



**Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA**

*"Encouraging faith and proclaiming God's love by Gathering, Growing and Giving."*

Reformation Sunday

Affirmation of Baptism/Communion Worship

October 31, 2021

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*There is great joy in gathering with one another to lift up praise and thanksgiving to God. Measures have been put in place to provide a safe environment for us to gather in church to worship. **If you are not feeling well, we ask that you remain at home, out of care and concern for everyone here.***

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PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME & MINISTRY MESSAGES

GATHERING

\* P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

\* CONFESSIO Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.** Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart. *Silence is kept for reflection.* God our comforter: **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. While we experience abundance in our lives, too often we only see scarcity. We allow the anger and division around us to have power over us, and we lose sight of the love and grace you've given us to share with the world. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love, to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

FORGIVENESS We acknowledge that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

\* The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY P: Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, **we are thankful for how the Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. May the Spirit show us how to be your committed people, faithfully in your word, and living out your message to the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

PSALM 46 (Please respond with **bold lettered verses**)

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

<sup>10</sup>"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

<sup>11</sup>**The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

*The word 'righteousness' relates to whether or not we are in a 'right relationship with God.' No human being can make themselves right with God through works of the laws of our faith. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Jesus Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ. A reading from the Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans, chapter 3.*

<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 silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom 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; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. The Word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin. Do YOU believe you are set free?*

\*The Holy Gospel according to John the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter, **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup>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?'" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." This is the Gospel of the Lord **ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

#230 HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word*

*Our Confirmands will now share their faith statements.*

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation students

L: Bradlee Clemmens, Savana Millermon, Jace Peterson, and Ellie Schiszik have been instructed in the Christian faith and desires to make public affirmation of her Baptism.

P: We rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world. In Holy Baptism, our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you a member of his Church. Throughout your life, this, and perhaps other communities of God's people, have helped you to hear and understand the God's living word, the Bible. They have sought to help you understand God's loving purpose for your life. You have been fed at his holy table, and called to be a witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. Now, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Bradlee, Savana, Jace, and Ellie, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you reject the devil and all the forces that defy God? If so say together, "I reject them."

**STUDENTS: I reject them.**

Do you reject the powers of this world that rebel against God? If so say together, "I reject them."

**STUDENTS: I reject them.**

Do you reject the ways of sin that draw you from God? If so say together, "I reject them."

**STUDENTS: I reject them.**

\* P: *(to congregation)* Please stand, and as a body of Christ, let us join with these young women and young men in professing our faith by answering these questions:

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: 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. Amen**

\*P: *(Addressed to students)* You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the promise God made with you in Holy Baptism, promises previously made by your parents and godparent: to live among God's faithful people - to hear his Word and share in his supper - to proclaim the Good News of Jesus through your words, actions, and attitudes, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus - and to work for justice and peace in all the earth? If so, respond individually by saying, *"I do, and ask God to help and guide me.*

**ONE AT A TIME: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*(Congregation may be seated as the students kneels at communion rail...and parents/family members come forward and place their hands on them, or family members nearby)*

P: Let us pray. Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these young women and young men your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace-

**All: Amen**

LAYING ON OF HANDS P: 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. **INDIVIDUALLY: Amen**

*(All the students stand and face the congregation)*

P: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**All: 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.**

### GIVING

*NOTE: The offering plate is placed at the entrance of the sanctuary. Giving to support God's ministry at Shepherd of the Hill can also be mailed to (Mailing address: 207 University St., Elk Mound, WI 54739) – OR – by going on our website ([www.sothem.org](http://www.sothem.org)) to **GIVE** tab to make a one time or reoccurring donation. Setting up an account with GivePlus is easy!*

\* OFFERING PRAYER Jesus, Bread of life, **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather all we offer, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

\* PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (L: Hear us, O God, **All: Your mercy is great.**)

\* 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.**

\* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

\* 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. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready, all are welcome.

HOLY COMMUNION *(All baptized Christians who believe that Jesus is present in the sacrament are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you prefer grape juice, please give a 'thumbs-up' to the server. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Children can come up for a blessing.)*

\* POST-COMMUNION PRAYER Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

\* ANNOUNCEMENTS/BLESSINGS People of God, you are Jesus Christ's body, Christ's church wherever you are. You have the opportunity to bring peace and life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ✠ one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

\* #699 CLOSING HYMN *Blessed Assurance*

\*BELLS AND DISMISSAL Go in peace. Believe the living Word dwells in you. **Thanks be to God.**  
POSTLUDE

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**This Week at Shepherd of the Hill**

- Today:**      **8:45 am**      - **Sunday School**
- 10:00 am**      - **Reformation Sun. worship w/Holy Communion**
- 5-7pm**      - **Trick-or-treaters...stay safe!**
- Monday      7pm      - AA Meeting
- Tuesday:    11am      - Christmas Program planning session
- 4-6 pm      - Food Pantry
- Wednesday 3:20-4:30 pm      - 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class
- Friday:      10 am-noon      - Food Pantry
- Saturday:    Set your clocks BACK one hour before you go to bed
- Next Sunday: 8:45 am      - Sunday School
- 10:00 am      - All Saints Day Worship w/Communion

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**Announcements**

Affirming the promises of their Baptism (being Confirmed) today are: Bradlee Clemmens, Savana Millermon, Jace Peterson, and Ellie Schiszik.

TUESDAY, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11am Join our Sunday School Coordinators as we organize the Sunday School Christmas Program for next month.

DON'T FORGET TO SET CLOCKS BACK SATURDAY NIGHT

NEXT SUNDAY is *ALL SAINT'S DAY*...a day of remembrance for those saints who have gone before us.

# Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor) and a basso continuo. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and homophonic, with the bass line providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each with a vocal line and a basso continuo line. The lyrics are: 1 Lord, keep us stead-fast in your word; curb those who Lord Je-sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are O Com-fort-er of price-less worth, send peace and by de-ceipt or sword would wrest the king-dom from your Son Lord of lords a-lone; de-fend your ho-ly church, that we u-ni-ty on earth; sup-port us in our fi-nal strife and bring to naught all he has done. may sing your praise e-ter-nal-ly. and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

# Blessed Assurance

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

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Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915  
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908