

+ Reformation Sunday

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Order for Worship**

*Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed
to more fully reflect 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 gift of the Holy Spirit and the freedom given to us in Baptism,
we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.*

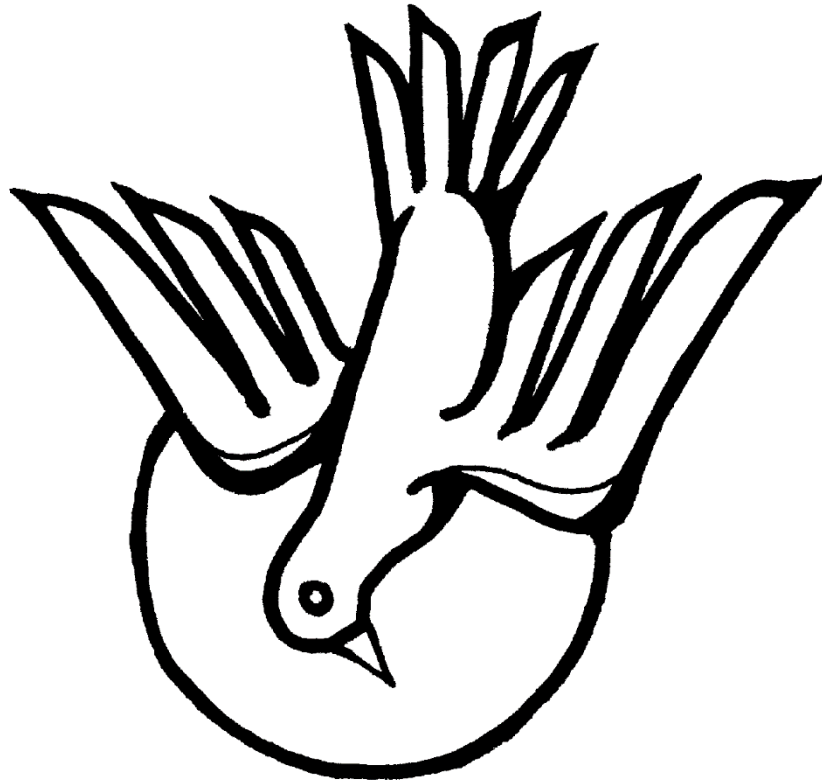
Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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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!

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Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther

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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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

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.

C: Amen.

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: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

The psalm is spoken.

People of the assembly are invited to respond with the verses in bold.

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹behold 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.

¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading – Romans 3: 19-28

¹⁹Now 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 God’s 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 God’s 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. God did this to show God’s righteousness, because in God’s divine forbearance God had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that God, Godself, is righteous and that God 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.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

P: Alleluia. If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia.

Gospel – John 8: 31-36

P: The holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Word/Song

Sermon

Hymn of the Day **Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound** *Following page*



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Affirmation of Baptism

Musical Interlude

Jimmi and Timothy Kocher-Hillmer

Presentation for Affirmation of Baptism

Those making affirmation and their families gather with the ministers before the baptismal font. A representative of the congregation presents those making affirmation.

DFE: I present Johanna Leah Asplin, Calum Stevenson Chapman, Eilidh Schreiber Chapman, Rachel Irene Faulkner, Crispin Alexander Galyardt, and Oban Alan McElwain, who desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism.

The presiding minister may continue with prayer for those making affirmation.

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings in Christ, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in Baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of Baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.
C: Amen.

Profession of Faith

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of Baptism. The assembly may join in the responses.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**C: 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?

**C: 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.**

**Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.*

Affirmation of Baptism

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of Baptism.

P: You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

P: People of God,

do you promise to support those making public affirmation of their Baptism,

and to pray for them in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Instrumental Baptismal Hymn *Wash, O God*

Amy Bartoli

The blessing is repeated for each person.

The parents may lay both hands on the head of the person as the presiding minister prays:

P: Stir up in Name the gift of your Holy Spirit:

the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might,

the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence,

both now and forever.

C: Amen.

Those making public affirmation turn and face the assembly.

A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.

DFF: Let us rejoice with these friends in Christ!

C: We rejoice with you in the life of Baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world!**

Congregational Refrain

**C: Christ goes before, and we are called to follow,
and all who follow find the Way, the Truth, the Life.**

Prayers of the People

A: With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world,
and all who are in need.

After each petition

A: God of mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: 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 Savior.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Benediction

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The God of all grace † bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sending Hymn

Send Me, Jesus

ELW 741

Thuma mina, Nkosi yam



1 *Thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na, Nko - si yam.*
2 *Ndi - ya vu - ma, ndi - ya vu - ma, ndi - ya vu - ma, Nko - si yam.*
1 *Send me, Je - sus; send me, Je - sus; send me, Je - sus; send me, Lord.*
2 *I am will-ing; I am will-ing; I am will-ing, will - ing, Lord.*

Text: South African

Music: THUMA MINA, NKOSI YAM, South African

Abbreviations

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister
L: Lector
DFF: Director of Faith Formation
A: Assisting Minister
C: Congregation

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal

Those serving in worship today

Gathering Hymn	Jimmi and Timothy Kocher-Hillmer
Lector	Alda Maria Gonzaga
Psalm	Isabel Doshi
Lector	Joseph Paetz
Children's Word/Song	Sharon and Pastor Paul Koch
Musical Offerings during Confirmation	Jimmi and Timothy Kocher-Hillmer
	Amy Bartoli
Assisting Minister	Timothy Kocher-Hillmer
Minister of Music	Amy Bartoli
Director of Faith Formation	Christopher Atwood
Presiding Minister	Pastor Ross Carmichael

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