

Bay View Welcome home! **BAY VIEW** LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA



October 31, 2021
Reformation Sunday
Healing Service
8:00 & 10:30 AM
Pastor Jeff Greathouse

PRELUDE: 8:00-Jason Palmer 10:30-Janet Anderson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

~ written by Joanna Harader, and posted on Spacious Faith.
<http://spaciousfaith.com/2013/05/21/call-to-worship-psalm-46/>

The earth shakes, the mountains quake—tempting our hearts to fear.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Storms rage, winds swirl—destroying schools, hospitals, homes.

Still, God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Violence comes to light in our communities
and violence continues around the world—

causing us to wonder if our prayers for peace are futile.

Yet God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

For those mourning and rebuilding after the storms,

God is their refuge.

For those living in fear of their neighbors,

God is their strength.

For those dreading the hiss of a drone-fired missile,

God is present.

For the distraught and displaced and dismembered in Syria,
Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere,

God is a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear.

Therefore, we will lay down our weapons and worship our God.

OPENING PRAYER

~ posted on the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
website. <https://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Worship/Lectionary/Year-C/Time-after-Pentecost.aspx>

Gracious Father,

we pray for your holy catholic church.

Fill it with all truth and peace.

Where it is corrupt, purify it;

where it is in error, direct it;

where in anything it is amiss, reform it;
where it is right, strengthen it;
where it is in need, provide for it;
where it is divided, reunite it;
for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Prayer of Confession

When we want to be a church ever-reforming,
yet cling to comfortable ways:
Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

When we want to honor your “still speaking voice”,
but are fearful of insights which challenge old assumptions:
Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

When we want to live into Jesus’ dream of oneness,
but fail to listen to voices of difference:
Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

Words of Assurance

Take heart, get up; Jesus is calling to us!
We trust in the one who has guided the church for two millennia.
Through Christ, God forgives us our failings,
and continues to call us into a community of mutual love and
forgiveness.
Let us celebrate this mercy of God

GATHERING SONG: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (ELW 504)

- 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.
- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpow'r 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.
- 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!

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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.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

A reading from Deuteronomy.

¹Now this is the commandment — the statutes and the ordinances — that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, ²so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. ³Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:1-8

¹Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who follow the teaching of the LORD!

²**Happy are they who observe your decrees
and seek you with all their hearts,**

³who never do any wrong,
but always walk in your ways.

⁴**You laid down your commandments,
that we should fully keep them.**

⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes!

⁶**Then I should not be put to shame,
when I regard all your commandments.**

⁷I will thank you with a true heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

⁸**I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:11-14

A reading from Hebrews.

¹¹But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), ¹²he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. ¹³For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 12:28-34

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' ³¹The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³²Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; ³³and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' — this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

10:30-CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

10:30-PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

SERMON: Pastor Jeff Greathouse

HYMN OF THE DAY: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*
(ELW 596)

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

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. Refrain
- 3 His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay. Refrain
- 4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne! Refrain

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

HEALING SERVICE

HEALING INTRODUCTION

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing. Prayers of intercession are said using one of the following forms or other appropriate prayers.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Remembering in our prayers: **Paul** (Jacobson), **Donovan** (Antholt), **Vicki** (Wittenberg), **Mimi** (Zinngrabe), **Janet** (Mickelson), **Deanne & Chris** (Schafer), **Kevin & Cathy** (Clark), **Steven** (Leek), **Dan** (Coyhis), **Sasha** (Hill), **Fred & Darlene** (Kirch), **Sandy** (Scott-Cota), **Rusty** (Feld), **Kayla** (Fleury), **Rich** (Mickelson), **Carl** (Scholz), **Tysha** (Osborne), **Dale** (Lyndahl), **Beth** (Jacobson), **Michael** (Cassity), **Sue** (Strong), **Larry** (Uecker), **Carol** (Bockhop), **Andrew** (Snyder), **Lois** (Krueger), **Elena** (Rouer).

We also pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Lake** (Laurent), **Marissa** (Forry), **Pat** (Lenius), **Sue** (Godres), **Matt** (Schopf), **Dirk** (Jacobson), **Sam** (Potier), **Rita** (Hunt), **Steven** (Maedke), **Rick** (Peterson), **Nancy** (Sawdo), **Tom** (Wilson), **Deanna & Greg** (Koelpien).

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG: *Healer of Our Every Ill* (ELW 612)

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

- 1 You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. Refrain
- 2 In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. Refrain
- 3 Give us strength to love each other,
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. Refrain
- 4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. Refrain

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Let us pray.

Living God, through the laying on of hands [and anointing], grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING: HEALING

Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

8:00-PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

MUSIC DURING OFFERING: 8:00-Jason Palmer
10:30-Janet Anderson

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

DIALOGUE

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and 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.

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who hunger and thirst, come.
The table is ready.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION: *Break Now the Bread of Life* (ELW 515)

- 1 Break now the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page
I seek you, Lord;
my spirit waits for you,
O living Word.
- 2 Bless your own word of truth,
dear Lord, to me,
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace,
my All-in-All!
- 3 You are the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
your holy word the truth that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live
with you above;
teach me to love your truth,
for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

BENEDICTION: THANKS BE TO GOD!

~ from *Common Prayer: From Conflict to Communion. Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017*. Written by the Liturgical Task Force of the Lutheran-Roman Catholic Commission on Unity. http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/Common_Prayer_for_Catholic-Lutheran_Commemoration_of_Reformation_2017.pdf

For all that God can do within us,
for all that God can do without us,
Thanks be to God!

For all in whom Christ lived before us,
for all in whom Christ lives beside us,
Thanks be to God!

For all the Spirit wants to bring us,
for where the Spirit wants to send us,
Thanks be to God!

The blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you and on your way together,
now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: *Rise, O Sun of Righteousness* (ELW 657)

- 1 Rise, O Sun of righteousness;
with your might creation bless.
Shine upon your church today,
showing all your gentle way.
Have mercy, Lord.
- 2 Rouse our hearts from slumber deep;
may your word within us leap.
Give us voices to proclaim
praises to your holy name.
Have mercy, Lord.
- 3 Gather in your scattered flock;
give us water from the rock.
Bless the unity we share
in our shepherd's loving care.
Have mercy, Lord.
- 4 Burst the bars of stubborn pride;
make the heav'nly pathway wide.
Raise us up from sin and death
with your Spirit's living breath.
Have mercy, Lord.

5 Honor, praise, and glory be
to the holy Trinity!
May your gracious will be done:
make us one, as you are one.
Have mercy, Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

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