

Reformation Sunday
October 31, 2021



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WHEN THE EYE IS DISTRACTED

PRESERVICE MUSIC “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”, “A Mighty Fortress” (arr. Pachelbel),
“How Firm a Foundation” (arr. Kosche)

655 LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. *Colossians 3:16*

INVOCATION

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

G Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

John 8:31–32

P Jesus said, “If you abide in My word,

G **you are truly My disciples,**

P and you will know the truth,

G **and the truth will set you free.”**

ANTHEM “First Song of Isaiah” (Jack Noble White) Adult & Children’s Choir

Congregation please join on last refrain:

Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in Him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and He will be my Savior.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 through the abiding Word of Your Son, set us free from our sin that we may know 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.

G Amen.

555 SALVATION UNTO US HAS COME

sts. 9–10

As we conclude this great hymn of the Lutheran Reformation, we see in stanza 9 a proper understanding of the relationship of faith and works (Romans 6). The last line of the hymn, “Your blessed name we hallow,” refers to the line “hallowed be Thy name” in the Lord’s Prayer. To God alone be the glory!

9 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.

△ 10 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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

John 8:36

P With humble hearts, let us approach our Father’s throne of grace.

Silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior

P Together, we pray:

C Gracious Father, because our entire lives are to be ones of repentance, we bow before You and confess our sins. We have turned away from the truth of Your Word, choosing to go our own way. By what we have thought, by what we have done, and by what we have failed to do, we have broken Your commands and are deserving of Your wrath and punishment. By the mercy of Christ, Your Son, set us free from our captivity. Enable us by Your Holy Spirit to live under You in Your kingdom and to serve You in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Amen.

P Just as Christ is risen from the dead, He lives and reigns to all eternity! It is most certainly true that He died and rose again for you to make you right with God, to adopt you as children of the heavenly Father, and to set you free from sin and death. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P “So if the Son sets you free,

C you will be free indeed!”

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.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 46; antiphon: v. 7

C The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

P God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

- C** Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
- P** though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
- C** There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
- P** God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.
- C** The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts.
The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- P** Come, behold the works of the LORD, how He has brought desolations on the earth.
- C** He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire.
- P** “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.

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

PICTURE BIBLE & FIRST BIBLE BLESSING

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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 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.
- 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.

SERMON "When the Eye is Distracted" Psalm 46

CREED Nicene Creed (*Creed can be found in the back of the hymnal and on the screens*)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

At the end of the prayer:

C **Amen.**

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for the Good News of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, which is being proclaimed in all the world and has been revealed to us also. On this day He overcame Satan, sin, and death that we may be made righteous in Your sight by grace through faith in Christ alone. 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 161

C **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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

C 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.

*For guests and visitors, we invite you to please read our statement
regarding the Lord's Supper on the inside cover of your bulletin.*

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

ANTHEM "Lord, Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray" (arr. Craig Carnahan) Adult Choir

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.”

744 AMAZING GRACE

sts. 1–5

- 1 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!
- 2 The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.
- 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven’s joy and peace.
- 5 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.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this saving gift of Your Son’s body and blood. Knowing the freedom of sins forgiven, send us out from this place as we walk by faith alone and share Your Word with the world Christ died to save; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

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.

578 THY STRONG WORD

sts. 1, 3, 6

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!

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!

△ 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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POSTLUDE “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” (arr. Burkhardt)

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Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

Invocation In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ , and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit (found on front page)

Catechism Review (found on front page)

Meditation: Portals of Prayer, www.lhm.org/dailydevotions, Other

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday: Deuteronomy 32:28-52; Matthew 20:17-34

Monday: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 21:1-22

Tuesday: Jeremiah 1:1-19; Matthew 21:23-46

Wednesday: Jeremiah 3:6-4:2; Matthew 22:1-22

Thursday: Jeremiah 5:1-19; Matthew 22:23-46

Friday: Jeremiah 7:1-29; Matthew 23:1-12

Saturday: Jeremiah 8:18-9:12; Matthew 23:13-39

In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)

Nichole, recovering from Covid

Steve, recovering from Covid

Wes, health issues

Del, health issues

Jack, ongoing health issues

Chris, ongoing health issues

Mehria in the Middle East, safety

Blake

Al, health issues

Jim, cancer

Tom, cancer

Jean, health issues

Jerry, health issues

June, health issues

Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke's with medical issues

For those in nursing homes, medical professionals, and those whose employment is in question.

For peace and humility to dwell in the hearts of the people of our world.

Christians and all people living in terror in the Middle East and throughout the world.

Carrie, healing from a stroke

Linda, brain cancer

Mary, Jan's sister-in-law, cancer

Voss, infant recovering from an accident

Elgart, cancer

Lauren's mother

Shirley, health issues

Nancy, health issues

Berklee

Jim, Parkinson's

Steve, Guillain-Barre Syndrome

Duane, cancer

Kim, health issues

Jen Kasmarek family, passing of her father

Our Savior Families: Sharon, Ross, Karla, Adam & Family, Chris & Janette

Hymn of the Week "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" LSB 657

Collect (found on front page)

Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction