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The Synod of Alberta and the Territories
Synod-Wide Reformation Sunday Worship



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada



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Serving in Worship Today:

Presiding Minister: The Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer, Bishop
Preacher: The Rev. Atahualpa Hernández Miranda, Bishop, IELCO
(Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia)
Assisting Minister: The Rev. Prema Samuel, Assistant to the Bishop
Organist/Accompanist - Kari Heise

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.

PRELUDE: *French Horn/Piano Duet (Mendelssohn) –
Pr. Olav Traa (St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Olds)
Bishop Larry Kochendorfer*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A: In the spirit of respect, reciprocity, and truth, we honour and acknowledge that across the Synod of Alberta and the Territories we reside on traditional and ancestral territory of the many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries. Our service today is livestreamed from Treaty 6 territory and Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III, in Edmonton. We acknowledge all Nations – Indigenous and non – who live, work and play on this land, and who honour and celebrate this territory. We invite you to hold a moment of reflection for the ground under your feet where you are today, giving thanks for the peoples who have come before us and in a spirit of care for this land on behalf of future generations.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

To you, O God,

C: all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P: By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of † Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

GREETING

P: 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.

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 654 - The Church's One Foundation

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, Gracious Lord,

C: 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.

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

(Trish Heppner, Ascension Lutheran Church, Edmonton)

A reading from Jeremiah.

The 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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE WITH JIMMY: IELCO school children

PSALM 46: ACS 1023 - God Alone Be Praised



1 O - ceans rise, the coast-land trem-bles; moun-tains melt and dry earth
2 Na - tions rage, the em - pire fal - ters; seek - ing ref - uge, ex - iles
3 Come and see; God's mer - cy gath - ers all that sin and grief have



crum-bles. All the world with long - ing groans. Love a -
wan - der. Walls and weap - ons rise from fear. Through this
shat - tered. Life from fields of death is raised. Peace, be



bides, this gra - cious prom - ise is our help, our hope and
wil - der - ness a riv - er flows to heal and bless us
still; let pride - ful thun - der yield to songs of joy and



so - lace. God's strong word is sol - id ground.
ev - er. God the cru - ci - fied dwells here.
won - der. God and God a - lone be praised.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

(Wayne Hoff, First Lutheran Church, Calgary)

A reading from Romans.

Now 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.

But 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.

Then 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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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a - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36 (Bishop Atahualpa Hernandez, IELCO)

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus 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?’”

Jesus 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.”

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 652 - Built on a Rock v. 1, 3, 5

CENTRAL AMERICAN CREED

We believe in God, who created us free
and walks with us in the struggle for liberation.

We believe in Christ,
crucified again in the suffering of the poor,
a suffering which calls out to the conscience of people
and nations, a suffering which ends in resurrection.

We believe in the power of the Spirit,
capable of inspiring the same compassion
which has led our best brothers and sisters to martyrdom.



We believe in the church, called forth by Jesus
and by the Holy Spirit.

We believe that when we gather, Jesus is with us,
is at our side, a sign of faithfulness to the Lord.

We believe in the Christian community where we proclaim
our ideals, through which we practice our Christian faith.

We believe in building a church where we pray and reflect
one reality, celebrate life and the sacraments, and share in
the prophetic, priestly and pastoral mission of Jesus.

In this way we make the kingdom of God present on earth.

We believe in unity in the midst of differences.

We believe that Christ calls us to communion
and to live as sisters and brothers.

We believe that we need to love one another,
to correct one another compassionately,
to forgive each other's errors and weaknesses.

We believe that we need to help one another recognize
our limitations, to support each other in faith.

We believe that the poor, the illiterate and the sick,
the persecuted and tortured, are close to the gospel of Jesus.
Through them, Christ challenges us to work for justice and peace.
Their cause is our cause.

We believe that Christ is also present to those who are slaves
to their passions, to vices, and injustice, to power and money.
We commit ourselves to never give up hope
in the possibility of their conversion;
to love them even though they slander, persecute, and kill us;
to love them and to help them so that one day
they may live simply and humbly
in the way that the gospel calls all of us to live.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: We are invited, in prayer, to bring all our concerns and fears, hopes,
and dreams to God's throne of grace. With confidence we bring our
petitions this day to our gracious God, knowing that our prayers are
heard as God always seeks to grant life to the community and all
creation. Each petition today will end with, *Escúchanos, oh Dios.* / Hear
us, O God, and our response is **C: Grande es tu Misericordia / Your
mercy is great.**

A brief silence.

A: O Gracious One, grant us your divine grace that we might guard against all that does not serve to bring honour and glory to your holy name, and forgive us, in your grace, when we fall short. Protect us from all false and imaginary consolation which might be given in your name and remind us that all that we have is yours, given for the sake of giving life to all your people. *Escúchanos, oh Dios, Grande es tu Misericordia*

O Holy One, we know that your reign comes, even without our prayers, but we ask today that you would reform our hearts so that your reign would come also to us. Grant us the faith to recognize your life-giving presence in our world, even as we are surrounded by fire, wind, floods, storms and other destructive events that would seek to devour us and your creation. Remind us that speak an irrevocable “No” to all that destroys and an undeserving, gracious “Yes” to all that fills the world with promise and the experiencing of life. Gather us into your reign, so that we and all creation may experience life in its fulness. *Escúchanos, oh Dios, C: Grande es tu Misericordia*

A: O compassionate One, we know that you give daily bread, even without our prayers, but we ask this day that you would reform us and our communities, so that we may break this daily bread in our midst and share it with all in a spirit of thanksgiving. Give us, by your grace, the bread of life proclaimed in Word and Sacrament. But also remind us that the bread you give is not only a spiritual bread, but it includes all that is needed for life, both today and tomorrow. Equip us with generosity, grace, and compassion, so that whenever someone is hungry, they are fed; whenever someone needs shelter, they are covered; whenever someone is in need of encouragement, a word of life is spoken to them; and whenever someone is vulnerable, they are protected and defended. Today we name those who we know are in need of prayer especially those we name aloud or in silence (silence for 10 seconds). *Escúchanos, oh Dios, C: Grande es tu Misericordia*

A: O Triune One, you live in community. Reform your community by nurturing a spirit of abundant hospitality and intentional inclusion among us so that we may experience all the gifts from your hand. Give us the courage, as a community, to dare to dream creative visions for our life together. Speak the words of grace and life to the leaders of our communities, provinces, nation, and the world, so fight against injustice and deal quickly with those who would treat others as less than humans created in your image. Teach all about grace, forgiveness and the fulness of life, so that with the leaders of the world we do not study war anymore, but study instead all those things which restore communities and nations to life. *Escúchanos, oh Dios, C: Grande es tu Misericordia*

A: O leading One, by your grace you have made us bold to ask that you continue to renew and reform the church by your grace, with the strong preaching of the Gospel, offered in Word and Sacrament, so that people can experience life. To this end, raise up leaders that will guide us in the ways of being in community with one another. Be with the worshippers, staff, leaders, pastors, and deacons in our congregations, the staff, the leaders and bishops in our Synod and in the ELCIC, including Bishops Larry, Atahualpa, and Susan. Continue to also pour your spirit upon all churches in the world, for only together are we truly your body.

Escúchanos, oh Dios, C: Grande es tu Misericordia

A: O resurrecting One, we remember in thanksgiving all those who have died, all who have sought, and still seek to reform your church through faith and grace in Christ, for the sake of the gospel and for one another. Wipe away our tears and comfort us with the promise of everlasting life in you. *Escúchanos, oh Dios, C: Grande es tu Misericordia*

A: Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "La Paz" (Chorale Colibri)

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

ACS 1089 - Holy, Holy, Holy: Santo, Santo, Santo

San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,

. . . lle - nos es - tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria.
your glo - ry fills all heav - en and earth. . . . You are ho - ly, God.

Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. . . .
. . . Bless - ed be the Sav - ior, the one who comes in your name.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to, e - res, oh Dios.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready, all are welcome at God's table.

**Together let us take and eat, the body of Christ given for you.
Together let us take and drink, the blood of Christ shed for you.**

LAMB OF GOD



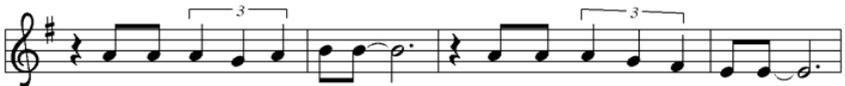
Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



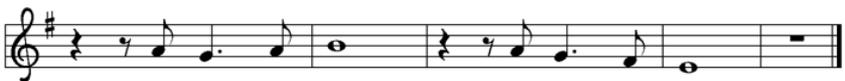
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Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

SPECIAL MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

ACS 1042 - May This Church Be Like a Tree

(Glory Lutheran Worship Band, Sherwood Park)

Be Still My Soul (Hosanna Handbell Quartet)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. O God,

C: in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING (Bishop Larry and Bishop Ata)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace. **Amen.**

El Señor te bendiga y te guarde.

El Señor haga resplandecer su rostro
sobre ti y tenga de ti misericordia.

El Señor vuelva hacia ti su rostro
y ✝ te conceda su paz.

SENDING HYMN: ELW 504 - A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace and grace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Piano Solo - Variations on "A Mighty Fortress is our God"
(William Ramirez)

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WITH THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

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Prayers	Rev. Dr. Gordon Jensen
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