

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29, 2017

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude Prelude in A minor (BWV 543) J.S. Bach

Call to Worship *from Psalm 46*

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

***Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble in its tumult.***

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

* Hymn 393 "O Day of Rest and Gladness"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession *from Martin Luther*

Behold, Lord, I am an empty vessel that needs to be filled.

My Lord, fill it.

I am weak in faith; strengthen me.

***I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent,
that my love may go out to my neighbor.***

I do not have a strong and firm faith;

at times I doubt and am unable to trust You altogether.

O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in Thee.

In You I have sealed the treasures of all I have.

I am poor; You are rich and came to be merciful to the poor.

Help and forgive me, O Lord, for my only hope is in You. Amen.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 589 ***Alleluia ... Now the Lord is risen indeed!***

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 (NT, p. 203)

Psalter: Psalm 46 (Hymnal 329)

A Time with Children

Anthem "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 23:1-12 (NT, p. 25)

Sermon: "Still Under Construction"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn "Our God, We Are a Church Reformed" (see insert)

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

A Minute for Stewardship Dedication

Dedication of Tithes, Offerings, and Pledges

All are invited forward by the center aisle to offer themselves and their gifts to God.

Offertory "Built on a Rock, the Church Shall Stand" arr. Manz

* Response 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low, Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 694 "Great God of Every Blessing"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Congregational Amen (601)
- * Postlude "A Mighty Fortress" arr. Wold

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Diane and Jack Scheuer to the glory of God and in loving memory of their daughter, Ella Scheuer.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	John Conklin
Ushers	Marsha Parrish
Welcomers	Sandra and Steuart Bailey

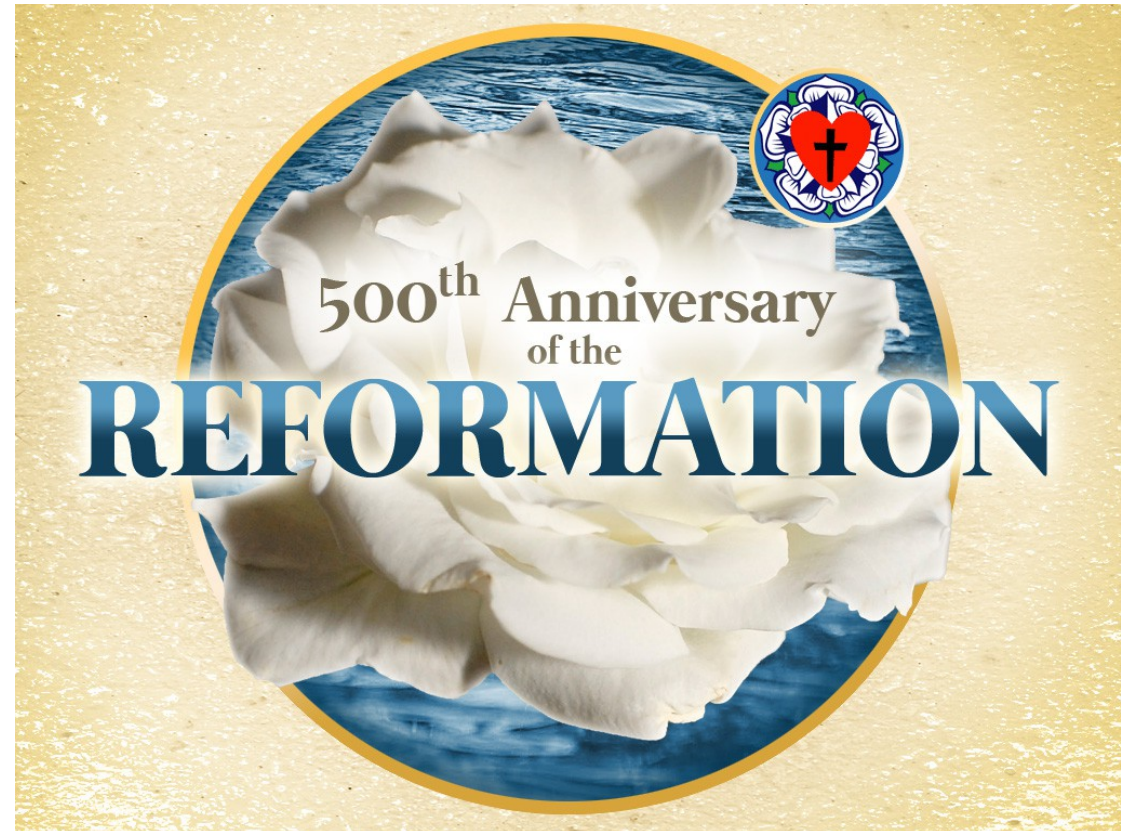
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