

# REFORMATION DAY (OBSERVED)

October 25, 2020

8:00am

HYMN      “The Church’s One Foundation”      LSB 644

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength;

**People: therefore we will not fear.**

Pastor: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

**People: and are justified by His grace as a gift.**

Pastor: If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples,

**People: and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Lord of hosts,

**People: hear our confession of sins and grant us Your mercy and forgiveness. We have not trusted in Your promised protection and strength but have looked elsewhere for help and refuge. You alone have provided the remedy for that which truly causes our separation, troubles, and death. For the sake of Christ, Your Son, our Redeemer, grant us forgiveness and deliverance from all that would keep us from Your present help. We ask it in the name of Jesus.**

Pastor: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. Because that river of grace and power has flowed over us in our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ, in spite of our fear, the LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

By grace God has created each of us and everything that exists, and in the person of His Son entered our history and paid for our every sin and sin itself. In Christ’s resurrection, God’s promises have been made sure. 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.

**People: Amen. The LORD of hosts is with us! The God of Jacob is our fortress!**

## KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord of hosts, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those living in fear because of sudden disaster, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord of creation, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those living in fear because of the evil intentions of people in power, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord of lords, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those living in fear because of evil forces within the Church and oppression beyond it, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Christ, our Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** “The Lord, My God, Be Praised”

LSB 794

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Revelation 14:6–7*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*Romans 3:19–28*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

“By Grace I’m Saved”

LSB 566, Sts. 1–2

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 8:31–36*

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

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*(The Gospel is read.)*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CATECHISM**

*Incorporating Psalm 46 and the Apostles’ Creed*

Pastor: Our faith is in God the Father, the almighty Creator of all that exists.

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

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way.

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, who has made me and all creatures. He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.**

Pastor: Our faith is in God the Son, whose sacrifice on the cross opens to us eternal life in God’s eternal presence.

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;

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death. He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.**

Pastor: Our faith is in God the Holy Spirit, whose gift of faith gives us eternal peace with God.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;

He burns the chariots with fire.

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, who in the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY      "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"      LSB 657

## SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH      *Incorporating Psalm 46*

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their varied circumstances.

O God, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, strengthen the Church here and wherever it gathers around Your Word and celebrates the blessed Sacraments. Grant confident faith to clergy and laity, pastors in congregations and missionaries in distant lands, elders in the faith and newly baptized alike. Help us to put all our trust in Your protection and power. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Strong Creator, wherever people call out to You as the earth gives way, mountains move into the heart of the sea, and mountains tremble, hear their cries and keep them safe. Awaken courage and wisdom in those who search and rescue, those who provide physical and spiritual counsel, and those who offer long-term support of body and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, when nations rage and kingdoms totter, use the earthly powers that be to move the nations and their leaders to seek ways toward peace with their neighbors and stability within their borders. You, who make wars cease to the end of the earth, provide courage and compassion to all who work for peace and protection as they are deployed abroad and all who maintain concord and order within our communities. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Gracious God, stream joy and gladness to those who wait for the dawning of a new day, those dealing with long-term ills, unemployment, discrimination, unjust imprisonment, strife in their families, and the loss of loved ones, [*especially* . . .]. Assure them that You are with them, even now a very present help in trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord of hosts, worthy to be exalted among the nations, into Your almighty hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray. Hear our prayer for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

*We share God's peace with one another, saying, "Peace be with you."*

## OFFERING

### HYMN

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LSB 805

## LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**People: 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.**

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your Word is a strong fortress to all who would rest secure within it. On this festival of Reformation, we give You thanks for the bold confession of Martin Luther and all who have reminded us that our salvation is found in Christ alone by grace alone as revealed in Scripture alone. We ask your special blessing on those young men and women who will make their holy and solemn promises to build their lives on the firm foundation of Your Word. We ask this in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: The blessing of God almighty—the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit—be with you now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN**

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

*LSB 922*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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