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## Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

### ORDER OF SERVICE

**Prayer on entering church:** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

#### PRELUDE

Partita on "Foundation"

Mark A. Radice

#### RINGING OF THE BELLS AND WELCOME

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *(all rise and face the cross as it is brought forward)*

**A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

Hymnal p. 656

**A mighty fortress is our God, a trusty Shield and Weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need that hath us now o'ertaken.**

**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.**

**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 overpow'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.**

**CONGREGATIONAL GREETINGS**

**INVOCATION**

*The sign of the cross (+) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism*

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>

P: Let us pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, You have brought us together into Your presence to offer our prayers and praise, hear Your holy word, and partake of the blessed sacrament of Holy Communion. Prepare our hearts and minds to worship You and receive Your gifts by giving us the spirit of repentance. Help us to approach the mercy seat of Christ and sincerely confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by Your infinite goodness and mercy.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)**

*(We take a moment of silence before the Lord as we call to mind how we have not properly loved Him, ourselves, or other people.)*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, I confess that I am by nature sinful and unclean. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymnal p. 155

### **This Is the Feast**

*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. *Refrain***

## COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6–7

L: The first reading for Reformation Sunday is from chapter fourteen of Revelation.

*John describes the eternal Gospel, which is to be proclaimed to every people in every corner of the earth.*

*Following the reading...*

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALMODY

### Psalm 46

L: The Lord of hosts is with us;  
The God of Jacob is our Fortress.

C: **The Lord of hosts is with us;  
The God of Jacob is our Fortress.**

L: God is our Refuge and Strength,  
A very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
Though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,  
Though its waters roar and foam,  
Though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

**C: The Lord of hosts is with us;  
The God of Jacob is our Fortress.**

L: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
The Holy Habitation of the Most High.  
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;  
God will help her when morning dawns.  
The Nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
He utters His voice, the earth melts.

**C: The Lord of hosts is with us;  
The God of Jacob is our Fortress.**

L: Come, behold the works of the Lord,  
How He has brought desolation on the earth.  
He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth;  
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire.  
Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

**C: The Lord of hosts is with us;  
The God of Jacob is our Fortress.**

**A: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in  
the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **SECOND READING**

Romans 3:19-28

L: The second reading is from chapter three of Romans.

*By grace are you saved through faith and not of yourselves.*

*Following the reading...*

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(please rise and sing)*

Hymnal p. 156

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**P:** The Holy Gospel is according to St. John, chapter eight.

**C:** *(sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Jesus sets us free from sin and death.*

*Following the reading...*

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** *(sung)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **THE NICENE CREED<sup>2</sup>**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

By Grace I'm Saved

Hymnal p. 566

By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;  
My soul, believe and doubt it not.  
Why stagger at this word of promise?  
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?  
No! Then this word must true remain:  
By grace you too will life obtain.

By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;  
Our works and conduct have no worth.  
God in His love sent our Redeemer,  
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;  
His death did for our sins atone,  
And we are saved by grace alone.

By grace God's Son, our only Savior,  
Came down to earth to bear our sin.  
Was it because of your own merit  
That Jesus died your soul to win?  
No, it was grace, and grace alone,  
That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.

By grace! This ground of faith is certain;  
As long as God is true, it stands.  
What saints have penned by inspiration,  
What in His Word our God commands,  
Our faith in what our God has done  
Depends on grace—grace through His Son.

By grace to timid hearts that tremble,  
In tribulation's furnace tried,  
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,  
The Father's heart is open wide.  
Where could I help and strength secure  
If grace were not my anchor sure?

By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;  
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;  
For though I know my heart's condition,  
I also know my Savior's voice.  
My heart is glad, all grief has flown  
Since I am saved by grace alone.

## SERMON<sup>3</sup>

## OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

## VOLUNTARY

Salvation Unto Us Has Come

Gregg Sewell

## OFFERING SONG *(please rise and sing)*

Hymnal p. 159

What shall I render to the Lord  
for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation  
and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now  
in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for ourselves, the church, and the world.

*Following each petition:*

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

# THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION<sup>4</sup>

## PREFACE

Hymnal p. 160

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(sung)* **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: *(sung)* **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

C: *(sung)* **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you in all ways.

C: *(sung)* Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

**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.**

**Prayer before communing:** Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit one God now and forever. Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION

*Form a line at the communion rail starting at the left side. When the line is half full, begin filling it in from the right side. When invited, approach the rail and kneel/stand. If you want to receive a gluten-free wafer at communion, let the worship assistant know as he comes by with the wafers. After communion, exit through the right doorway, place individual communion cups in the tray, and proceed down the stairs back to your seat.*

## CHOIR

Thy Word

Amy G. Gaither

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,

Still You're there right beside me.

Nothing will I fear as long as You are near.

Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Now I will not forget Your love for me,

and yet, my heart forever is wandering.

Jesus be my guide and hold me to your side,

and I will love You to the end.

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

You're the light unto my path.

Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Thine the Amen Thine the Praise

Hymnal p. 680

Thine the Amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise

Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread

Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup

Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be

Thine the vision Thine the tree all the earth on bended knee

Gone the nailing gone the railing gone the pleading gone the cry

Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest  
 Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be  
 Then the ringing and the singing then the end of all the war  
 Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.  
 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise  
 Thine the banquet then the praise then the justice of Thy ways  
 Thine the glory Thine the story Then the welcome to the least  
 Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.  
 Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light  
 Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally  
 Then the holy holy holy celebration jubilee  
 Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

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## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**O Lord We Praise Thee** Hymnal p. 617

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!**

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## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ry-one what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P:** Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** *(sung)* **Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**P:** Let us bless the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**P:** 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.

**C:** *(sung)* **Amen.**

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see!**

**The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far,  
His grace will lead me home.**

**Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail  
In heaven's joy and peace.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.**

**Prayer after worship:** Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen

**POSTLUDE**

Paeon on "Ein feste burg"

Erik Meyer

<sup>1</sup>*The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."* John 20:22-23. We take heart that the absolution proclaimed by the pastor is as from the Lord Himself.

<sup>2</sup>*It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.* Romans 10:10. Our response to the Word of God that has just been read is our confession of faith in the one, true, triune God.

<sup>3</sup>Martin Luther teaches us about hearing the Word: "Know, therefore, that you must be concerned not only about hearing, but also about learning and retaining it in memory, and do not think that it is optional with you or of no great importance, but that it is God's commandment, who will require of you how you have heard, learned, and honored His Word." (Large Catechism) *Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!* Luke 11:28

<sup>4</sup>If you are not a communing member of Christ Lutheran, you must speak with the pastor before receiving communion. If you choose to come forward to receive a blessing rather than the Lord's Supper, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

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