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Reformation Sunday



Call to Worship

PASTOR *Today we pray ...*

*... may we find our protection in God
alone as our Mighty Fortress.*

“The LORD of Armies is with us.

CONGREGATION

**The God of
Jacob is a fortress for us.”**

Hymn • “A *Mighty Fortress*”

- 1. A mighty Fortress is our God,
A trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry
need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
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.**

**2. With might of ours cannot 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.
The Almighty Lord,
And there's no other God;
He holds the field forever.**

Confession and Absolution

P *Blessed be the one, true and living God – the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit – Who forgives all our sin and whose mercy endures forever.*

C **Amen.**

P *Confession has two parts. The one is that we confess our sins; the other, that we receive absolution or forgiveness from the pastor as from God himself, not doubting but firmly believing that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven.*

*Therefore, let us confess our sins
and receive God's forgiveness.*

**☞ Holy God, before You I plead
guilty for all my sins, even
those which I am not aware
of. Before You and Your
representative, I specifically
confess the sins which I know
and feel in my heart.**

**I have not kept the Ten
Commandments.**

**I have not been a good
parent or child.**

**I have not been a good
worker or student.**

**I have not served You with
willingness and honesty.**

**I have hurt my neighbor
through my own words
and deeds.**

**I have been dishonest,
careless, wasteful, and
done other wrong
things.**

**For all this I pray: O Lord,
have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P *The Use of the Keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to His Church on earth, to forgive the sins of penitent sinners but to refuse forgiveness to the impenitent as long as they do not repent. This is written in the Gospel of John which says, "Jesus*

breathed on His disciples and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whenever you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'"

Therefore, on the basis of your penitent confession, by the authority of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

☐ Amen!

Song of Praise

♪ **Praise the Lord, for He is
glorious;**

Never shall His promise fail;

**God has made His saints
victorious;**

Sin and death shall not prevail!

Praise the God of our salvation;

**Hosts on high, His pow'r
proclaim;**

**Heav'n and earth, and all
creation,**

Laud and magnify His name!

Prayer of the Day •

P *Let us pray: ... to the glory of
Your holy name.*

☞ We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our living Lord, who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson • *2 Chronicles*
29:3–11, 15–17

In the first month of the first year of his reign...

...On the sixteenth day of the first month, they completed the work. (EHV)

☞ *Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear:*

☞ The Word of the Lord.

Hymn • “A Mighty Fortress”

**3. Though devils all the world
should fill,**

All eager to devour us.

We tremble not, we fear no ill,

They shall not overpow'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.

**4. 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,

Let these all be gone,

They yet have nothing won;

The Kingdom ours remaineth.

Second Lesson • *Galatians*
2:16–20

We know that a person is not justified by the works ...

...I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (EHV)

P *Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear:*

G **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation

☐ *Alleluia, alleluia... Alleluia.*

♪ **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Gospel • *John 8:31–36*

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him,...

...So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free.” (EHV)

☐ *This is the Gospel of our Lord.*

♪ **God be praised for His glad tidings.**

Hymn • *“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast
In Your Word”*

**1. Lord, keep us steadfast in Your
Word;**

**Curb those who by deceit and
sword**

**Would take the Kingdom from
Your Son**

And then destroy all He has done.

**2. Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make
known,**

For You are Lord of lords alone;

**Defend Your Christian Church that
we**

May sing Your praise eternally.

**3. O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.**

Sermon • *John 8:31–36*

The Son Sets Us Free!

