



October 29, 2023

10:00 am

REFORMATION SUNDAY

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**We are blessed that you
have joined us today.**

Notes on worship:

BOLD type = people of God =You

Regular type = leader

Italic type = directions or explanations

Introduction to the Day



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. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

WELCOME

*Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Bellerose! We are so glad that you are here to worship with us either in person or online. **If you are seeking a church to call home, welcome and we hope you find the comfort of Christ's Beloved Community here.** If Pastor Analyse or the Prayer Team can provide any care for you at present, please reach out in person or at pastoranalyse@holyltrinitybellerose.org or the church office at office@holyltrinitybellerose.org.*

~Please stand as you are able~

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God,
the one who forms us,
✠ Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.
Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,
**you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.**

**We are overwhelmed
by the world's violence and suffering.
We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.**

**For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.**

**For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.**

**For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

**Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,

God's justice stretches beyond all
understanding.

God's compassion is beyond compare.

In Jesus, God is always making a new way for
us.

In ✠ Christ, you are already and always
forgiven. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW #504 vs. 1, 2 & 4
A Mighty Fortress

**1 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.**

2 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.

4 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!

GREETING

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

HYMN OF PRAISE W&P #67

I Love You, Lord
**I love you Lord, and I lift my voice
to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear;
may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
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.

~Please be seated~

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34 NRSV

*The renewed covenant will not be
breakable, but like the old covenant it
will expect the people to live upright
lives. To know the LORD means that one
will defend the cause of the poor and
needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed
covenant is possible only because
the LORD will forgive iniquity and not
remember sin. Our hope lies in a God
who forgets.*

The first reading is from Jeremiah beginning at
the 31st chapter.

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

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46

We will now read responsively from Psalm 46.

¹God 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;**

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.

SECOND READING Romans 3:19-28 NRSV
Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ’s death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

The second reading is from Romans beginning at the 3rd chapter.

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 redemption 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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

~Please stand as you are able~

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 8:31-36 NRSV
Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

The Holy Gospel according to John beginning at the 8th chapter.

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.

~Please be seated~

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

~Please stand as you are able~

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #592 VS. 1, 3, & 4

Just As I Am, without One Plea

1 Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,

4 Just as I am; thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these beloved people*, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new *members* into the life and ministry of this congregation.

Rebecca, Bill, Elise, and Mike have made preparations to formally join our congregation.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith saying the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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 to judge the
living and the dead.
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.

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called 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. *Siblings* in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place? If so, please respond with "I do, and I ask God to help and guide me."

Those being welcomed respond.

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

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for *these new members* in *their* life in Christ?

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

WELCOME

Those being welcomed face the assembly.

Let us welcome *these siblings* in Christ to this community of faith.

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.

We welcome our newest members with applause.

*~Please remain standing as you desire,
otherwise please be seated~*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God our parent, you call us your children and have made us siblings through your son Jesus. Heal the church's many divisions, bring understanding and peace where there has been contention and strife, and unite us in one body through the love of Christ.

God of grace,

receive our prayer.

God our creator, your hands have made the heights of the mountains, the depths of the sea, and the life that animates all creation. Bring relief to areas harmed by wildfires, floods, storms, and human.

Renew the face of the earth. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

God our ruler, the nations rage and the kingdoms shake, but your word stands fast forever. Let your justice and peace roll down like waters wherever there is strife, injustice, war, or religious conflict.

God of grace,

receive our prayer.

God our champion, you are our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.

Draw near to all who suffer *especially*

Laura Occhiogrosso, Bob Sarro, Paul Corell, Heather Chittum, Lauren Daniels, Dawn Abram, Erica Ramos, Ira Faber, Tom Weickert, Ruth Nouza, Gertrude Carty, Rich and Nadine Cortese, Christina Green, Renee Beaulieu, and Janice Rajgopaul. Be their rest and comfort. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

God our reformer, We give you thanks for *Rebecca, Bill, Elise, and Mike*, whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. We also give our thanks that both Cameron and Elise will celebrate their First Communion with us later today. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

God our inspiration, You move us to joy and celebration. We rejoice and pray for all those who celebrate birthdays or anniversaries this month:

Abraham, Cameron, Barney & Kathy, Don, Edwin, Grace, Mike & Maria, and Emily Grace. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

God who seeks justice, we pray for those who experience racism and oppression on a daily basis

and for those who work for racial equity, that all may be sustained in hope, empowered with courage, and filled with the grace to persevere in love. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

God our savior, you made yourself known in the lives of all who have died in the hope of your grace.

