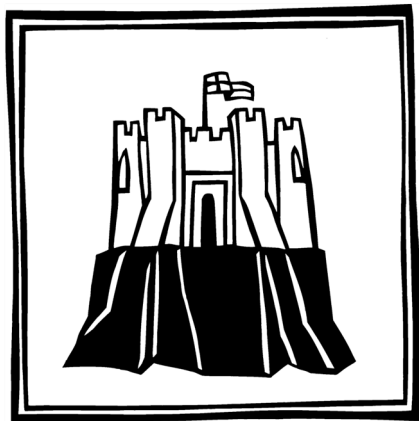




Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

8:30 am



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.

Order of Worship

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or "All Creation Sings" (ACS)

GATHER AT THE CROSSNarthex

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFORMATION OPENING LITANY

- P** Early on the morning of October 31, 1517, Martin Luther came to the door of his church wanting the church to debate the role of grace in our lives.
- C** **We gather at the door of our church this morning to seek God's grace in our lives anew.**
- P** The book of Romans tell us, "We are justified by grace through faith in Jesus Christ."
- C** **We gather at the door of our church this morning to seek God's grace in our lives anew.**
- P** We have received that grace and faith in the waters of our baptism, and each time we gather we renew the covenant of our baptism.
- C** **We gather at the door of our church this morning to seek God's grace in our lives anew.**
- P** Today again, God comes to us in the Word and in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We celebrate God's never ending grace in our lives and in our faith community.
- C** **We gather at the door of our church this morning to seek God's grace in our lives anew.**
- P** Let us enter with thanksgiving, singing songs of praise, for our God is a God of Grace and Mercy.

GATHERING HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”ELW #504



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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(stand) **GREETING**

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

G **And also with you.**

(stand) **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.

G **Amen.**

(sit) **FIRST READING..... Romans 3:19-28**

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

A Word of God, word of life.

G **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S TALK

(stand) **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in a G major key signature (one sharp). It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are 'Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The melody is simple and repetitive, with the piano accompaniment providing harmonic support.

(stand) **GOSPEL John 8:31-36**

P The holy gospel according to John.

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

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

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.**

(sit) **SERMON Pastor Katie Christie**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord Jesus Think On Me" ELW #599

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION

- P** Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for this young person, one with us in the body of Christ, who is making public affirmation of his baptism.

I present the following who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism:

Zayne Heyde

Let us pray . . .

Merciful God, we thank you for this your child, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called him to yourself, enlightened him with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished him 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.**

(stand) PROFESSION OF FAITH

- 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?

- C** **I renounce them.**

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

- C** **I renounce them.**

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

- C** **I renounce them.**

- 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. Amen.**

(sit) **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?

R **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P People of God, do you promise to support Zayne and pray for him in his life in Christ?
C **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

(stand)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- A** Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

Silence for reflection.

Each petition will close with the words: "God of grace"

The response is "receive our prayer."

- P** We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING OF GOD'S SPIRIT

- P** Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made Zayne your own. You forgave him all his sins and brought him to newness of life. Continue to strengthen him with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in him your gifts of grace: 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; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C Amen

LAYING ON OF HANDS

The blessing is repeated for each person. The Confirmation verse is read as the family and confirmand come forward.

LIGHTING BAPTISMAL CANDLES

(parents light baptismal candle and give to their child)

****Confirmand stands facing the congregation with lighted baptismal candle****

Song: "This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna to let it shine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna to let it shine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna to let it shine

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine! (Sing twice)

- P** Let us rejoice with this fellow servant 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.

PEACE

- P** The peace of our Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

(sit) **THE OFFERING**

OFFERTORY

“We Walk By Faith” Marty Haugen, arr. David Cherwien
David Singer, organ

OFFERING PRAYER

- P** Let us pray. God of all goodness,
C generations have turned to you,
gathered around your table,
and shared your abundant blessings.
Number us among them
that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,
and give thanks for your rich blessings,
we may feast upon your very self
and care for all that you have made,
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.
Amen.

(stand) **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

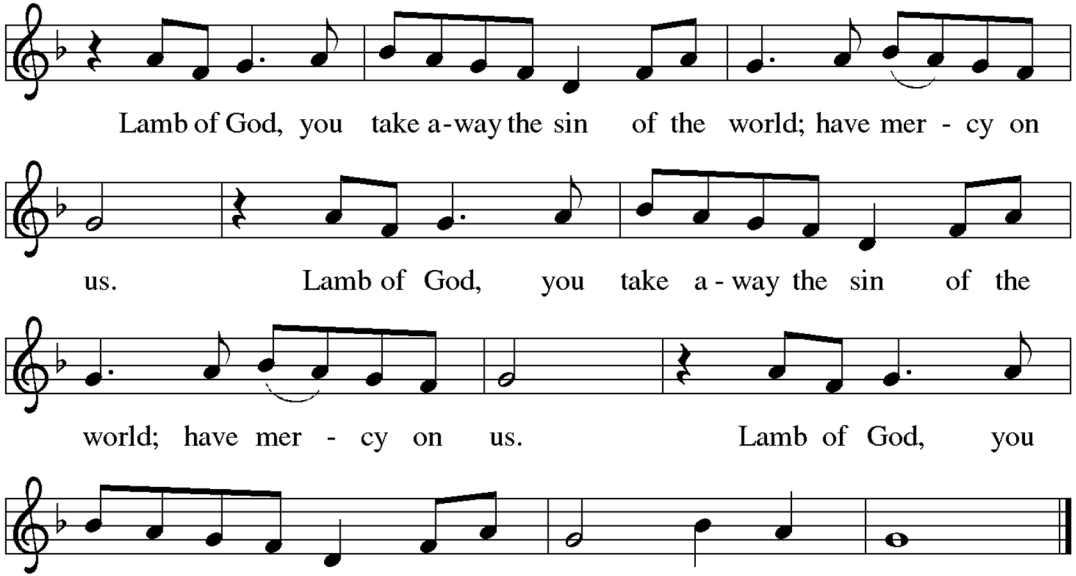
C **Thanks be to God.**

(sit) COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

Communion will be distributed at the altar railing. The usher will indicate when each section of pews should come forward. Whether kneeling or standing, those wishing to receive anointing, cross your arms after reaching the rail. If you are not able or not comfortable coming to the altar, the pastor will bring the bread and wine to you at the pew. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available. Simply request these from the pastor.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Lamb of God” ELW pp135



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

“Take My Life, That I May Be”ELW #685

(stand)

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray...
 Lord Jesus,
 in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
 Sustain us on the journey,
 strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,
 and give us glad and generous hearts
 as we meet you on the way.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
The blessing of God,
Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” ELW #815

DISMISSAL

P Beloved of God,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Festival Postlude” Edward Eicker
David Singer, organ

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