

# Reformation Sunday

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

**C** **Amen**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen**

**GATHERING HYMN:** [ELW#524 - "What Is This Place?"](#)

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C **And also with you.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** [This is the Feast](#)



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and  
 might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain  
 has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

### **PSALM 46**

**L** <sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**C** <sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
 and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

- L <sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- C <sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- L <sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.
- C <sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**
- L <sup>7</sup>The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- C <sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works of the Lord,  
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**
- L <sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- C <sup>10</sup>**"Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**

### **1 KINGS 8:22-30, 41-43**

- L A reading from 1 Kings: <sup>22</sup>Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly of Israel and spread out his hands to heaven. <sup>23</sup>He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love with your servants who walk before you with all their heart, <sup>24</sup>the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. <sup>25</sup>Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' <sup>26</sup>Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed that you promised to your servant my father David.
- <sup>27</sup>"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! <sup>28</sup>Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your

servant prays to you today, <sup>29</sup>that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. <sup>30</sup>Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; hear and forgive.

<sup>41</sup>"Likewise when foreigners, who are not of your people Israel, come from a distant land because of your name - <sup>42</sup>for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm - when foreigners come and pray toward this house, <sup>43</sup>then hear in heaven your dwelling place and do whatever the foreigners ask of you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.


**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** [ELW#742 - "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"](#)

**SERMON:** [\(Sermon Audio Link\)](#)

*Pastor Greg's Old Testament "Context-o-meter"*

|  | Epoch                               | Books   |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|
|  | Creation and Early Humanity         | Genesis (1–11)  |
|  | The Patriarchs and the Covenant     | Genesis (12–50)   |
|  | Egypt, Exodus, and the Wilderness   | Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy   |
|  | Conquest and Settlement             | Joshua, Judges (early parts), and Ruth  |
|  | Judges                              | Judges, 1 Samuel (early chapters)   |
| <b>WE ARE<br/>HERE</b>  | United Kingdom                      | 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 Kings (1–11), 1 and 2 Chronicles (1–9)  |
|  | Divided Kingdom of Israel and Judah | 1 Kings (12–22), 2 Kings, 2 Chronicles (10–36), various prophets (Isaiah, Hosea, Amos, Micah, etc.) |
|  | Exile of Israel, Exile of Judah     | 2 Kings (end), 2 Chronicles (end), Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Lamentations, Obadiah                 |
|  | Return from Exile and Restoration   | Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi  |

*Please stand, as you are able.*

- P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
- C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

**L** Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence.*

**L** Lord of all, we give thanks for the whole church throughout the world. Open wide the paths toward unity between denominations so that all followers of Christ may join in shared worship and mission. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Renewing God, as the dying leaves display their beauty, we are reminded that nature's cycle of life includes and requires both life and death. Instill in your people a mission of preservation and appreciation for trees, animals, and waterways threatened by climate collapse. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Gracious God, in the spirit of reformation we pray for all who cry out for relief from systemic oppression. May the hearts of those who occupy seats of power be reformed so that peace becomes the center of our life together. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Comforting God, be with all who are sick, suffering, or grieving in our own community and beyond. Surround them with the promise of your love, comfort, and grace that never ends. We pray for Heidi Brackbill, Rebecca Brennan, Michelle Drayson, the Elshafei family, Jeff Fultz, Lydia Hendersen, Mark Hughes, the Johnson family, Robert Karner, Charles Larsen, Kaitlyn Leedy, Charlotte Leer, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Peter Olsen, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Claudia Schober, D. J. Singer, Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Chuck Trautwein, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Divine Guide, continue to challenge this community to be ever reforming in our ministries and outreach efforts. Inspire creative ideas among us so that the communal, grace-filled word of God remains at the heart of our ministry. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Almighty God, in Christ's resurrection you ensure that though life be wrenched away, death cannot win the day. May the truth of your saving grace through faith sustain our hope for life in you. God of grace,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.  
**C** **Amen**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** **And also with you.**

**OFFERING\*:** ([On-Line giving Link](#))

*The Offering is received and is presented at the altar.*

**RESPONSE:** ["Create in Me"](#)

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -  
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the  
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

**P** Let us pray. Merciful Father,



**C** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**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.

*The thanksgiving continues with the preface; the congregation responds:*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**P** Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance. You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast. By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C Amen**

**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**

**P** The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for the table is now ready.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*After all have communed, the following is sung:*

RESPONSE: "Lamb of God"



**C** Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen



**C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.

He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy  
with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

**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**

**SENDING HYMN:** [ELW#504 - "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"](#)

**P** Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS and Upcoming Events**

- Sunday, 17 November 2024, 5:00 pm, “The Europa Imaging System on the Europa Clipper Mission” – Lecture
- Sunday, 11/24/2024 – World Hunger Sunday and Congregational Meeting
- Sunday, 12/1/2024 5pm – 7pm - Family Craft Night
- Sunday, 12/7/2024, 10 am – Putting up the greens
- Tuesday, 12/24/2024 Christmas Eve Service 7 pm

### **Upcoming Worship Notes**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Preaching Texts</b>           | <b>Worship Leader</b> |
|-------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| October 27  | 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:27-30, 41-43    | Monica                |
| November 3  | 1 Kings 17:1-24                  | Heidi and Bob         |
| November 10 | Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10; 4:1-11     | Pastor Greg           |
| November 17 | Isaiah 6:1-8                     | Ron                   |
| November 24 | Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-28; 31:31-34 | Monica                |
| December 1  | Daniel 6:6-27                    | Heidi and Bob         |
| December 8  | Joel 2:12-13, 28-29              | Julie and Dave        |
| December 15 | Isaiah 61:1-11                   | Ron                   |

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