

A CELEBRATION OF THE REFORMATION

October 29, 2017 – 6:30 P.M.

A combined Reformation Service of various Christian Reformed Churches in Classis Pacific Northwest

* Please Rise.

****Most of the service this evening will proceed unannounced.**

We Enter Into Worship *Led Pastor John Knoester*

Prelude: Marjo Rouw

* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #575:1-4 ***“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”***

All Sing

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul praise him, for he is your help and salvation!
Come, all who hear; brothers and sisters, draw near.
Join me in glad adoration!

Women Sing

2. Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning,
sheltering you under his wings, oh, so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

Men Sing

3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
as with his love he befriends you.

All Sing

4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

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* Welcome / Announcements

* Call to Worship / God’s Greeting (Based on Psalm 145:3-4,10-11)

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

People: there is no end to his greatness.

Leader: One generation shall praise your works to another

People: and shall declare your power.

Leader: All your works praise you, Lord,

People: and your faithful servants bless you.

Leader: They make known the glory of your kingdom

People: and speak of your power.

Leader: Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of our help?

People: Our help is in the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

* Hymn of Praise: ***“Amazing Grace”*** LUYH #691:1-5

1. Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
3. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

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GRACE ALONE

Led by Pastor Randy Beumer

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10 (pg. 1156)

Responsive Reading:

Leader: People of God, it is by ***grace*** you have been saved, through faith –
and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.
Ephesians 2:8

**People: Without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and
credits to me, the perfect righteousness, and holiness of God.**
Heidelberg Catechism A 60

Leader: Let us come before God confessing our sins, and the need for his grace.

Prayer of Confession

* Song of Response: LUYH #7:1,2,4 ***“Sing Praise to the Lord, You People of Grace”***

1. Sing praise to the Lord, you people of grace;
fill heaven with the songs that sound from this place;
since you are God's servants and meet in his name,
his wonders declare and his glory proclaim.

Refrain

*Halle! Hallelujah! Halle! Halle! Hallelujah!
Halle! Hallelujah! Halle! Halle! Hallelujah!*

2. His greatness exceeds what words can explain,
and his is the power no force can restrain;
with fanfares of horns and crescendos of strings
raise anthems to honor the King of all kings.

Refrain

4. Yield all that you are to worship the Lord—
see life as a psalm, each moment a chord;
let harmonies flourish and melodies soar—
let all that has breath praise the Lord evermore.

Refrain

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FAITH ALONE

Led by Pastor Rich De Ruiter

* Leader: What is truth faith?

**People: True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction
that everything God reveals in His Word is true;
it is also a deep-rooted assurance,
created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel,
that out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ,
not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven,
have been made forever right with God,
and have been granted salvation.**

Heidelberg Catechism A. 21

Leader: Why do you say that by faith alone you are right with God?

**People: It is not because of any value my faith has that God is pleased with me.
Only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness make me right with God.
And I can receive this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than by faith alone.**

Heidelberg Catechism A 61

* We Profess our Faith: Sing! #175:1-3 ***"I Believe in God Almighty"***

1. I believe in God Almighty, Father of all things that be,
Maker of the earth, and heavens, Keeper of the sky and sea.
I believe in God's Son, Jesus, now for us both Lord and Christ,
of the Spirit and of Mary born to bring abundant life.
2. I believe that Jesus suffered, scourged and scorned and crucified,
taken from the cross, was buried-True Life there had truly died.
I believe that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave,
then ascended to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
3. I believe in God's own Spirit, bonding all the saints within
one Church, catholic and holy, where forgiveness frees from sin,
in the body's resurrection, for the breaking of death's chain
gives the life that's everlasting. This the faith that I have claimed.

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During the singing of the last verse choir members are invited forward.

SCRIPTURE ALONE

Led by Rich De Ruiter

Ministry of Music: ***“Write Your Blessed Name, O Lord, Upon My Heart”*** Choir

Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart,
there to remain so indelibly, so indelibly engraved that no prosperity,
that no adversity shall ever, ever move me from your love.

Be to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation,
a deliverer in distress, and a faithful guide to the courts of heav’n,
to the courts of heav’n through the many temptations and
dangers of this life. O Jesu, my only Savior!

Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart,
there to remain so indelibly, so indelibly engraved that no prosperity,
that no adversity shall ever, ever move me from your love.

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We Confess Our Faith:

Leader: What are the means by which we know God?

People: We know him by two means:

**First, by the creation, preservation, and government
of the universe...**

**Second, he makes himself known to us more openly
by his holy and divine Word, as much as we need in this life,
for his glory and for the salvation of his own.**

Belgic Confession Art. 2

Leader: As we prepare to open God’s Word let us ask for the Spirit’s guidance.

Prayer of Illumination:

Leader: Open our eyes, O God:

People: that we may behold wondrous things out of your law.

Leader: Open our ears, O God:

**People: that we may hear what you will speak
to those who turn to you in their hearts.**

Leader: Open our minds, O God:

**People: that we may understand what it means
to revere you and to learn of your ways.**

Leader: Open our hearts, O God:

**People: that we may grasp the treasures of wisdom
and knowledge hidden in Christ.**

Leader: Open our mouths, O God:

**People: that we may proclaim the mystery of the gospel
and speak of it boldly.**

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* Song of Preparation: LUYH #844:1,2,3,5 ***“Lift Up Your Hearts Unto the Lord”***

1. Lift up your hearts unto the Lord, lift up your hearts unto the Lord.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia; lift up your hearts unto the Lord!
2. In Christ the world has been redeemed, in Christ the world has been redeemed.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia; in Christ the world has been redeemed.
3. His resurrection sets us free, his resurrection sets us free.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia; his resurrection sets us free.

Sing acapella

5. Sing alleluia to the Lord, sing alleluia to the Lord.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia; sing alleluia to the Lord.

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Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-5 (pg. 1116)

Message: ***“If the Right Things Are Right, We Can Face Anything That Is Wrong”***

– Rev. Ken Koeman

Prayer of Application

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #772:1-4 ***“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”***

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

Chorus:

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.*

2. When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
in ev’ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.*

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

Chorus

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,
dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

Chorus

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CHRIST ALONE

Led by Pastor Doug Fakkema

Responsive Reading:

Leader: The angel said to Joseph, “Give him the name Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:21

**People: Jesus saves us from our sins.
Salvation cannot be found in anyone else;
it is futile to look for salvation elsewhere.**
Heidelberg Catechism A 30

Leader: Let us thank God for Jesus.

**People: We thank you, God, for Jesus.
We thank you that we have in Jesus
All that we need for our salvation.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ministry Report: Graduate Christian Fellowship – Pastors Geoff and Ashley Van Dragt

Offering: Graduate Christian Fellowship

Offertory: **"The Solid Rock"** Marjo Rouw & Sylvia Van Zanten

* Song of Thanksgiving: LUYH #770:1-4 **"In Christ Alone"**

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on the cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground His body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
then, bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no human plan,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
'til He returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

Pastor Doug Fakkema

* We Proclaim God's Grace

Leader: For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works so that no can boast.
Ephesians 2:8-9

People: For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
Ephesians 2:10

Leader: What then is the purpose of our lives?

People: To glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.
Westminster Shorter Catechism A 1

Leader: Let us, then, glorify God.

All: Let us glorify God for Scripture, for grace, for faith, for Jesus.

* Benediction

* Closing Hymn: LUYH #776:1-4 *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same;
and he must win the battle.
3. And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.
4. That Word above all earthly powers—no thanks to them—abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever!

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* Postlude

Service Participants

Organist: Marjo Rouw

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