

# FIRST SUNDAY OF END TIMES: REFORMATION SUNDAY

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## Worship Focus

**END TIMES – SUNDAYS OF PROMISE:  
“The truth will set you free”**



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# OPENING HYMN

# 200 – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y shield  
 2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss  
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger to  
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
 ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant one  
 de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
 have for it; He's by our side up - on the plain



That has us now o'er-tak - en. The old  
 Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,  
 They shall not o - ver-pow'r us. This world's  
 With his good gifts and Spir - it. And do



e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;  
 "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,  
 prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
 what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—



Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;  
 The al - might - y Lord. And there's no oth - er God;  
 He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!  
 Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is won;



On earth is not his e - qual.  
 He holds the field for - ev - er.  
 One lit - tle word can fell him.  
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.

Tune: EIN FESTE BURG (87 87 55 56 7) Martin Luther, 1483–1546.

*Please stand*

## INVOCATION

**Minister** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



**Congregation** A - men.

## DIALOGUE FOR THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION

**M** The grass withers and the flowers fall,

**C** **But the word of our God stands forever.**

**M** By the word of the Lord were the heavens made,

**C** **Their starry host by the breath of his mouth.**

**M** The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

**C** **We have seen his glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

**M** No one has ever seen God,

**C** **But God the only Son who is at the Father's side has made him known.**

**M** I am not ashamed of the gospel,

**C** **Because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.**

**M** From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures,

**C** **Which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## ABSOLUTION

**M** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:



Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

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

world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -

ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the  
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.  
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

## SALUTATION

**M** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And al - so with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** Let us pray. O Lord, in every generation through prophet and preacher, you have called and gathered your people through your Word. Raise up faithful voices in our own time who will speak faithfully and forcefully your Word of truth so that many may come to the knowledge of your Son, be declared righteous and just by his sacrificial death, and live in the peace of Christ until he comes again in his glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** A - men.

*Be seated*

# THE WORD

## FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:10-12  
*God's Word has power*

ISAIAH 55:10 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, <sup>11</sup>so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup>You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

## SENIOR CHOIR

Psalm 46

*Words: traditional Latin American, based on Psalm 46; tr. Mary Louise Bringle (b. 1953) © 2011 GIA Publications, Inc.*

- 1. God will be our refuge, strength and mighty fortress  
Ever-present help in our times of deep distress.  
Though the mountains tremble and crumble into dust,  
Though earth and seas are shaken, in God we put our trust.*
- Refrain: Heaven and earth may pass away, your word will never pass away.  
No, no, never pass away; no, no, never pass away!*
- 2. Streams of living water sparkle bright as crystal,  
Making glad the city, the dwelling of the Lord.  
God is its foundation, and so it never shakes.  
God's strong right arm defends it as each new morning breaks. Refrain*
- 3. Nations rage and bellow, kings and empires totter;  
God speaks but a word and its thunder melts the earth.  
Ever-present with us, through depth and height and length,  
The Lord remains our refuge, our stronghold and our strength. Refrain*
- 4. See God's works of power, fearsome deeds before us,  
Causing wars to cease, breaking bows and shattering spears.  
God will be exalted, whose ways are true and just;  
For God is still our refuge, in whom we put our trust. Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

Galatians 5:1-6

*Stand firm in your gospel freedom*

GALATIANS 5:1 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. <sup>2</sup>Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. <sup>3</sup>Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. <sup>4</sup>You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. <sup>5</sup>But by faith we eagerly await through the Spirit the righteousness for which we hope. <sup>6</sup>For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

## SENIOR CHOIR

O Lord, My God, You Are My Refuge

*Johann Sebastian Bach, arranged by Hal H. Hopson. Paraphrased from Ps. 71:1-3, 5, 20*

*O Lord, my God, You are my refuge;  
O let me never be dismayed, Lord in mercy hear my prayer to you.  
You are my hope. You are my refuge.  
My trust is ever in your care; Lord, in mercy hear my prayer to you.  
Through dark of night, your light shines upon my way.  
For you are near to be my comfort. I will praise your name forevermore.*

*Please stand for the Gospel Lesson*

## GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

*Freedom is found in God's Word*

JOHN 8:31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup>Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup>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?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

**M** The Gospel of the Lord!

**C** Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Be seated*

HYMN OF THE DAY

538 – The Church’s One Foundation



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er  
 3 The Church shall nev - er per - ish, Her dear Lord,  
 4 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees  
 5 Mid - toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult



Christ, her Lord; She is his new cre - a - tion By  
 all the earth; Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One  
 to de - fend, To guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, Is  
 her op - pressed, By schisms rent a - sun - der, By  
 of her war She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of



wa - ter and the Word, From heav'n he came and  
 Lord, one faith, one birth. One ho - ly name she  
 with her to the end, Though there be those that  
 her - e - sies dis - tressed, Yet saints their watch are  
 peace for - ev - er - more Till with the vi - sion



sought her To be his ho - ly bride; With his own  
 bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food, And to one  
 hate her And strive to see her fail, A - gainst both  
 keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the  
 glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest And the great



blood he bought her, And for her life he died.  
 hope she press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 foe and trai - tor She ev - er shall pre - vail.  
 night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
 Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900, abr., alt.  
 Tune: AURELIA (76 76 D) Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–76.

