMB OF GOD #622 WOV

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Hymn for Reflection during distribution #461 All Who Hunger Gather Gladly



- 1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
- 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
- 3 All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er, Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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Digging Deeper:

When has God said “no” to your plans?

What other opportunities came your way
that could be part of God’s dream for you?

CHALLENGE FOR THE WEEK:

Consider if and how you are trusting in God’s plans for you.
Talk about this with someone.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sending -

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

L: Jesus says, “You are the light of the world and the salt of earth”. Beloved ones of God: Go forth today to light the world with the mercy of Christ! May the Lord bless you on your way and give you courage to live and love abundantly. May the Lord’s strength move you to show up with love for neighbors near and far. May the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope throughout all of your days. In the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit,
A: Amen.

SENDING HYMN #548 Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



from this meal of love and grace;
 af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
 God has called us to re - ceive;
 cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
 pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.
 to re - lease and to con - sole.
 Spir - it - ed then let us live.
 from this day and un - to death.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



God, the won - der of our days.
 Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Share the good news! **A: Thanks be to God.**

THANK YOU TO THE WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY:

Pastor Lisa Lewton & Pastor Joe Natwick

Assisting Ministers: 8:00 am Rasia Mackey 9:30 am Don Brugamyer

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Ushers: 8:00 am Kate Enney 9:30 am Milo Morris

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