

REFORMATION

GOD OUR REFUGE AND OUR STRENGTH

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

October 29, 2023

Red Dress Sunday** / Reformation Sunday

Sunday, October 29, 2023

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude	<i>"Morning Has Broken"</i>	B. Burroughs
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
Land Acknowledgement (Lana Moses)		
*Eastern Synod MMIWG Prayer		
*Prayer Response: Hymn 1075 (see page 4)		<i>"O God, We Call"</i>
*Greeting		
*Hymn 837		<i>"Many and Great, O God"</i>
*Prayer of the Day		
Anthem	<i>"Open Our Hearts, Lord"</i>	S. Knarr

Word

Reading		Jeremiah 31:31-34
Message (Stephen Jackson)		
Homily		
*Hymn of the Day 1086 (see page 5)		<i>"O God, Who Gives Us Life"</i>
*Prayers of Intercession		A: hear our prayer.
*Peace		

Meal

*Offering Hymn 513		<i>"Listen, God Is Calling"</i>
*Offering Prayer		
*Great Thanksgiving		p. 107
*Holy, Holy, Holy		p. 108
*Thanksgiving at the Table I		p. 112
*Lord's Prayer (<i>Our Father in heaven...</i>)		p. 112
Lamb of God		p. 112

Communion Hymn 654

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 504

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Toccata in G major” Op. 31, No. 2

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***in memory of the lives of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls across Canada.*

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. This includes taking time to commemorate the most vulnerable in our community, including the MMIWG (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirited People) and taking time to examine how churches can work towards reforms in society to help those most in need.

O God, We Call

O God, we call, O God, we call, from

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and contains a vocal line with lyrics. The lower staff is in bass clef and contains a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "O God, we call, O God, we call, from".

deep in - side we yearn, from deep in - side we yearn, from

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deep in - side we yearn for you.

The third system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and contains a vocal line with lyrics. The lower staff is in bass clef and contains a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "deep in - side we yearn for you.".

Text: Linnea Good, b. 1962

Music: O GOD, WE CALL, Linnea Good

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O God, Who Gives Us Life

1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
 2 O God, who calls your peo - ple out to ven - ture and to dare,
 3 O God of cov - e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,

who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
 to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
 your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.

de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
 when we de - spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,

Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
 re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
 as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: NOEL, English melody; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900

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Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Guest Speaker: Stephen Jackson, CEO of Anishnabeg Outreach

Assisting Minister: Scott Kuschnerleit

Communion Server: Lynda Karn

Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Hannah Swiderski, John Waterfield.

Celebration Bells: Julia Crnko, Christine Klaver-Schmidt, Gwenanne Jorgenson, Linda McLellan, Chloe Schmidt, Sam Schmidt, Simon Thompson, Mary-Ellen Winkler.

Broadcast: Gary Pootz

Building Monitor: Don Robins (519-502-2099)

Worship Notes

In our prayers Jeanette, Meaghan, Henry, Marie, Grace, Maureen and John.

Today we welcome guest speaker Stephen Jackson (CEO of Anishnabeg Outreach) to speak during worship and during coffee hour. Anishnabeg Outreach was a beneficiary of our 2022 Property Sale Tithe, supporting their “Online Mental Health Management System”. Stephen will be giving an update on this project, as well as talking about Settler-Indigenous Reconciliation. This morning’s worship will also acknowledge MMIWG (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls) through a Synod Red Dress Exhibit.



General Announcements



Important Lift Reminder: Please remember to always "park" the lift part way between floors after use. This will ensure it is always ready to be called to any level where it is needed. Parking the lift at the bottom (at the main level) or up at the sanctuary level can cause it to stall and become inoperable. Thank you very much!

West Tower Door for Emergency Only. Due to the ongoing construction planning, when going in to the church house or washrooms, use the west stair tower door and stay on that floor. Use the hallway by the office to the stairway to the floor below. The stairs in the west tower are closed to the lower level sanctuary and should only be used in case of an emergency to exit the building.

Fire Exits: All Sanctuary fire exits remain operational during lower-level demolition and renovations. This includes the three Narthex (Entrance) doors, the mid-tower door (half-way up the right side), and the staircase at the front left, piano side.

Church Fire Plan For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety.

Important Information for today's worship

- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. The offering plates will be presented at the High Altar during the service.
- **The Peace:** We support people's choices for passing of the peace.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, please remain in place until the end of the postlude.
- **Please join us for Fellowship Time** after worship in the Fellowship Hall! Use the door nearest to the piano, and follow the signs.

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