

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Saturday – October 24, 2020 – 5:30 pm. Worship
Sunday – October 25, 2020 – 8:15 am. & Live-Streamed
10:45 am. Worship



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† Call to Worship †

(From Luther's Small Catechism) – 8:15 and 10:45 Services

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Hymn # 644:1-2 “The Church's One Foundation”



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Invocation

LSB 151 Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

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

C Amen.

(From Luther's Small Catechism)

P What is confession?

C Confession has two parts.

First, that we confess our sins, and

Second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God

Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that in this way our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

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

(LSB p. 151)

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

Absolution

LSB 151 [John 20:19–23]

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.

† Service of the Word †

Psalm 46

- P** ¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- C** ²**Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,**
P though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
³though its waters roar and foam,
C **though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**
(Selah)
- P** ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
C **the holy habitations of the Most High.**
P ⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
C **God will help her when morning dawns.**
P ⁶The nations rage,
C **the kingdoms totter;**
P he utters his voice,
C **the earth melts.**
P ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
C **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**
(Selah)
- P** ⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD,
C **how he has brought desolations on the earth.**
⁹**He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;**
P he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
C **he burns the chariots with fire.**
P ¹⁰*“Be still, and know that I am God.*
C *I will be exalted among the nations,*
I will be exalted in the earth!”
- P** ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
C **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**
(Selah)
- ALL** **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.

Hymn # 644:4-5 “The Church's One Foundation”

4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth has un - ion With God, the Three in One,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more
And my - stic sweet com - mun - ion With those whose rest is won.
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
O bless - ed heav' - nly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

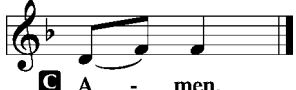
P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so 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 A - men.

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹*“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”*

A 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel: John 8:31-36

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



C Glo - ry 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 off spring 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.

Hymn # 657 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat - ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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Sermon “God Will Help Her When Morning Dawns” Psalm 46

C 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.

Prayer of the Church

(From Luther's Small Catechism)

C Our Father who art in heaven.

P What does this mean?

C With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

Responses:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

P Hear us Father for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, our Lamb of God who has taken away our sin.

C Amen.

† Service of the Sacrament †

Hymn # 617:1 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!

May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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Preface

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(From Luther's Small Catechism)

P What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

C It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and the wine, put there by Christ Himself, for us Christians to eat and drink.

P What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

C These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given to us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

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!

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13 LSB 162

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

C **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.

(From Luther's Small Catechism)

P How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

C **Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, and the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."**

P Who then receives this Sacrament worthily?

C **Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well-prepared who has faith in these words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."**

But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared; for the words, "for you" call for all hearts to believe.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: *"Take, eat; this is My ~~✠~~body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: *"Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ~~✠~~blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

Pax Domini

LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

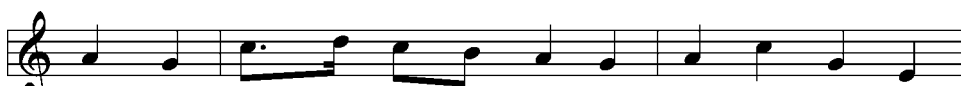
Hymn # 617:2 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"



2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,



Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er



love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -



of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!

Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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Distribution

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endures forever.

Post-Communion Hymn # 632 “O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”

1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt
2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is
thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -
ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.
in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Benedicamus

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

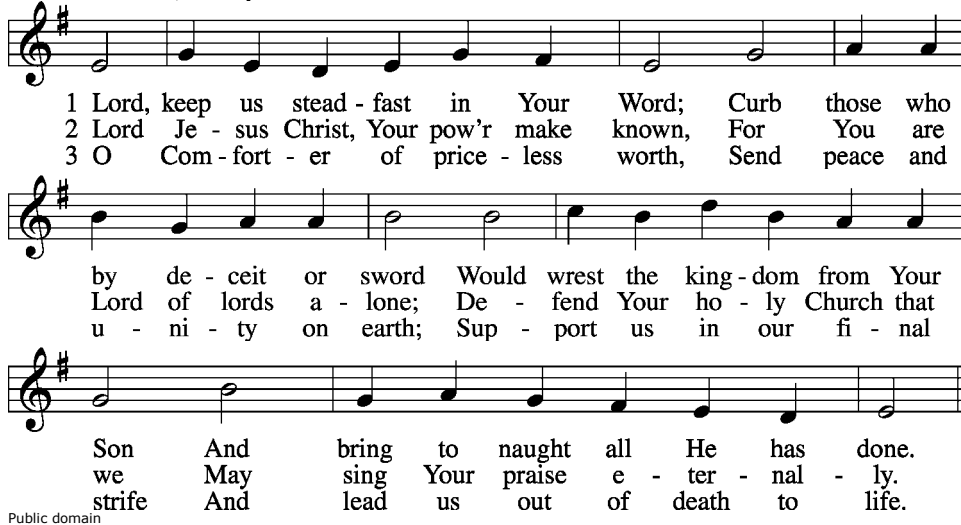
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C A-men, a-men, a - men.

(From Luther's Small Catechism) – 5:30 Service

☐ I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

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



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

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