

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 29, 2023

United Church of Christ, Neillsville

Pastor James Mohr

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PRELUDE *"Glorificamus"* John Redford (1486-1547)

Karen Mohr

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN *"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"*

#439 NCH hymnal Martin Luther

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,
But there is one who takes our side,
the One of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, sets us free!
With mighty power to save,
Victorious o'er the grave,
Christ will prevail triumphant.

3 And though this world, with devils filled
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear for God has willed
the truth to triumph through us.

The power of evil grim,
we tremble not for them;
their rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

4 That word beyond all earthly powers
forever is abiding;

The Spirit and the gifts are ours
for Christ is with us siding.

Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;

the body they may kill:

God's truth shall triumph still;

God's reign endures forever.

OFFERING SERVICE

Offertory Sentence

Tut um Gottes willen etwas Tapferes! (Ulrich Zwingli
15290)

For God's sake do something brave!

Offertory

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (All)

God, we present these offerings that they may be
used to extend your liberating reign. With them we
offer our varied ministries in the days ahead that
each of us may be part of your answer to the cries
of the world. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*All are invited to greet one another with such words
as "The peace of Christ be with you, and
the response: "And also with you."*

PRAISE RESPONSE *“Halleluja”*

#236 NCH

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

CHILDREN’S TIME

**A LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR THE CITY OF ZURICH
IN 1525**

OPENING PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

SPOKEN HYMN OF PRAISE

Pastor: Glory be to God on high!

Men: and peace on earth!

Women: To men, a right will!

Men: We give thanks to thee for thy great glory and goodness, O Lord God, heavenly King, Father Almighty!

Women: O Lord, thou only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost.

Men: O Lord God, thou Lamb of God, Son of the Father, thou that takest away the sin of the world have mercy upon us!

Women: Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Men: Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us.

Women: For thou art holy.

Men: Thou only art the Lord.

Women: Thou only, O Jesus Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father.

All: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The 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.

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Matthew 19:23-26

²³Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁵When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astounded and said, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁶But Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible.”

SERMON "Do Something Brave" Pastor Jim

THE CREED

Pastor: I believe in one God.

Men: In the Father Almighty.

Women: And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord.

Men: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Women: Born of the Virgin Mary

Men: Suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, dead and buried.

Women: He descended into hell.

Men: The third day he rose again from the dead.

Women: He ascended into heaven.

Men: And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

Women: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Men: I believe in the Holy Ghost.

Women: The holy, universal Christian Church, the Communion of Saints.

Men: The forgiveness of sins.

Women: The resurrection of the body.

Men: And the life everlasting.

All: Amen.

GENERAL CONFSSION (All)

O Father, we have sinned in heaven and against thee and are not worthy to be called your children.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

DISMISSAL

HYMN "Nun danket alle Gott"

(Now Thank We All Our God)

#419 NCH German verse sung by pastor.

English verses sung by congregation.

German:

Nun danket alle Gott,
mit Herzen, Mund und Händen,
der grosse Dinge tut an uns
und allen Enden;
der uns von Mutterleib
und Kindesbeinen an
unzähl'ing viel zu gut
bis hierher hat getan.

1 Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices,
Who, from our parents' arms,
has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us still in grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God
our Maker now be given,
To Christ, and Spirit, too,
our help in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore.
For thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

POSTLUDE

JOYS AND CONCERNS



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

We welcome you to our service of worship!

We are glad that you have joined us in person, through the internet or on the radio.

We pray that you will hear God's call, seek to follow Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RADIO BROADCAST

11 AM Sunday radio broadcast on WCCN
98.5FM and 1370AM

This week's radio broadcast
is sponsored by
Duane Marty and family
in loving memory of Tammy Marty

YouTube link for Sunday, October 29, 2023

<https://youtube.com/live/bFGdENZKxY>



Please have any articles for the November Newsletter into the church office by Tuesday, October 31st

Please call the church office at 715-743-2147 or the ADRC at 715-743-5166 if you need help raking leaves.



November

Saturday – November 4th -
CHANGE OF SEASONS

8 AM- Breakfast at St. Mary's Catholic Church
- Raking of leaves to follow

11 AM – Berdella Carl Memorial Service
(no visitation preceding)



will be observed on Sunday, November 5th with lighting of candles to observe those who have passed during the last year.

Communion will be moved to Sunday, November 12th

Coffee fellowship after worship -
Sign up now on the back bulletin board for hosting future weeks.

Oct 29 - JoAnn Voss
Nov 5 – Bonnie & Ray Weyer
Nov 12 - Doris Bakker
Nov 19 -
Nov 26 -

