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Reformation Sunday

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WELCOME to Worship today! What a joy to be together in Christ! Please fill out the "Member" or "Guest" side of our Communication Card located in the pew racks. Please place them in the offering plate or hand to an elder during the singing of the first hymn. Prayer request cards are also available. Again, welcome!

THE LORD'S SUPPER is offered at the **10:30 AM service today** to all Confirmed members of our congregation.

+ For personal preparation for communion, use the following prayers:

Before communion (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

After Communion (Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament): Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen

+ Lutherans who are in good standing with their own congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) are welcome to join with us in receiving this blessed meal.

+Guests are asked to speak with the Pastor or elder **before** communing that they may properly understand the Lutheran teaching on the Lord's Supper.

+ Children, Teens, and Adults who have not yet completed confirmation instruction are invited to come forward with their row and cross their arms in front of their chest to receive a blessing from the Pastor during distribution.

+ White grape juice is available from the center of the individual cup tray.

+ Gluten-Free wafers are located in the silver dish at the center of the altar for you to pick up as you come forward. Standard wafers will be distributed to other communicants during the Distribution of the Supper.

+ Communion at the pew is available at the start of Distribution to those who sit in the second pew on either side.

+ Those with wheelchairs or walkers are invited to come forward with others who are communing. However, anyone who wishes to receive Communion at your seat please speak to an Elder or the Pastor prior to the start of Worship.

AS WE GATHER

In Psalm 12, King David cries out, "Save, O Lord, for the godly one is gone; for the faithful have vanished from among the children of man" (v. 1). The Lord God's anointed king lives in a troubling world! Many centuries later, Martin Luther paraphrased the words of David, writing in a hymn text in 1523: "O Lord, look down from heav'n, behold and let Thy pity waken; . . . dark times have us o'ertaken" (*TLH* 260:1). Looking at our world today, we can relate to both King David and Martin Luther. Yet both men expressed hope in their written words. In his psalm, David writes, "The words of the Lord are pure words, . . . You, O Lord, will keep them" (vv. 6a, 7a). And Luther confidently writes, "So through God's Word shall men endure each trial and temptation" (*TLH* 260:5). Reformation Day echoes the call to faithfulness heard by God's people through the ages. May we listen well!

Prelude Welcome/Announcements Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn: 578 Thy Strong Word

- 1 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!
- 2 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!
- 3 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! ►

- 4 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!
- 5 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!
- ▲ 6 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!

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P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

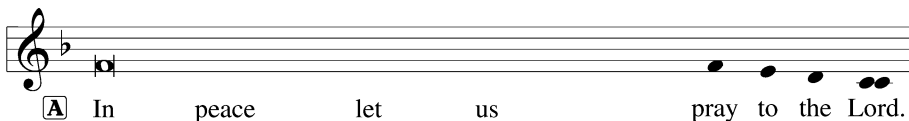
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*

- P** I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,] and shall not be put to shame.
- C I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**
- P** My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
- C Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**
- P** The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.
- C 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.**
- P** I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,] and shall not be put to shame.

Kyrie



- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** 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 mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 204*



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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.

Sit

First Reading *Revelation 14:6–7*

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."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 3:19–28

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 11:12–19*

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹²[Jesus said:] "From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵He 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.'

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' ¹⁹The 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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **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 T of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill;
They shall not overpower 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.

- 4 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.

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Sermon

The Gathering of our Tithes and Offerings

Stand

Prayer of the Church

8:00 AM service concludes as follow

The Lord's Prayer (*see back cover of the hymnal*)

The Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord

G **Thanks be to God.**

The Benediction

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.

G **Amen**

Sit

Closing Hymn: 645 Built on the Rock (page 17-18)

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Service of the Sacrament begins here for 10:30 AM Service

Preface *LSB 208*

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

G **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

G **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer (see back cover of the hymnal)

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G Amen.

Agnus Dei *LSB 210*

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution of the Elements

Distribution Hymn: 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

- 1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole: **Refrain**

refrain Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!
- 2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. **Refrain**
- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: **Refrain**
- 4 Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. **Refrain**
- 5 What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace. **Refrain**

Text: Friedrich Christian Heyder, 1677–1754; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, abr.

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Distribution Hymn: 644 The Church's One Foundation

- 1 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.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry 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 ev'ry grace endued.

- 3 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.

- 4 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.

- 5 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.

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Distribution Hymn: 702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

- 1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
 Savior divine.
 Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away;
 O let me from this day
 Be wholly Thine!

- 2 May Thy rich grace impart, Strength to my fainting heart;
 My zeal inspire!
 As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee
 Pure, warm, and changeless be,
 A living fire!

- 3 While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs around me spread,
 Be Thou my guide;
 Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,
 Nor let me ever stray
 From Thee aside.

- 4 When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream
 Shall o'er me roll,
 Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;
 O bear me safe above,
 A ransomed soul!

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Benedicamus *LSB 212*

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

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 **Amen.**

Sit

Closing Hymn: 645 Built on the Rock

- 1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand
Even when steeples are falling. Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;
Bells still are chiming and calling, Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the souls distressed, Longing for rest everlasting.
- 2 Surely in temples made with hands
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.
- 3 We are God's house of living stones,
Built for His own habitation. He through baptismal grace us owns
Heirs of His wondrous salvation. Were we but two His name to tell,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor. .
- 4 Here stands the font before our eyes,
Telling how God has received us. The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice
And what His Supper here gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim
Christ yesterday, today, the same, And evermore, our Redeemer.
- 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,
That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know My own; My own know Me.
You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

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Silent Prayer

Postlude

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