

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF END TIMES: REFORMATION SUNDAY

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Worship Focus

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THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION

This service offers the congregation a form of worship that focuses on the proclamation of God's Word which God himself preserved through the Reformation of the Church.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

✠ GATHERING ✠

OPENING HYMN

529 - Built on the Rock

The choir sings stanza three.

- 1. Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land; Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the soul distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.**
- 2. Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth his temple stands, All earthly temples excelling.
Yet he who dwells in heav'n above Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies his temple.**
- 3. We are God's house of living stones, Built for his own habitation.
He fills our hearts, his humble thrones, Granting us life and salvation.
Were two or three to seek his face, He in their midst would show his grace,
Blessings upon them bestowing.*
- 4. Here stands the font before our eyes, Telling how God did receive us.
Th' altar recalls Christ's sacrifice And what the sacrament gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same,
And evermore, our Redeemer.**
- 5. Grant then, O God, your will be done, That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come Where Christ his message is bringing:
"I know my own; my own know me. You, not the world, my face shall see.
My peace I leave with you always." Amen!**

INVOCATION and OPENING DIALOGUE

M In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

ALL (sung) All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, Man divine, And crown him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, Man divine, And crown him Lord of all.

M Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto the One who sits on the throne,

C And to the Lamb, forever and ever.

M His blood sets us free to be the people of God.

ALL (sung) Sinners whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at his feet And crown him Lord of all.
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CONFESSION OF SINS and ABSOLUTION

M Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner,
confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should.
I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.

M Jesus' death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world.
He said to his people, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven."
Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins.
Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life!

**ALL (sung) Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe On this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe And crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe And crown him Lord of all.**

M Fight the good fight of faith!

C **For the Lord, the righteous Judge, has laid up for us a crown of life.**

M For us, and for all who await his appearing.

**ALL (sung) Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song And crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song And crown him Lord of all.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C **Amen.**

✠ THE WORD ✠

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Through Jeremiah, the Lord describes the new covenant established by the promised Messiah. He will forgive sins and write the promise of grace on the hearts of his people, setting them free.

JEREMIAH 31:31 “The days are coming,” declares the LORD,

“when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors
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 people 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.

³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘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.”

PSALM 46

200 - A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Small group sings verse 2



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!



SECOND LESSON

Romans 3:19-28

We are justified by God's grace, set free from sin's curse and condemnation.

ROMANS 3:19 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. ²⁰Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

²¹But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²²This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶he did it to demonstrate his righteousness 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. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. ²⁸For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

VERSE OF THE DAY

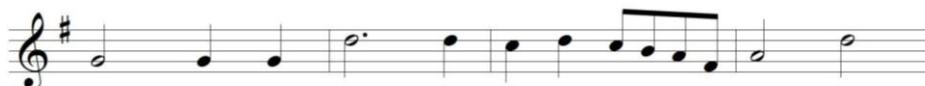
After a musical introduction, the congregation sings...



1. Stand fast, O Christ - ian, in God's Word a - lone.
2. Stand fast, O Christ - ian; hope se - cure - ly place



By speech and deed its glo - rious light be shown
In him who has re - vealed his sa - ving face,



That through the world the sa - ving faith be known. Al -
By whom we now are just - i - fied by grace. Al -



- le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
- le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

Within true discipleship comes the understanding and knowledge of the true mystery of Christ. With this knowledge comes freedom.

^{JOHN 8:31} To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³ 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?”

³⁴ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

M This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

390 - Salvation unto Us Has Come



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace
 2 What God does in his law de - mand And none to him
 3 It is a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God his law
 4 Yet as the law must be ful - filled Or we must die
 5 Since Christ has full a - tone - ment made And brought to us



and fa - vor. Good works can - not a - vert our doom;
 can ren - der Brings wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand
 has giv - en That sin - ners can them - selves re - deem,
 de - spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled,
 sal - va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad



They help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to
 For man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has
 And by their works gain heav - en. The law is
 Our hu - man na - ture shar - ing. He has for
 And build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a -



Je - sus Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
 not those pure de - sires The spir - it of the
 but a mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
 us the law o - beyed And thus the Fa - ther's
 lone, dear Lord, I plead; Your death is now my



world a - tone; He is the one Re - deem - er.
 law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
 sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
 vengeance stayed Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.
 life in - deed, For you have paid my ran - som.