1. From Sin's _____

2. To Abide in His _____

Creed Hymn • *“We All Believe
in One True God”*

- 1. We all believe in one true God,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever present Help in need,
Praised by all the heav’nly
host,
By whose mighty pow’r alone
All is made and all is done.**

**2. We all believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Mary's Son,
Who descended from His
throne
And for us salvation won,
By whose cross and death are
we
Rescued from all misery.**

**3. We all confess the Holy Ghost,
Who from both fore'er
proceeds,
Who upholds and comforts us
In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessed Holy Trinity,
Praise to You eternally!**

**Reception of Offerings and
Prayer**

Litany on the Reformation's Doctrine

By Scripture Alone • [2 Tim 3:16–17; 2 Pet 1:21;
John 17:17]

☐ *Heavenly Father, through nature we know only Your power and wrath. Our consciences remind us of our sin. The natural disasters, sickness, and terror of this world are the results of this world's transgressions. But You have not left us hopeless. You have given us Your Holy Word to show us the solution to our greatest problems. Therefore, dear Lord, we pray to You:*

☑ **Thank You for Your Word!**

P *“All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, and for training in righteousness,*

C **So that the man of God may be complete, well equipped for every good work.”**

P *“In fact, no prophecy ever came by the will of man,*

C **But men spoke from God as they were being carried along by the Holy Spirit.”**

P *“Sanctify us in the truth*

C **Your Word is truth.”**

Hymn Response • “We Have A Sure Prophetic
Word”

♪ **We have a sure prophetic**

Word

By inspiration of the Lord;

**And though assailed on ev’ry
hand,**

**Jehovah’s Word shall ever
stand.**

By Grace Alone • [Acts 15:11, John 1:16, John 1:17, Eph
2:8–9]

☐ *Heavenly Father, we confess that
we want to save ourselves. We
sinfully think that if we behave
ourselves and live the best lives we
can, You will be pleased with us
for our efforts and reward us with
heaven. But we can never live*

perfectly enough to meet Your perfect standards. We are sinful from birth. Therefore, we rejoice that we are not saved by our own works or efforts, but by Your grace—Your undeserved love—for us. Therefore, dear Lord, we pray to You:

C Thank You for Your Grace!

P *“We believe that we are saved in the same way they are—through the grace of our Lord Jesus.”*

C **“For out of his fullness we have all received grace upon grace.”**

P *“For the law was given through
Moses;*

C **But grace and truth came
through Jesus Christ.”**

P *“It is by grace you have been
saved, through faith—and this is
not from yourselves, it is the gift of
God—*

C **Not by works, so that no one
can boast.”**

Hymn Response • *“By Grace I’m Saved”*

♪ **By grace! None dare lay claim
to merit;
Our works and conduct have
no worth.**

**God in His love sent our
Redeemer,
Christ Jesus, to this sinful
earth;
His death did for our sins
atone,
And we are saved by grace
alone.**

By Faith Alone • [[Heb 11:1, Heb 11:3, 1 Pet 1:8–9]

☐ *Heavenly Father, You are beyond our comprehension. Our human minds cannot understand how You are three Divine Persons in one Being or Essence. We cannot understand how Jesus Christ, our Savior, is true God and true man at the same time. We cannot*

understand how You cut through the sin of our hearts and cover us with Christ's righteousness today. Yet You plant a saving faith in our hearts through Your Word and Sacraments. You cause us to hold onto the mysteries of our salvation even when we cannot understand them.

Therefore, dear Lord, we pray to You:

☑ Thank You for saving Faith!

☐ *"Faith is being sure about what we hope for,*

☑ Being convinced about things we do not see."

P *“By faith we know that the universe was created by God’s word*

C **So that what is seen did not come from visible things.”**

P *“Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not see him now, yet by believing in him, you are filled with a joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,*

C **Because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”**

Hymn Response • *“Faith is a Living Power from
Heaven”*

♪ **Faith is a living pow’r from
heav’n**

**That grasps the promise God
hath giv’n,**

**A trust that cannot be
o’erthrown,**

Fixed heartily on Christ alone.

Special Prayers ending with the Lord's Prayer

P ...*You have taught us:*

G **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.**

Final Blessing

P *The grace of our Lord Jesus ✝
Christ, the love of God the Father,
and the fellowship of the Holy
Spirit, be with you all.*

G **Amen.**

Hymn • *“God’s Word is Our
Great Heritage”*

♪ **God’s Word is our great
heritage,
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to
age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way;
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds
endure,
We keep its teachings pure,
Throughout all generations.**

Announcements