

REFORMATION DAY

Fear God and Give Him Glory

October 29 - 30, 2022

AS WE GATHER

Reformation Day is sometimes treated as merely a nod to history for those who claim Luther's legacy. But the great Reformation is not about recalling a hero. It is about reclaiming the Gospel in our own time. The once and eternal call is to "fear God and give Him glory" (Revelation 14:7). This fear is nothing less than faith, although it is more. It is respect for the Law that condemns our sin and trust in the Gospel that forgives us. It is reverence before the God who could have settled for being just but instead chose to be merciful. With joy, we claim the heritage and enjoin the responsibility of keeping this faith pure, vigorously proclaiming this faith both within and outside the company of the faithful.

Reception of Holy Communion: If you are planning to receive Christ's supper today, please read through the words of exhortation in the fellowship folder. For members, it is a good review of important spiritual matters for gathering at the table. For guests, it explains our stance on confession of faith, doctrinal unity, and proper spiritual preparation to receive the Supper for your benefit.

WELCOME

But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy,
always being prepared to make a defense
to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you;
yet do it with gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✘ PREPARATION ✘

PROCESSIONAL #656 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from every need That hath us now o'er taken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe; Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his equal.

Saturday – Choir sings verse 2: (Sunday congregation sings entire song)

With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is, Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God; He holds the field forever.

Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not over pow'r us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won'
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✘ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are His. *Refrain*

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Refrain

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to your Church your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

☩ WORD ☩

FIRST READING *Revelation 14:6–7* (John describes the eternal Gospel, which is to be proclaimed to every people in every corner of the earth.)

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 3:19–28* (By grace are you saved through faith and not of yourselves.)

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

5:00 BELL ANTHEM

“For All the Saints”

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 11:12–19* (He who has ears, let him hear.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹² From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force.¹³ For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴ and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him hear. ¹⁶ “But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,¹⁷ “‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’ ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN’S SONG & CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

“Jesus Loves the Little Children” TOSBB 19

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world;
Red and yellow, black and white, They are precious in His sight;
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

SERMON HYMN #644 “The Church’s One Foundation”

The Church’s one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the Word.
From heav’n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, Yet one o’er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav’nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

SERMON

(Rise)

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Be seated)

OFFERINGS As your offering is collected, **please sign our fellowship folder** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the folder along to others in your pew, and return it to the center aisle. You may check the folder to see names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious God, you have renewed your Church in every age with the voices of those who recall your people to the Gospel and who speak your Word in all circumstances. Receive our thanks for Martin Luther and those with him who contended for the Gospel against many and great enemies. Make us bold, like Luther and John the Baptist that we would also contend for the faith against those who would silence our voices or distract your people from the one true Gospel of the crucified and risen Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, guard and defend us and your Holy Christian Church throughout the world, that we may be protected from the temptations of the devil, the world and our own sinful nature. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, make us truly your disciples. Keep us in your Word, free us from all errors, and make our homes and families peaceful. Preserve all fathers and encourage them for their godly task, that children would be brought up in the fear and instruction of the Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Have mercy on our nation. Give us good and faithful rulers who will govern after your good pleasure. Give us comfort and a right understanding of your rule in this world, that we would not be deceived to think earthly powers will last forever, but have confidence in you alone. Your kingdom come! Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God of grace, do not let your people fear though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea. Rescue all people in need, especially John, Fred, Shirley, Bob, Noah, Debra, Tom, Jill, Paulette, Gloria, Janet, Brian, Steve, Norma, Vern, Amy, Brian, Cathy, Vern, Elaine, Dorothy, Cindy, Don, Richard, Helga, Carol, Sarah, Debbie, Mary, June, Jerry, Shirley, Sarah, and comfort them with the promise that you are with them. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Blessed Father, you have granted us the privilege of a place at Christ's table. Give us faithful and repentant hearts by your Spirit, that we would receive worthily your Son's body and blood and depart to bear His fruit in lives of holiness and humble service. Bless your Church through the forgiveness of sins, that we would have a clear conscience before you and live at peace with one another. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank you that you have brought us by your Word out of the darkness of error and into the light of your grace. Mercifully help us to walk in that light. Guard us from error and false doctrine, and grant that we would not become ungrateful and despise your Word, but receive it with all our heart, conduct our lives according to it and put our trust in your grace; through the merits of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

HYMN #655 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword
 Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone;
 Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.

O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth;
 Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.

HYMN #617 “O Lord, We Praise Thee”

O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
 In thanksgiving bow before Thee.

Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
 Our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy!
 May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary, That our sins and sorrows did carry,
 and Thy blood for us plead In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!

Thy holy body into death was given, Life to win for us in heaven.

No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
 May this feast thereof remind us! O Lord, have mercy!

Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
 That Thy blood should bless and sustain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord,, have mercy!

May God bestow on us His grace and favor That we follow Christ our Savior
 And live together here in love and union

Nor despise this blest Communion! O Lord, have mercy!
 Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us; Grant that heav’nly minded He make us;
 Give Thy Church, Lord, to see Days of peace and unity: O Lord, have mercy!

HYMN #555 “Salvation Unto Us Has Come”

Salvation unto us has come By God’s free grace and favor;
 Good works cannot avert our doom, They help and save us never.
 Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;
 He is our one Redeemer.

What God did in His Law demand And none to Him could render
 Caused wrath and woe on ev’ry hand For man, the vile offender.
 Our flesh has not those pure desires The spirit of the Law requires,
 And lost is our condition.

It was a false, misleading dream That God His Law had given
 That sinners could themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven.
 Our flesh has not those pure desires The spirit of the Law requires,
 And lost is our condition.

From sin our flesh could not abstain, Sin held its sway unceasing;
 The task was useless and in vain, Our guilt was e’er increasing.
 None can remove sin’s poisoned dart Or purify our guileful heart-
 So deep is our corruption.

Yet as the Law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing,
 Christ came and has God’s anger stilled, Our human nature sharing.
 He has for us the Law obeyed And thus the Father’s vengeance stayed
 Which over us impended.

Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation,
 Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.
 Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Your death is now my life indeed,
 For You have paid my ransom.

Let me not doubt, but truly see Your Word cannot be broken;
 Your call rings out, “Come unto Me!” No falsehood have You spoken.
 Baptized into Your precious name, My faith cannot be put to shame,
 And I shall never perish.

The Law reveals the guilt of sin And makes us conscience-stricken;
 But then the Gospel enters in The sinful soul to quicken.
 Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
 The Law no peace can ever give, No comfort and no blessing.

Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify; Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.

All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace; All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, our refuge and our strength, you raised up your servant Martin Luther to reform and renew your Church in the light of your living Word, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Defend and purify the Church in our own day, and grant that we may boldly proclaim Christ's faithfulness unto death and His vindicating resurrection, which You made known to those in every age who have renewed your Church by recalling us to this eternal Gospel; through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #578 "Thy Strong Word"

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life breathing breath.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives, our hopes confess.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth All Thy bright redeeming light.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.

Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.

Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

Scripture Readings for next week:

Revelation 7:2-17

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

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