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**Reformation Sunday October 27, 2024 Video**

*Good morning. This is Richfield Lutheran Church’s video worship service for October 27, Reformation Sunday. I’m Pastor Brian, with me today is Paul on the organ. The printed bulletin for this service can be found on our website, Richfield-Lutheran.org.*

*Our gospel is John 8:31-36.* *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.*

1. **GATHERING**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship** Psalm 118:24

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Gathering Hymn** *For By Grace You Have Been Saved* **# 598**

**Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

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.**

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.**

1. **WORD**

**Gospel: John 8:31-36.** *(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, 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.**

**Sermon** *Free indeed* Pr Brian

**Hymn of the Day** *Borning Cry* **# 732**

**Prayers of the People**

Challenged by God’s Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

*(A brief silence.)*

Lord of all, we give thanks for the whole church throughout the world. Open wide the paths toward unity between denominations so that all followers of Christ may join in shared worship and mission. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, as the dying leaves display their beauty, we are reminded that nature’s cycle of life includes and requires both life and death. Instill in your people a mission of preservation and appreciation for trees, animals, and waterways threatened by climate collapse. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, in the spirit of reformation we pray for all who cry out for relief from systemic oppression. May the hearts of those who occupy seats of power be reformed so that peace becomes the center of our life together. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Comforting God, be with all who are sick, suffering, or grieving in our own community and beyond, *especially* *the people of Ukraine, the people of Palestine and Israel, the victims of hurricanes, and those whom we now name in our hearts….* Surround them with the promise of your love, comfort, and grace that never ends. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Divine Guide, continue to challenge this community to be ever reforming in our ministries and outreach efforts. Inspire creative ideas among us so that the communal, grace-filled word of God remains at the heart of our ministry. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

*(A brief silence.)*

Almighty God, in Christ’s resurrection you ensure that though life be wrenched away, death cannot win the day. May the truth of your saving grace through faith sustain our hope for life in you. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

**III. THANKSGIVING**

**Offering**

*You can support this and other of God’s ministries through Richfield Lutheran Church today via our website: Richfield-Lutheran.org/give. Thank you for your faithful generosity.*

**Lord's Prayer**

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**IV. SENDING**

*On October 27, in addition to this video recording and its phone-in option, we have in-person worship at 9:30. The choir is singing! Afterwards we share fellowship. All are welcome.*

*Next Sunday, November 2, is All Saints Sunday, our gospel is John 11:32-44. Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.*

*Until then, go forth with God’s blessing.*

**Blessing**

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, and the Indwelling One, poured out, ☩ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* **# 504**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**This Week’s Daily Bible Readings:**

Monday, October 28. John 14:21-27

Tuesday, October 29. Acts 9:32-35

Wednesday, Oct 30. Matthew 20:29-34

Thursday, October 31. Romans 3:19-28

Friday, November 1. John 11:32-44

Saturday, November 2. Luke 10:25-37

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