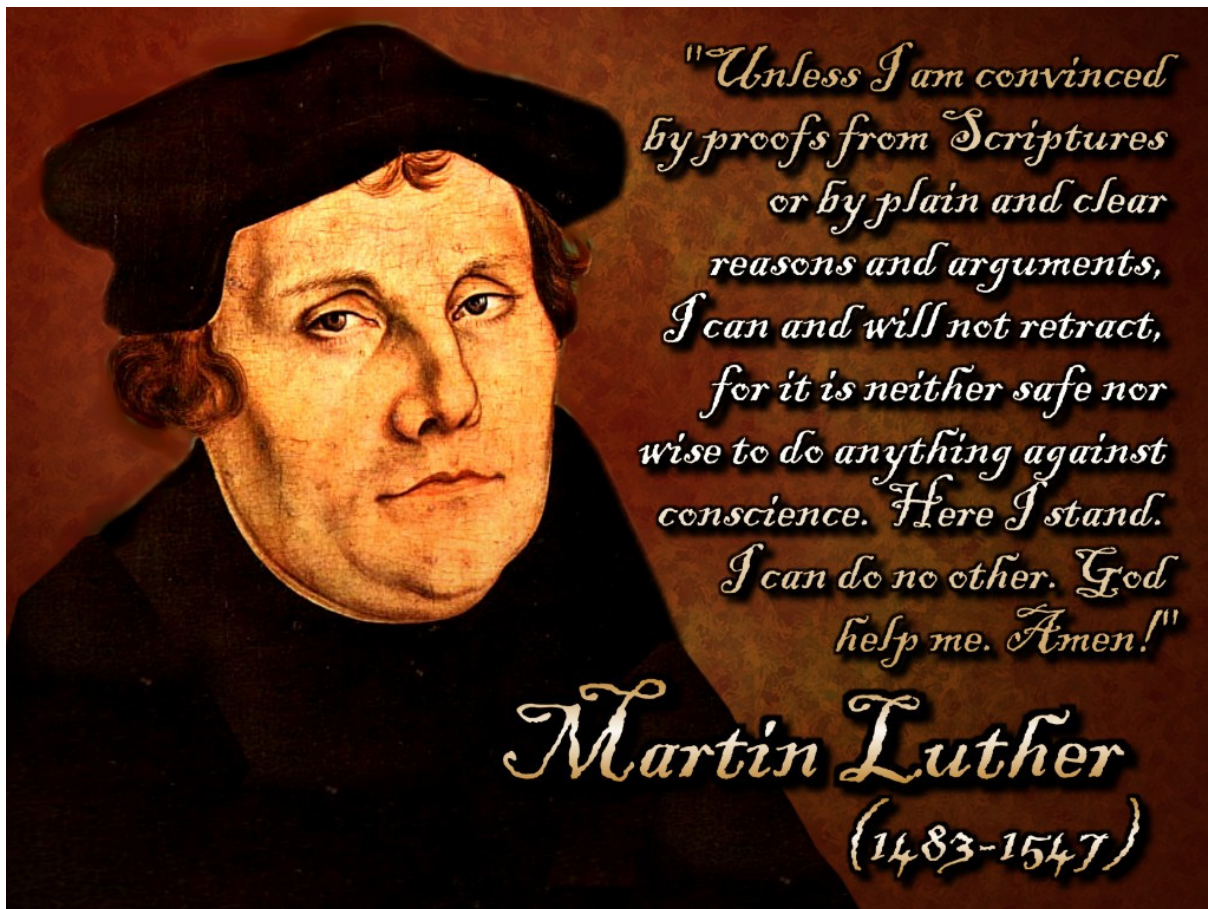


✠ Reformation Sunday ✠

October 25, 2026—8:15 & 10:45 AM



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Gathering People to Christ, Building Believers in Christ, Serving the World as Christ

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION . . .

The word “Sacrament” means that God is at work here. A Sacrament is an act of God, not just a pious ritual of the Church. What God does here is present us with the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, “in, with, and under” the bread and wine. It is more than just a reminder or a symbol of Christ. It is Christ. And so the proper approach is one of repentance for sin, and trust in God’s promise. “He is truly worthy who has faith in the words: Given and shed for you,” as Dr. Luther often said. We ask those who have never communed with us to please speak with the pastor before doing so. Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Welcome: Reformation Day is sometimes treated as merely a nod to history for those who claim Luther’s legacy. But the great Reformation is not about recalling a hero. It is about reclaiming the Gospel in our own time. The once and eternal call is to “fear God and give Him glory” (Revelation 14:7). This fear is nothing less than faith, although it is more. It is respect for the Law that condemns our sin and trust in the Gospel that forgives us. It is reverence before the God who could have settled for being just but instead chose to be merciful. With joy, we claim the heritage and enjoin the responsibility of keeping this faith pure, vigorously proclaiming this faith both within and outside the company of the faithful.

Assisted Listening Devices: are available for those who have trouble hearing the service. Please see an usher to use one.

Communication Cards: Please fill out the bright yellow communication cards located by the bulletins as you enter. If you are a visitor or your address has changed, please include that in the space provided. Prayer requests for next week may be written on the back.

