



Welcome To
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Reformation Day (Observed)

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

We welcome all who gather here today! We are blessed to celebrate together the mercy, grace, and love we have from God through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Children: Families with children are *very* welcome here. Having children in church is important so they can begin to learn about their faith in Jesus, and it's good for the whole congregation to see. *Please feel comfortable keeping "squirmy" kids in the service. This is where they belong, too!*

Pew Cards: While we don't have pew cards to fill out during this time, if you have a prayer request please email or write a note to Pastor or the church office.

If standing is difficult: Please feel free to remain seated during any portion of the service. Please let an Elder or Usher know if you need communion in your pew seat.

About our celebration of Holy Communion: We celebrate the Lord's Supper in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood contrary to that which is stated above do so to their great harm, and also because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with Pastor. Those not communing are still invited to come forward for a blessing from Pastor, and you may indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

As We Gather: On October 31st, 1517, a monk named Martin Luther nailed his *95 Theses* on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. In those theses, he questioned the legitimacy of a practice of the Church at the time called *indulgences*. More importantly, it eventually sparked the Protestant Reformation, which re-discovered and emphasized the importance of the Word of God and the saving power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Today, **Reformation Day**, we celebrate not a man or a movement, but our God and that same holy Word and Gospel He has given to us.

SHARING OF THE PEACE and GREETING

P: Peace be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

(From Divine Service Setting One LSB pg. 151 ff.)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Please stand as able

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: 119:46

P: I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]

C: **and shall not be put to shame.**

P: I will bless the LORD at all times;

C: **his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

P: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

C: **let the humble hear and be glad.**

P: Come, O children, listen to me;

C: **I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

P: The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
C: **none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
C: **and shall not be put to shame.**

KYRIE

Mark 10:47

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.
C: **Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.
Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people.
C: **Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace;**
P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6-7

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷ And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able

VERSE

Luke 12:32

P: Alleluia! Fear not, little flock,

C: **for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 11:12-19

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

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

¹² From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³ For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴ and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁶ “But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

¹⁷ “‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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C: **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,**

**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.**

Please be seated

SERMON

Please stand as able

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with this response: P: Lord, in Your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

2 Timothy 4:22

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

Colossians 3:1

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Psalms 136

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and give Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: **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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and give it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

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

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion will be served in a continuous fashion. Households may commune at the same time together. Ushers will help direct you forward via the center aisle; please return to your seats via the side aisles. Gluten-free bread is available for those who need it, as is non-alcoholic grape juice. Simply request either when you come forward to receive Communion.

Please stand as able

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P: Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

- P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C: **Amen.**

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SENDING WORDS

- P: We go to live for Jesus!
C: **We go to share His love!**

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Next Week's Readings:

OT Reading: Revelation 7:9-17
Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:1-3
Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12



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