REFORMATION DAY (OBSERVED)

Discovering the Messiah

AS WE GATHER

In speaking of the message of the Reformation, Martin Luther stated: “All I have written and taught has been according to my conscience and sworn duty as a humble teacher of the Holy Scripture, for the praise of God, for the benefit and salvation of all Christendom, and for the good of the entire German nation” (WLS § 3775). He knew the message was much more than the man. He wanted his hearers to be assured of their salvation, which is alone in Christ, the Messiah. Through his sermons and hymn texts and writings, he presented the Gospel simply and directly. Today we honor and celebrate his faithful rediscovery of that Good News!
PRELUDE
“My Spirit Be Joyful” (From Cantata 146) J.S. Bach

PASTORAL GREETING

TOLLING OF THE BELL

PROCESSIONAL HYMN
“Built on the Rock” LSB 645 arr. Wibur Held
Verse 1: ALL
Verse 2: Choir
Verse 3: Women
Verse 4: Men
Verse 5: ALL

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION
Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, our gracious God invites us to confess our sins and to receive His gracious forgiveness. With true repentance, let us come before Him, confident that He will hear us in the name of and for the sake of Jesus Christ.
People: Almighty God, we acknowledge our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and throughout our lives have transgressed Your Law. We repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. In Your mercy, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, that we may serve You as Your redeemed people now and forever.
Pastor: Because of the sacrifice of His beloved Son for the sins of all people, God has promised His forgiveness to those who repentantly come before Him. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Live as the saints that you are in Christ Jesus.
People: Amen.

WORD

Kyrie (spoken)
Pastor Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
People Have mercy on us sinners.
Pastor Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
People Have mercy on us sinners.
Pastor Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
People Have mercy on us sinners, and grant us Your peace. Amen.
HYMN OF PRAISE  “O Worship the King”  LSB 804  arr. S. Drummand Wolff  Verses 1 and 6

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  
(Give glory to God.)

Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Lector:  This is the Word of the Lord.  
People:  Thanks be to God.

PSALM  Psalm 46  “For the Mountains Shall Depart”  Hank Beebe  Ascension Chorale; Rachel Becker, soloist

For one small moment have I forsaken thee,  
But with great mercies will I gather thee,  
For the mountains shall depart, And the hills be removed,  
But my kindness shall not depart from thee.  
For the Lord hath called thee as a woman forsaken,  
And grieved in spirit, and a wife in youth when thou wast refused, Saith thy God.  

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But with great mercies will I gather thee, For the mountains shall depart,  
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For the mountains shall depart,  
And the hills be removed, But my kindness shall not depart from thee,  
From thee…
EPISTLE: Romans 3:19–28
(Justification is by faith.)

Now 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. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God 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— he 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.

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

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Congregation, please rise for the Alleluia verse and the Holy Gospel.

VERSE Luke 12:32

People: Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:31–36
(The truth will make you free.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (10:30 a.m. Only)  Christa Kirschner

HYMN OF THE DAY  “A Mighty Fortress”  
LSB 656  arr. Paul Bunjes  
(Verse 2: Choir Only)

SERMON  “Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus”  
Pastor John Larson  
TEXT: Romans 3:19-28

CREED (THIRD ARTICLE WITH EXPLANATION)  
Page 323 in front of Hymnal.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor:  We pray this morning according to the Lord’s Prayer:

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor:  May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil’s kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith, that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor:  Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [names . . . and] all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor:  Special intercessions may be added here... Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor:  Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor:  Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us, so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor:  Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.
Pastor: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “God is Our Refuge and Strength” arr. Allen Pote Ascension Chorale

HOLY COMMUNION AT ASCENSION

The Lord, our Host, invites to his Supper those who are baptized into the Christian faith, confess him as Savior, have been instructed and have examined themselves, truly repent of sins, believe the Risen Lord is present in the sacrament with his true body and blood, and resolve to live faithfully and obediently. For those with an intolerance to alcohol, the center ring of the tray contains grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available to those with wheat allergies. Children who have not been instructed, yet desire a blessing, are invited to come forward with arms crossed. When receiving the bread and wine, the communicant may respond with “Amen!” a word of affirmation and belief.

★ SACRAMENT ★

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [Psalm 136]

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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


Pastor: 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.”
OUR FATHER

Who art in heav’n
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth
as it is in heaven.
Please give us
our daily bread.
And forgive us
all our sin,
as we forgive.
Those who sin against us.
And lead us not
into temptation,
But deliver us
from the evil one.
For the kingdom,
pow’r, and glory are Yours,
both now
and forevermore
Amen.
Alleluia!
Amen.
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The Lord’s Prayer
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”  
LSB 655  
arr. Von Kampen  
(Verse 2: Choir Only)

“Salvation Unto Us Has Come”  
LSB 555  
arr. David Sampson  
Verses 1-2, 5, 10

“Amazing Grace”  
LSB 744

GENERAL COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.  
Numbers 6:24–26

People: Amen.

HYMN “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”  
LSB 790  
arr. David Sampson  
Verses 1-2, 5
CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

DISMISSAL
Pastor:  Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
People:  Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE  “Concerto for Two Trumpets and Organ”  Antonio Vivaldi
           Arr. S. Drummond Wolff
REFORMATION
Sunday
## Serving in Worship

**OFFICIANT and CELEBRANT**
Pastor John Larson

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES**
Michael Zehnder

**ORGAN ASSISTANT & CHOIR ACCOMPANIST**
Diana Gaide & Gwen Geisler

**TRUMPETS**
Erik Ondrejko

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