



## Reformation Day

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

October 25, 2020 8:00 a.m.

Reformation Sunday

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Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

**CALL TO WORSHIP: "Praise to the Lord the Almighty" set by Tucker    MSDHB**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**C:** Amen.

**P:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P:** Loving God,

**C:** We confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways.

**Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we**

have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live as your children. Amen.

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: "Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of + Jesus Christ our Savior."

C: Amen.

**HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress" #504 ELW** *First verse only at 9:15 a.m.*



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

## **GREETING**

**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.**

*Honk your horns to greet one another.*

## **LITANY FOR PENTECOST**

**P:** The word is near you,

**C: on your lips and in your heart.**

**P:** If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

**C: and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

**P:** Faith comes from what is heard.

**C: and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE: "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #886 ELW vss. 1 & 2**

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.**

## **SALUTATION**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

*Honk your horns to greet one another.*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**ANTHEM: "The Potter's Hand" Kyla Betts**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31-32</sup> “That’s right. The time is coming when I will make a brand-new covenant with Israel and Judah. It won’t be a repeat of the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took their hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant even though I did my part as their Master.” GOD’s Decree. <sup>33-34</sup> “This is the brand-new covenant that I will make with Israel when the time comes. I will put my law within them—write it on their hearts!—and be their God. And they will be my people. They will no longer go around setting up schools to teach each other about GOD. They’ll know me firsthand, the dull and the bright, the smart and the slow. I’ll wipe the slate clean for each of them. I’ll forget they ever sinned!” GOD’s Decree.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL CANTICLE: “Lord Keep Us Steadfast in your Word” #517 vs. 1**

**Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;  
curb those who by deceit or sword  
would wrest the kingdom from your Son  
and bring to naught all he has done.**

*The Gospel is announced...*

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: John 8:31-38**

<sup>31-32</sup> Then Jesus turned to the Jews who had claimed to believe in him. “If you stick with this, living out what I tell you, you are my disciples for sure. Then you will experience for yourselves the truth, and the truth will free you.” <sup>3</sup> Surprised, they said, “But we’re descendants of Abraham. We’ve never been slaves to anyone. How can you say, ‘The truth will free you?’” <sup>34-38</sup> Jesus said, “I tell you most solemnly that anyone who chooses a life of sin is trapped in a dead-end life and is, in fact, a slave. A slave is a transient, who can’t come and go at will. The Son, though, has an established position, the run of the house. So if the Son sets you free, you are free through and through. I know you are Abraham’s descendants. But I also know that you are trying to kill me because my message hasn’t yet penetrated your thick skulls. I’m talking about things I have seen while keeping

company with the Father, and you just go on doing what you have heard from your father.”

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

## **SERMON**

**HYMN: “Built on a Rock” #652 ELW vss. 1,3 & 5** *First verse only at 9:15 a.m.*

**Built on a 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, calling the souls of those distressed,  
longing for life everlasting.**

**Christ builds a house of living stones: we are his own habitation;  
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones, granting us life and salvation.  
Where two or three will seek his face, he in their midst will show his grace,  
blessings upon them bestowing.**

**Through all the passing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are ringing,  
many may come to hear your Word, who here this promise is bringing:  
"I know my own, my own know me; you, not the world, my face shall see;  
my peace I leave with you. Amen."**

**APOSTLE’S CREED/ BAPTISM (8:00 a.m.)/ AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (9:15 a.m.)**  
*At the 9:15 a.m. service please go to your bulletin insert at this time.*

**P:** Do you believe in God the Father?

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

**P:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

**P:** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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 INTERCESION**

**P:** With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*Honk your horns three times after each petition.*

**P:** Renew and inspire the church in the freedom of the gospel, O God. Where the church is in error, reform it. Where the church speaks your truth, strengthen it. Where the church is divided, unify it. Ignite in us the working of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** As the earth changes, as mountains shake and the waters roar, may we care for this planet as a holy habitation for all living things. Sustain all peoples and lands recovering from natural disasters of any kind. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Guide areas of the world divided or traumatized by conflict, especially in our own land. Free all from slavery and human trafficking, and protect all in harm's way. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Release those living in bondage to debts, chronic pain, or addiction. Grant healing touch to those who are ill. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** In this family of faith we give thanks for courageous voices that have remained firm in their commitment to the one who frees us from sin and death.

Centered in your grace, unify us in the hope of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Even in death, you free us and give us a place in your house. We give thanks for our ancestors who have shown us truth and freedom, especially Martin Luther and those who work for the renewal of the church. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom

we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Honk your horns to greet one another.*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P:** God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and song.

**C: Amen**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P:** Friends of Jesus, come to the table. Receive nourishment for your journey.

**P:** The body of Christ, broken for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you."

### **SONG DURING COMMUNION: "Borning Cry" #732 ELW**

### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**C: Amen**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P:** God of the welcome table,

**C:** in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. Amen.

## ANOUNCEMENTS

### BENEDICTION

**P:** Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C:** Thanks be to God!

### CLOSING HYMN: "Go, My Children, With My Blessing" #543 ELW



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

### POSTLUDE: "Ein' Feste Bwig" Luther/Hopson