

Reformation Sunday

Therefore, since we have
been justified through
faith, we have peace with
God through our Lord Jesus
Christ, through whom we
have gained access by faith
into this grace in which we
now stand.



Romans 5:1-2, NIV

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Welcome! Enter with Prayer, Worship in Awe, Leave to Serve.

Our worship services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel and our website. If you do not wish to be filmed, please do not sit in the first four pews or the last pew. Children's Time and communion distribution are not filmed.

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

WELCOME TO THE STORY

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.

A Story that Invites Us

SINGING BOWL

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God of all generations, on this Reformation Sunday, we remember all in the faith who take bold steps in new directions to re-form your church.

All: Pour out your spirit upon us, that we too may dream dreams, see visions, and view the whole created order as your bountiful temple. With responsibility and joy, we pledge ourselves to renew this faith community, in Jesus' name. Amen.

WELCOME

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of God is with you always.

All: And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "A Mighty Fortress" – Bell Choir

Please Stand

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

All: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Time of silent reflection . . .

P: Source of all life,

All: we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

P: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world.

All: Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional.

P: We are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Sola Gratia

Grace Alone

Sola Fide

Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura

Scripture Alone

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

vs. 1,2,4 – Text & Tune: Martin Luther



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 -
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
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?
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,
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.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

INVOCATION

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God: our Creator, who dwells in light; Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners; the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.

All: Amen.

**LORD, HAVE MERCY
CHRIST, HAVE MERCY
LORD, HAVE MERCY**

KYRIE

L: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

L: For the reign of God, and for
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. L: For your
All: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.
All: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have

L: Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.
mer - cy. All: A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

All: Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;
praise and glo-ry for - ev - er - more!


1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;
praise and glo-ry for - ev - er - more!

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

Refrain



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.


Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

Refrain




God; to make all things new.

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Gracious Creator, we pray for your holy catholic church.
Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt,

All: purify it;

L: where it is in error,

All: direct it;

L: where in anything it is amiss,

All: reform it;

L: where it is right,

All: strengthen it;

L: where it is in need,

All: provide for it;

L: where it is divided,

All: reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Be Seated

CHOIR ANTHEM: *“Come Build a Church”*

The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

R: You are the living God who sustains all life in continually unfolding ways. And now may we open our ears to your continually unfolding Word. You speak to us in new and vital and imperative ways.

All: With all the power you have given us, let us be silent and open to listening... for nourishment, comfort, for challenge and new focus. Amen.

R: The first reading is from the book of Jeremiah, chapter thirty-one, beginning with the thirty-first verse.

FIRST READING: *Jeremiah 31:31–34*

“Behold, the days are coming, says Yahweh, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them up out of the land of Egypt—a covenant they broke, though I was their spouse, says Yahweh. But this is the covenant I will

make with the house of Israel after those days, says Yahweh: I will put my Law in their minds and on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

“No longer will they need to teach one another or remind one another to listen to Yahweh. All of them, high and low alike, will listen to me, says Yahweh, for I will forgive their misdeeds and will remember their sins no more.

R: Here ends the reading. The second reading is from Romans, chapter three, beginning with the nineteenth verse.

SECOND READING: *Romans 3:19–28*

Now we know that what the Law says is said to those under the Law. Therefore, let every mouth be silenced, and let all of humankind be open to God’s judgment. This is because we are not justified in the sight of God by keeping the Law: law only makes us aware of sin.

But now the justice of God has been manifested apart from the Law, even though both Law and prophets bear witness to it; the justice of God works through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. There are no exceptions: everyone has sinned; everyone falls short of the glory of God. Yet everyone has also been undeservedly justified by the gift of God, through the redemption wrought in Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a propitiatory sacrifice, for the atonement of all who have faith in Christ’s blood. And God did so to manifest divine justice—because God showed forbearance by remitting sins committed in the past, in order to demonstrate divine justice in the present—so that the Most High might be both a just judge and the One who justifies those who believe in Jesus.

What room is there then for boasting? It is ruled out. In what law do we boast—the law of works? No: only the law of faith. We maintain that one is justified by faith—apart from keeping the Law.

R: Here ends the reading.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

R: *Our God is the source of wisdom and understanding.*

All: ***Bless us with your gifts, O God.***

R: *Our God feeds us with the bread of life and the wellspring of our salvation.*

All: ***Bless us with your grace, Christ Jesus.***

R: *Our God is the foundation of mercy and compassion.*

All: ***Bless us with your gifts, Mighty Spirit.***

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All: Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

P: *The Holy Gospel according to John, the eighth chapter.*

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

GOSPEL: *John 8:31-36*

Jesus said to those who believed in him, “If you live according to my teaching, you really are my disciples; then you’ll know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

“We’re descendants of Sarah and Abraham,” they replied. “Never have we been the slaves of anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You’ll be free’?”

Jesus answered them, “The truth of the matter is, everyone

who lives in sin is the slave of sin. Now a slave doesn't always remain part of a household; an heir, however, is a member of that house forever. So if the heir—the Only Begotten—makes you free, you will be free indeed.