## **SERMON**

Ephesians 2:8-10

### **The Foolish Wisdom of the Reformation**

1. Trust God's Promises
2. Trust God's People

## **PRAISE AND PRAYER**

*Stand*

### **WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD**

*Te Deum Laudamus*

*Luther valued the ancient Te Deum and suggested it might be considered among the ecumenical creeds of the Christian Church. Speak the words of the canticle as a confession of faith.*

**C We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;  
All creation worships you, Father everlasting.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of heavenly hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.**

**Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you:  
Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and only Son,  
And the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

**You, Christ, are the King of glory,  
The eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free,  
You humbled yourself to be born of a virgin.**

**You overcame the sting of death  
And opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that you will come to be our judge.**

**Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
Bought with the price of your own blood,  
And bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.**

*Be seated*

## **FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS**

### **MUSICAL OFFERTORY**

*Please stand*

#### **A LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE**

*written by Prof. James P. Tiefel,  
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary*

**M** With grateful hearts, O Lord

**C** **We remember before you this day...**

**M** The reformers and confessors who faced the terror of church and empire but stood firm in your truth because they were moved by grace, empowered by faith, and guided by Scripture.

**C** **Inspire us as we remember them, O Lord.**

**M** With grateful hearts, O Lord

**C** **We remember before you this day...**

**M** Your faithful followers of every age, among them our own mothers and fathers, pastors and teachers, called, gathered, enlightened and sanctified by the Holy Spirit to be your Church and by whose faithful witness the gospel of your grace has reached at last to us.

**C** **Inspire us as we remember them, O Lord.**

**M** With grateful hearts, O Lord

**C** **We remember before you this day...**

**M** The early and present leaders of our synod, the teachers who trained our grandfathers and those who now teach us, the missionaries who once went to lands uncharted and unmapped, and those who now walk among teeming millions in over-crowded cities.

**C Inspire us as we remember them, O Lord.**

**M** With grateful hearts, O Lord

**C We remember before you this day...**

**M** Our own loved ones whose memories still burn within our hearts, whom you have called in your good time from their labors in life to that life which knows no end.

**C Inspire us as we remember them, O Lord,**

**M** To carry on their work in this our day, trusting your Son, holding to your Word, confessing your truth, loving the lost, reaching out with your love, until you call us, too, by your great grace in Jesus Christ, to join them where memories are swallowed up by everlasting joy.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M** Remember us in your mercy, O Lord, as we join to pray

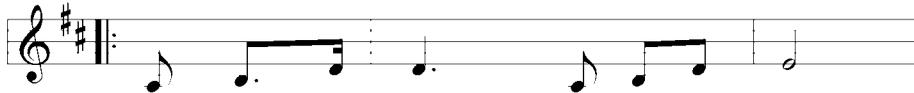
## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

*Be seated*

SERMON HYMN

752 – In Christ Alone



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found.  
 2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh,  
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay,  
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,



He is my light, my strength, my song;  
 Full - ness of God in help - less babe.  
 Light of the world by dark - ness slain;  
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me;



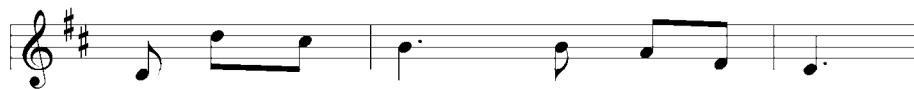
This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,  
 This gift of love and right - eous - ness,  
 Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day  
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,



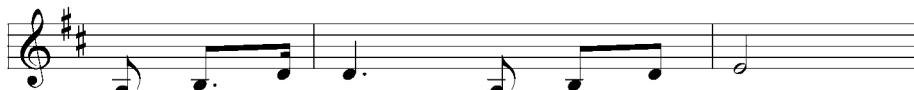
Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.  
 Scorned by the ones he came to save.  
 Up from the grave he rose a - gain!  
 Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.



What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
 Till on that cross, as Je - sus died,  
 And as he stands in vic - tor - y,  
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man



When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!  
 The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;  
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
 Can ev - er pluck me from his hand;



My Com - for - ter, my all in all,  
 For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid.  
 For I am his and he is mine—  
 Till he re - turns or calls me home,



Here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 Here in the death of Christ I live.  
 Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.



*This christological hymn summarizes the sacrificial, earthly life of our Savior and the glory that is now his forever and ours through faith.*

Tune: IN CHRIST ALONE (88 88 D)

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*Please stand*

## PRAYER AND BLESSING

**M** Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - - men.

**CLOSING HYMN**

176 (3) – Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord



3 Come, ho - ly Fire, Com-fort true; Grant us the will your  
 work to do And in your ser - vice to a - bide;  
 Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by your pow'r pre -  
 pare each heart, And to our weak - ness strength im - part  
 That brave - ly here we may con - tend, Through life and  
 death to you, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.*