We give thanks for the witness of reformers like Martin Luther and for all whose example has brought us closer to you. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you!

Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with one another. (In the method of your comfort level.)

~Please be seated~

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

~Please stand as you are able~

OFFERTORY ELW #680 vs. 3

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

**3 We thank you, our creator,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
for all your love imparts
but what you most would treasure—
our humble, thankful hearts.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of power, God of plenty,
all things belong to you.

We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed.

Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer 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 and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might; Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his birth and life among us, his death and resurrection, we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by you, we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

~Please be seated~

COMMUNION

All are welcome to the Lord's Table. We receive communion in the form of a wafer and a small cup of wine or grape juice. Please tell the ushers if you need the bread and wine brought to you. If you are not yet receiving communion, or do not wish to receive today, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Follow the usher's directions.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus invites you to this table.

Come, eat and live.

Children receiving their First Communion will come forward first with their families, followed by the assembly.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW #491

Come, Let Us Eat

1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,

come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

**Our Lord's body let us take together,
our Lord's body let us take together.**

2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,

come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.

Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,

Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.
3 In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,
in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.
In the presence of our Lord we gather,
in the presence of our Lord we gather.

4 Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty
word,
rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty
word.
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

~Please stand as you are able~

TABLE BLESSING & COMMUNION PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

Let us pray.

Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

~Please be seated.~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~Please stand as you are able.~

BLESSING

The God of glory,

✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you,
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW #511 vs. 1, 3, & 4
Thy Strong Word

1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
at thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee,
while thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us
righteous;
bright with thine own holiness,
glorious now, we press toward glory,
and our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

4 From the cross thy wisdom shining
breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
from the cross forever beameth
all thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

DISMISSAL

What is our Mission?

**Welcoming all to grow in faith; living
Christ's message of serving and loving
neighbors near and far.**

Go in peace. God is at work in you.
Thanks be to God.

*Thank you for worshipping
with us today. We are blessed by your
presence.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMING EVENTS

IN PERSON SERVICES every Sunday Live
and via Facebook Live @ 10:00 am. You don't
have to belong to Facebook to watch. Video
will also be available on our interactive bulletin
at: holytrinitybellerose.wordpress.com.

COUNCIL MEETING

Next meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 14th @ 7:30 pm.

ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting will take
place on Sunday, **November 19th** immediately
following worship in the Sanctuary for voting
members. Any reports are due to the office by
Wednesday, **November 1st**.

Please contact the office if you would like an example report to help you write yours.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Next meeting: TBA

YOUTH GROUP

The youth meet twice a month on the first and third Saturday's from beginning at 6:30 pm. Contact Diane Gilroy for more information.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study on Revelation will continue Mondays through November 13th. Advent Bible Study will begin on November 27th at 10am and 7pm. The sign-up Sheet can be found on the literature table in the Narthex. Books are \$10.

ALTAR GUILD

Looking for volunteers to help Denice & Pastor Analyse with Altar Guild responsibilities.

OKTOBERFEST

Thank you to Julia, her team, and everyone who made Oktoberfest a fantastic event this weekend.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

If you have someone you'd like remembered on November 5th for All Saints' Sunday please add their names to the list on the literature table in the narthex.

VIDEOGRAPHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Learn a new skill. The camera is really user friendly. See Pastor for additional information.

YOGA PRACTICE

Yoga, Thursdays, at 7 pm in the Friendship Hall. One hour for only \$10.

Contact Carol Robinson, 917-208-7340, for additional information.

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

3	Abraham Lu-Correa
3	Cameron Watkins
5	Barney & Kathy Gallagher
6	Don Hanratty
6	Edwin Correa
7	Grace Gallagher
11	Michael & Maria Giordano
18	Emily Grace Montrony

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