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Reformation Sunday

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Thank you for being the Body of Christ gathered here this morning.
It is good to be together. Your presence here is a gift to God and to others this morning.

We have committed as a church to pray for all those in our community who are living in the darkness of addiction. We have lit a candle in the front of the sanctuary as we pray for the light of Christ to break into their lives. Before worship begins, you are invited to light a candle for a friend or family member for whom you are praying.

Prelude
Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.
Amen.
Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God, we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.
Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.

Kyrie: "Lord, Have Mercy" **p. 147**

Hymn of Praise: "This is the Feast" **p. 149**

<u>Prayer of the Day</u>

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Choir

Jeremiah 31: 31-34 **Reader: Lee Shaver**

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. It 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. But 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. No 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.

Psalm 46 - Read Responsively

1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
3 though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.
6 The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.
7 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
8 Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
9 behold 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; will be exalted in the earth."
11 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Romans 3: 19-28

Now 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. For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. For 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 Acclamation **p. 124**

John 8: 31-36 **Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They 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'?"

Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day **"When the Poor Ones"** **#725**

Apostles Creed **p. 127**

Prayers of Intercession

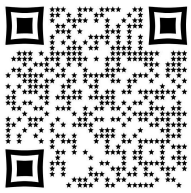
At the end of each petition the congregation responds with "Your mercy is great."

Peace

Since we are satisfied by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offertory Prayer:

God of creation you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **Amen.**



There is a box at the back of the Sanctuary. You may also make your offerings online on our website: americanlutheranchurch.net or mail them to the church — PO Box 653- Newport, WA 99156

The Great Thanksgiving **p.129**

'Holy, Holy, Holy' **p.130**

Words of Institution

Christ had died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again

Lord's 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.

Invitation to Communion

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. This is God's gift, God's grace, God's life — given freely in love for you. Grape juice and gluten, soy, dairy and corn-free wafers are available. If you need communion brought to you at your seat, please let the usher know.

Communion Hymns: 469, 556, 729, 774

Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Hymn **"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"** **#631**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Masks are optional, but we recognize that COVID is still a reality and a concern for many who are vulnerable. Please wear a mask if you are feeling under the weather at all. Thank you so much!

This Week

Monday	10am	Bible Study
	Noon	Al-anon (upstairs)
	12:30pm	Mahjong (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday	10 am	Quilting
Wednesday	7pm	Choir
	4pm	Confirmation Class
Saturday	1pm	WWW Women's Fellowship
	3pm	Recovery and Support Group (note time change)
Sunday	10 am	Worship

Remember in Prayer: Ken Akre, Trish Akre, Scone Bender, Spencer and Bonnie Berg, Roger Brandt, Annika Britton, Julie Brown's mother, Barbara Campbell, Colleen (at the request of Dawn Morey), Geneva Fowler (at the request of Clara Wilner), Susan Fox, Dorothy Funden, Gladys Gerow, Pastor Matt and the Goodrich family, Joel Graf, Ed and Lynda Heckman, Annika Hughes, Gail Johnson, Imo Jones, Jaimie Jimenez, Ms. Koch, Steve Konkright, Bob and Pat Kowal, Neal Leen (Theresa Watts's brother-in-law), family of Gae and Jeremy Lewis, Maria Manzano and family, Don and Glenda Pellow, Sark Ratliff, Carol Rock, Odessa Rodkey, Ellie Powers, Sara Rogers (at the request of Christian Britton), Lynna Scheller, Ken Schimmels and family, Judy Schoesler, Serina (Alicia's sister), Everly Stone-Fedor, Barbara Yacobozzi (friend of the Thorson's), Paul and Colleen Zakar, Jason (at the request of Terry Zakar).

Announcements:

100th Anniversary: Thanks to everyone who helped make our 100th anniversary event memorable! So many of you made significant contributions from making sure the grounds were at their best, helping with the many tasks to set up and take down tables and chairs, decorating, baking and cooking amazing potluck foods, inviting people, and generally taking on any task that needed to be done. It is sometimes said that "It takes a village". The ALC version is "It takes a congregation!" Thank you!

Chris and Lee Shaver House Fire: The Council has approved use of the Benevolence Fund to help out the Shavers as they recover from their house fire. Any donations from the congregation should be directed to the Benevolence Fund.

Coffee Hour Groups/Nursery Help: We would like to have a short meeting on Monday the 26th after Bible study (around 11:30 am) about needing to reconfigure our coffee hour groups and also see if we could get the church nursery going again since we have little ones in our church services that have extra energy. We would like some input and/or ideas on these subjects.

All Saints Day "Holy Baptism" and "Affirmation of Baptism": All Saints Day is a day set aside by the Christian church to celebrate the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. The Lutheran church considers ANY day appropriate for Baptism and reaffirming our faith, but All Saints Day feels especially appropriate. The Lutheran services for Holy Baptism and Affirmation of Baptism are found on pages 227 and 234, respectively. On Sunday, November 1st, All Saints Day, American Lutheran Church will celebrate with a corporate affirmation but we are also encouraging anyone who would like to be baptized or individually affirmed in their baptism to let Pastor Brendan know. We will look forward to celebrating and rejoicing together on November 1st!

Second Harvest Mobile Market: Second Harvest Mobile Market Thursday, November 12th, 2026 at the Newport Rodeo Grounds across from 103 S Garden Ave.
Volunteers are needed and should arrive between 8:45-9:00 am. The market is open for pickup from 10:00 am to Noon.

Online Directory: We are moving to a secure online directory: instantchurchdirectory.com . An email has been sent out. You must have an email to access the directory. If you do not have an email listed in the current directory, please email the office: alc.churchoffice@gmail.com . If you have any questions or concerns please see Lauretta.

Sunday school: Lauretta has volunteered to lead Sunday school at 10am, during worship. Please encourage all kids and grandkids (and any other youth they can wrangle) to join us on Sunday mornings!

Birthdays: We are celebrating birthdays on the first Sunday of the month.

Scam: If you receive anything claiming to be from the Pastor asking for money/gift cards or a copy of the directory, it is a scam.

Pastor Brendan Wiechert can be reached at pastor.brendan@americanlutheran.net or 509-863-5100

If you would like to be on our church email list for announcements and prayer concerns, please send your email address to alc.churchoffice@gmail.com.