Communion Procedure: Communion will be by continuous line. As the usher releases your pew, move to the pastor who will distribute the wafer, the assisting minister will offer the chalice as the common cup, and the acolyte will be holding the tray of individual cups. Grape juice is in the outer ring and is lighter in color than the wine. The wine is darker in color. Baskets to dispose of the individual cups are located on the outside edge of the front pew. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, alert an usher and the Pastor will bring communion to you.

Cushions are available for those who may need them; ask an usher for assistance.

Nursery Welcomes Your Child: The church nursery is available during both Sunday worship services and Sunday school for preschool age children and younger. The nursery is staffed with a professional nanny. It is located to the right as you enter the building, just past the coat room.

Prayer Requests: Please use the pink sheets to request prayers to be read during the service. Place in the offering plate.

Quiet Room: The Luther Room (located at the end of the hall to the left as you enter the building) is available for use as a “quiet room.” It is equipped with comfortable chairs and a TV that shows the service.

Members and Visitors: Please take a moment to fill out the bright yellow Guest & Member Communication Cards and place it in the offering plate during the Offering time. Thank You.

Prelude

Stand

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” arr. Jay Althouse

Hymn

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” LSB 657, sts. 1–4

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Memory Verse

Romans 3:21-22

C ²¹But now the _____ of God has been
_____ apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets
bear witness to it— ²²the _____ of God through
_____ in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

Confession and Absolution

LSB 203

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. O God, our refuge and strength, always present in trouble, silence our fears when Your good creation seems out of control and evil appears to run rampant. Like the dawning of a new day, dispel the darkness of our hearts and renew confident faith in Your constant presence and gracious protection; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Hymn “When Morning Gilds the Skies” LSB 807, sts. 1–3

Choir and congregation sing verses 1 and 2. Choir sings an alternate verse. Choir and congregation sing verse 3.

Sit

Psalm: Psalm 1

¹Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; ²but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night. ³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers. ⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 2:1–13

¹For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. ²But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. ³For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. ⁶Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. ⁷But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share

with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

⁹For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers.

¹¹For you know how, like a father with his children, ¹²we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

¹³And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem: Let This Mind Be in You

By Craig Courtney

Let this mind be in you which was in Lord Jesus Christ.

Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God.
But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant.
And was made in human likeness.
And being found in human fashion, He humbled Himself, humbled Himself;
Became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Wherefore God has raised Him up and given Him a name above all names,

That at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow,

Whether in heaven or earth or under the earth,

That every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father!

Let this mind be in you which was in Lord Jesus Christ.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:34–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵And one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question to test Him. ³⁶“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷And He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴²saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?” They said to Him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls Him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴“The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand, until I put Your enemies under Your feet”?

⁴⁵If then David calls Him Lord, how is He his son?” ⁴⁶And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask Him any more questions.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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 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.

Children's Message

Bob Brantsch DCE

Hymn

"The Man Is Ever Blessed"

LSB 705, sts. 1–6

Sermon

Blessed Is the One

Offering: *We will pass the offering plate to collect your offerings and Guest & Member Communication Cards (yellow sheets). We have three options for online giving available on our website <https://www.gloriadeihudson.org>. Scroll down to the "Online Giving" section and you will see Simply Giving, PayPal, and Venmo.*

Offertory:

"If My People Will Pray"

arr. Joseph Linn

If My people which are called by My name
Shall humble themselves. shall humble themselves and pray.
If My people which are called by My name
Shall seek My face and turn from their wicked ways,
Then will I hear from heaven,
Then will I hear and will forgive, forgive their sin.

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Stand

Pastoral Prayers | Prayer of the Church

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord of hosts, we give You glory and thanks for being our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, especially on this Reformation festival. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Thank You for the gift of Your grace that alone sets us free through the blood of Your Son, Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Faithful and forgiving God, thank You for bringing us to faith in You. It is through this faith alone that we are saved. Grow us in Your grace and guide us by Your Spirit in living our faith daily. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A O Word who became flesh and dwelt among us, You have given us the Word of Life. Strengthen us by Your Word. Lead and guide us by Your truth. Give Your church on earth faithful pastors who preach and teach the Gospel in all its purity. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

A Lord Jesus, You are the One who sets us free. In You alone our hope is found. You are our strength and our refuge. Remember all who face adversity of any kind. Comfort, strengthen, and heal them by Your Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Preserve Your church, O Lord, and each of us as members of Christ's Body, that we may not surrender the true Gospel for any reason but be kept in this faith and fear throughout the days of our earthly pilgrimage, until that day when we and all Your people shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the reward You have prepared for us and all who have loved His appearing. To You alone be all glory, now and forever, for You rule and reign as one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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 gave 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."

Proclamation of Christ

A As often as we eat of this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Sit

Hymn "What Is the World to Me" LSB 730, sts. 1-4

Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" LSB 411, sts. 1-3

Hymn "All for Christ I Have Forsaken" LSB 753, sts. 1-5

Stand

Communion Dismissal

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

A 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.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

Memory Verse

Romans 3:21-22

C ²¹But now the _____ of God has been
_____ apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets
bear witness to it— ²²the _____ of God through
_____ in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

Hymn

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” LSB 733, sts. 1–6

Postlude

“Proclaim the Glory of the Lord” arr. Jack Schrader

Thanks to guest musician, trumpet player Tim Shaffer.

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