6. All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,
 The God who saved us by his grace – All glory to his merit!
 O Triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed your saving love; Your blessed name be hallowed!

✠ SERMON ✠

John 8:31,32

Jesus Tells Us the Truth

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

✠ PRAYERS ✠

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Based on Luther's prayer at the Diet of Worms (1521) as he faced the papal and imperial authorities

- M** Almighty, eternal God, out of the depths we call to you. The world opens its mouth to swallow your church, and our faith in you is too small to confront its lures and attractions! We confess the weakness of our sinful flesh. Satan deceives us daily. If we are to depend upon any strength from ourselves, all is lost. Help us, we beg, to withstand the ungodly way of life that the world has to offer. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- M** The work is not ours, O God, but yours. O Sovereign Lord and Creator, we have no way to satisfy your righteousness, nothing to contest the Deceiver's earthly power, nothing to mute its false attractions, nothing to uproot the rule of our sinful flesh. We would gladly pass our days in happiness and peace in an age awash with iniquity. Hear us, heavenly Father, for the cause is yours. Yes, Creator of all that is, your cause is righteous and everlasting. Vindicate your name among the nations! Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- M** O all-seeing Lord, have mercy on your church. You understand our plight. We thank you for sending a messenger of peace to correct the times between life and death. This One is your Son, Jesus the Christ, the incarnate Savior, who saves us from calamities that plague your church. You have chosen us to do your work. Therefore, O God, accomplish it by your will. Stand by your church each day in the name of Jesus, who is our shelter and shield, our mighty fortress. Through the strength of the Holy Spirit, such faith works joy and peace and willingness to serve a world in need. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- M** We are even ready to lay down our life for this cause, as were your servants Martin Luther and his fellow Reformers and Confessors, who forcefully stormed the kingdom of heaven to restore the gospel of your righteousness to its central place in Christian life. For the cause is holy. Though this world is filled with devils and though our bodies perish in persecution, your Word and your Spirit still remain. The church always needs reform as its message encounters the false and frivolous. But the Word of God stands firm forever. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- M** In the confidence of this faith, gracious Lord, bless our efforts to spread the gospel of the glory and grace of God throughout the world to the joy and edifying of all who hear and believe and for your glory and our good. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

M Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.**

✠ THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He protects and preserves his Church in every age and gives us confidence to lift up our heads and watch for Jesus with joy. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



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



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

204 - O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word



1 O God, our Lord, Your ho - ly Word Was long a
 2 Sal - va - tion true By faith in you— That is your
 3 Lord, you a - lone This work have done By your free
 4 Since you are mine, My Lord di - vine, Death holds no



hid - den trea - sure Till to its place It
 gos - pel's preach - ing, The heart and core Of
 grace and fa - vor. All who be - lieve Will
 dread - ful ter - rors; Your pre - cious blood, My



was by grace Re - stored in full - est mea - sure.
 Bi - ble lore In all its sa - cred teach - ing.
 grace re - ceive Through Je - sus Christ, our Sav - ior.
 high - est good, Has blot - ted out my er - rors.



For this to - day Our thanks we say And
 In Christ we must Put all our trust, Not
 And though the foe Would o - ver - throw Your
 My thanks to you— Your Word is true! Ful -



glad - ly glo - ri - fy you. Your mer - cy show And
 in our deeds or la - bor; With con - science pure And
 Word with grim en - deav - or, All he has wrought Must
 fill your prom - ise ev - er, And mer - cy give While



grace be - stow On all who still de - ny you.
 heart se - cure Love you, Lord, and our neigh - bor.
 come to naught— Your Word will stand for - ev - er!
 here I live And heav'n - ly bliss for - ev - er.

✠ SENDING ✠

THANKSGIVING



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news 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!

PRAYER and BLESSING

M We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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 Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

203 – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, For you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would seek to o - ver - throw your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend your Chris - ten - dom that
u - ni - ty on earth. Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And to de - stroy what he has done.
we May sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife, And lead us out of death to life.

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

Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR (LM) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder zu Wittenberg*, Wittenberg, 1543, alt.

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