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Reformation Sunday



Welcome in Jesus' name.
We extend a special welcome to guests and visitors.

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

L: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

*Gathering Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" ELW #504

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious; he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious. The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected. But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected. You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.
- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat-ning to devour us, we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot over power us. Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage! His might is doomed to fail; God's judgement must prevail! One little word subdues him.
- 4 God's Word forever shall abide no thanks to foes, who fear it; for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house, goods honor, child or spouse, though life be wretched away, they cannot win the day. The kingdom's our forever.

***Apostolic Greeting:**

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

***Kyrie**

ELW, page 184

Refrain

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day. *Last time*

3 For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain:**

4 For your Spirit to guide: that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain:**

***Hymn of Praise**

WOV, page 29

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and peace to God's people on earth.

***Prayer of the Day:**

Almighty God, **gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon 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. Amen.**

Scripture Reading:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm Reading:

Psalm 46

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

L: though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

C: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

L: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

C: The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

L: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

C: Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

L: 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: "Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations: I will be exalted in the earth."

L: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Scripture Reading:

Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Children’s Sermon

*Gospel Acclamation:



*Holy Gospel:

John 8:31-36

L: The Holy Gospel according to the Book of John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

***Hymn:**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

ELW #654

- 1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace, that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J Stone, 1839-1900

***Apostles' Creed:**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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

***Prayers of the People**

L. God of grace. **C: Hear our prayer.**

***Peace:**

L: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Offering/Offertory Hymn: "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" WOV pg. 35

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now, Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

***Offertory Prayer:**

O Lord our God, maker of all things. **Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***The Lord's Prayer:**

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

***Benediction:**

L: God all mighty, God most merciful † bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

***Sending Hymn:**

"Make a Difference"

Rachel Kurtz

You gave your life to make a difference.

You gave your life to make a change.

You welcomed all to your table, you're calling us to do the same.

Refrain:

I want my life to make a difference.

I want my life to make a change.

I want my life to do some good here.

I want my life to make a change.

Working side by side no one out or inside, together we can make that change. With a few or many, with a lot or not any,

Together we can make that change. **Refrain**

Crossing the great divide joy & peace will abide

Together we can make that change. Jesus is our Peace.

All fighting will cease. Together we can make that change. **Refrain**

I want my life to make a difference.
I want my life to make a change.
I want my life to do some good here.
I want my life to make a change.

***Dismissal:**

L: Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **C: Thanks be to God.**