

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 26, 2025 (9:00 a.m.)

**WE ARE ONE CHRISTIAN FAMILY LED BY GOD'S WORD AND THE
HOLY SPIRIT INTO LOVING SERVICE.**

Our values are

**Bible Based Preaching, Spiritual Growth, Great Commission (Go,
Make Disciples...)**

PRELUDE

GREETING

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

HYMN "The Lord, My God, Be Praised" LW 174

**The Lord, my God, be praised, my light, my life from heaven;
My maker, who to me has soul and body given;
My Father, who will shield and keep me day by day
And make each moment yield new blessings on my way.**

**The Lord, my God, be praised, my trust, my life from heaven;
The Father's own dear Son, whose life for me was given,
Who for my sin atoned with his most precious blood
And gives to me by faith the highest heav'nly good.**

**The Lord, my God, be praised, my hope, my light from heaven;
The Spirit, whom the Son in love to me has given.
His grace revives my heart and gives my spirit pow'r,
Help, comfort, and support in sorrows gloomy hour.**

**The Lord, my God, be praised, my God, the ever living,
To whom the heav'nly host their laud and praise are giving.
The Lord, my God, be praised, in whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.**

INVOCATION

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

People: *Amen*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. *(1 John 1:8)*

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:9)*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. *(ref. Ps 32:5)*

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.

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 the Word I announce the grace of God to you: your sin is forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *(Ref. Matt. 18:18; John 20:22-23)*

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" LW 276 v1,2,5,7

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.**

**Look to the Lord, who did atone for sin, O fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace.**

**To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹"The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. ³³"This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. ²⁰Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. ²¹But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²²This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—²⁶he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have

faith in Jesus. ²⁷Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. ²⁸For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE (stand)

(John 6:68)

C: Alleluia Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL John 6:25-29

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

When the crowd found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" ²⁶Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval." ²⁸Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" ²⁹Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace" LW 330

The Gospel shows the Father's grace, Who sent his Son to save our
race,
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died That man might thus be justified.

It sets the Lamb before our eyes, Who made atoning sacrifice,
And calls the souls with guilt opprest To come and find eternal rest.

It brings the Savior's righteousness Our souls to robe in royal dress;
From all our guilt it brings release and gives the troubled conscience
peace.

**It is the pow'r of God to save From sin and Satan and the grave;
It works the faith, which firmly clings To all the treasures which it
brings.**

**It bears to all the tidings glad and bids their hearts no more be sad;
The heavy-laden souls it cheers and banishes their guilty fears.**

**May we in faith its tidings learn Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
May we in faith its truth confess And praise the Lord our
Righteousness.**

SERMON

SECOND ARTICLE APOSTLES' CREED with Luther's Explanation

I believe 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.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,

Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

That I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH - concluding with

P: Lord in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, And take not your Holy Spirit From me. Restore to me The joy of your salvation and uphold me with your free Spirit.

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift your hearts and hands in praise

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.

P: It is truly good, right, and helpful... evermore praising you and singing:

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.

PRAYERS AND THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Lord Jesus, 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.

P: Our Lord on the night he was betrayed . . .

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his
promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

(Numbers 6:24-26)

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

CLOSING HYMN "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" LW 298

**A mighty fortress is our God, a trusty shield and weapon;
He helps up free from ev'ry need that hath us now o'er taken.
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.**

**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.**

**Though devils all the world should fill, all eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill, they shall not over pow'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.**

**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.**

Silent prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE