

Take a moment to notice the * at the beginning of various portions of the order of service. The * indicates the place where it is inappropriate to enter or leave the sanctuary because it marks a time of prayer or respect for the Word of the Lord. Please be considerate of others around you by honoring these notations.



In Luther’s upbringing, the term “righteousness” was understood as the truth by which God deservedly condemns those who have merited evil. In his study of the Bible, however, the Holy Spirit led him to see that Christ’s righteousness is something we are freely given by God’s grace through faith! (Rom. 3:22) That wondrous truth was the basis for the **Reformation!** That wondrous truth is also the basis for the **Lord’s Supper**, for herein Christ is present with His body and blood to give us His forgiveness. In joyful obedience to the teaching of Scripture, we practice close communion and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor or elder before the service.

REFORMATION DAY

The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace

October 29, 2023

AS WE GATHER: *“Wisdom is justified by her deeds”* (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and *“remain in the house forever”* (John 8:35). For He is *“a friend of tax collectors and sinners”* (Matt. 11:19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel *“to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people”* (Rev. 14:6), *“the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law”* (Rom. 3:21), *“that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus”* (Rom. 3:26). And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, *“whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith”* (Rom 3:25), *“you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free”* (John 8:31-32).

*COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Pastor: Almighty and gracious Lord,
People: **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. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: **LSB 656**
“A Mighty Fortress”

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Divine Service III

Announcements

Opening Hymn **LSB 726**
“Evening and Morning”

*Confession/Absolution: LSB 184

SERVICE OF THE WORD

*Kyrie: LSB 186

*Gloria in Excelsis: LSB 187

*Salutation: LSB 189

*Collect of the Day: printed

Catechism Review

Catechism Recitation Question #22

First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7
Pew Bible Page 1928

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28
Pew Bible Page 1750

*Alleluia and Verse LSB 190

*Holy Gospel: John 8:31-36
Pew Bible Page 1663

*Nicene’ Creed: LSB 192

Sermon Hymn: **LSB 664**
“Fight the Good Fight”

Sermon

Offertory Choir
“God is our Refuge and Strength”

*Prayer of the Church

*Lords Prayer LSB 196

*Benediction LSB 202
This concludes the service for online viewing

*SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT
LSB 194ff

Distribution Hymns:
“If God Himself Be for Me” **LSB 724**
“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee” **LSB 632**

*Nunc Dimittis: LSB 199

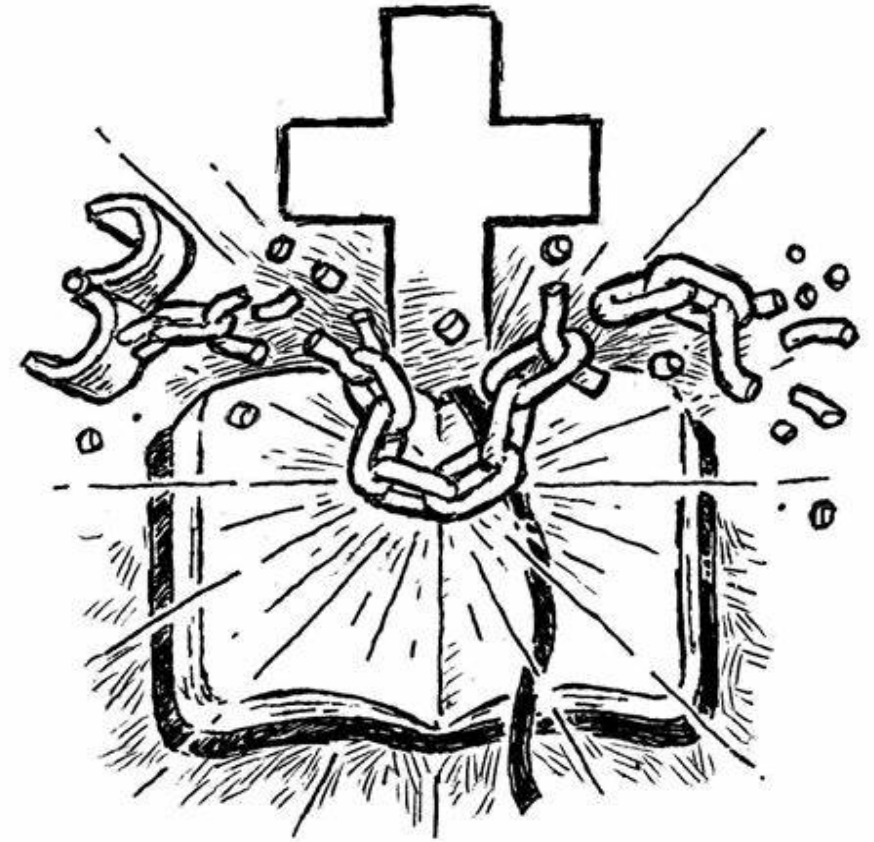
*Thanksgiving: LSB 200

*Benediction: LSB 202

As Prayer Warriors with Love, Inc.: For women – a woman please pray that her daughter with frequent seizures will be healthy and safe. a woman please pray over her life. a woman please pray as she works to provide for her family. Please pray for them to assimilate to the USA. a woman please pray as she suffers from PTSD after a violent attack at the Isle Casino several months ago. a woman please pray over her life as she starts anew here in Waterloo, after moving from Chicago. For men - a man please pray for his mom and aunt--better health and that his family will be reunited. Please pray for him--to serve the Lord. a man coming out of 7 months of being homeless, please pray for his financial, and emotional healing. a man please pray for his circumstances. Also, please pray for his family.

This from our Love INC website prayer requests:

I would be most grateful if your organization could please pray for me and my girls. We have had several tough years and have not been able to straighten any of the issues out since that time. My fiancé killed himself in our home and in front of me, and we lost our home, which was the start of our financial problems. Please pray that we may find peace, happiness, and stability and that God may work his love and his plan through us very soon. We are all hurting still; all 3 of us have PTSD, and I have been very depressed and not able to move forward much in life. Please pray for us. Thank



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