

L: *For I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.*  
(Based on Jeremiah 31:31-34)

**What does it mean? God's on our side;  
By grace we have been justified  
Through faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
As taught in God's unbroken Word.**

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness .....pg 77 Green

The Prayer of the Day

**Heavenly Father, you sent your Son to us and laid on him the burden of the cross that we might know and receive the glory of your holy love. Grant that our faith in him may not be shaken by adversity or daunted by the threats of this world, but strengthen us in faith to trust you steadfastly in all circumstances; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Faith Seeds ..... Kayleen Jensen  
Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-18

Psalm 46 "The Reformation Psalm" .....St. Anne

**God is our Refuge and our Strength,  
our Helper ever near.  
The Lord of hosts is on our side  
to shelter us from fear.**

**Though mountains fall and storms arise  
and fearful tempests blow,  
Our God is with us, and he leads  
where peaceful waters flow.**

**God's steadfast help will surely come  
as certain as the dawn.  
The Lord of hosts is on our side,  
so let all fear be gone!**

**Come and behold what God has done:  
as adversaries yield,**

**He breaks the bow and snaps  
the spear and burns with fire the shield.**

**The trembling nations hear his voice,  
their awesome Sov'reign own:  
"Be still, and know that I am God,  
and I will reign alone!"**

**O God our Refuge, God our Strength,  
accept the praise we bring.  
For mercy shown by grace alone  
through Christ, our Savior-King!**

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:17-19

Gospel Acclamation ..... Sine Nomine

**The Holy Spirit, as the Lord foretold,  
With flames of fire descending now behold,  
That all might gather in the Shepherd's fold.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 8:31-36

**Christ's true disciples let us prove to be,  
Firm in the Word remaining steadfastly,  
Blest with the truth that makes us truly free.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Sermon "God's PROMISE, Abraham's Faith: Senseless Faith"  
Pastor Scott Grorud

Hymn ... "God Moves in a Mysterious Way" (Tune: 559) ... 483 Green

A Confession of Faith: ..... Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>

**The Father's mighty word once said, "Let there be light!"  
Chaotic darkness heard and yielded to his might.  
Things great and small—God's saints confess  
his pow'r to bless; God made them all!**

**Christ Jesus we believe, who came at God's own hour,  
Whom Mary did conceive by Holy Spirit's pow'r**

Great peace he gives:  
The Crucified who for us died forever lives!

God's ransomed saints believe in God the Holy Ghost  
By whom we all receive the faith in which we boast.  
Forgiven, we shall flee our graves.  
The Lord who saves has set us free!

Offering/Special Music

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction (*Ephesians 3:16-21*)

L: According to the riches of his glory, God grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. May you have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

C: **Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn ..... "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!" ..... 133 Green

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### What Does This Mean?

Questions about today's worship theme: *Genesis 22:1-18*

- † What is your first reaction to today's text from *Genesis 22*?  
Outrage? Reassurance? Confusion?
- † If you were Abraham, could you have followed through on God's command as he did?
- † According to Martin Luther, what is the greatest threat posed by this text?
- † Why was it necessary for God to test Abraham's faith—or ours—in such a traumatic way?



## Faith Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m. First Word  
October 25, 2020  
Reformation Sunday

Prelude

Processional Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" 229 Green

Greeting/Announcements

"What Does It Mean?" ..... Erhalt uns Herr

**What does it mean that God's good will,  
Once thundered down from Sinai's hill,  
Is uttered now to pierce our hearts,  
Commandments that our God imparts?**

L: *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.*

**What does it mean – what doubts relieve -  
That we may speak what we believe  
And in confessing witness bear  
To Father, Savior, Comforter?**

L: *This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my Law within them, and will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

**What does it mean that we may pray  
To God as "Father" day by day,  
Make known our needs, God's grace implore,  
And vow allegiance evermore?**

L: *No 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.*

**What does it mean that water poured  
Conveys the promise of the Lord,  
And in the forms of bread and wine  
We gather in Christ's love to dine?**