P: *The Gospel of the Risen Savior.*

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

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S TIME: *"Luther's Seal"* – Carmen Blair



Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"For by Grace You Have Been Saved"* vs. 1,2



1 For by grace you have been saved and e - ven faith is not your
2 "So my grace is all - suf - fi - cient for each child who is my



own, it's the gift of God for you and not the works that you have
own, for my strength is now made per - fect for each child who is my



done. Don't let an - y - bod - y boast, for this is
own. When you're weak, then you are strong, for this is



God's great gift. A - men.
God's great gift." A - men. A - men.

MESSAGE – Pastor Tim

A Story that Feeds Us

Please Stand

THE CREED

We confess our faith using the words of Martin Luther's explanation of the third article of the Apostles' Creed.

L: Do you turn to Christ as your Redeemer and Savior?

All: In faith I turn to Christ.

L: With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith.

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins, mine and those of all believers. On the Last Day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

This is most certainly true.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: God of all creation, we belong to you. We consecrate ourselves to you by offering our whole selves as living sacrifices.

All: We offer you our ears to hear your word, our mouths to sing your praise, our eyes to see the needs of our neighbors, our hands to share the abundance that you have entrusted to our care, and our feet to go into the world sharing your love. May we shine as your lights in the world. Amen.

Be Seated

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Refrain

All: As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with -in our midst, when
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.

All: By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation. Creator of all, we give thanks for the whole church throughout the world. Open wide the paths toward unity between denominations so that all followers of Christ may join in shared worship and mission. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Gracious God, in the spirit of reformation we pray for all who cry out for relief from systemic oppression. May the hearts of those who occupy seats of power be reformed so that peace becomes the center of our life together. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Comforting God, be with all who are sick, suffering, or grieving in our own community and beyond. Surround them with the promise of your love, comfort, and grace that never ends. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Divine Guide, continue to challenge this community to be ever reforming in our ministries and outreach efforts. Inspire creative ideas among us so that the communal, grace-filled word of God remains at the heart of our ministry. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of all, hear now the prayers of our heart said either silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: God is with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to our Creator.

L: Let us give thanks to our Creator.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless you for creating the whole world;

All: for your promises to your people Israel, and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells.

P: Born of Mary,

All: Jesus shares out life.

P: Eating with sinners,

All: Christ welcomes us.

P: Guiding his children,

All: Jesus leads us,

P: Visiting the sick,

All: Christ heals us.

P: Dying on the cross,

All: Jesus saves us.

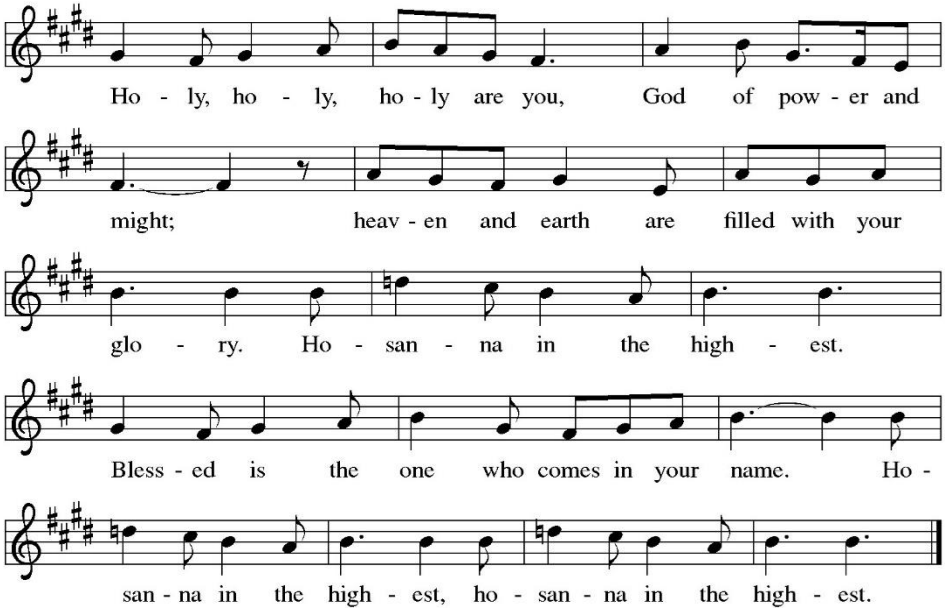
P: Risen from the dead,

All: Christ gives new life.

P: Living with you,

All: Jesus prays for us.

THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it up for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance for me." With thanksgiving we take this bread, and this cup and proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord.

All: Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast.

P: Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love,

All: that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.

P: We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation of our hearts.

All: 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.

FRACTION RITE

P: The bread is ready, the cup is filled, the table is set.

All: Let all who are hungry for the love of God, come and be fed.

P: Let all who are thirsty for new life, come and share the cup.

All: Let all who want to follow Jesus, come and join the feast.

Be Seated

The ushers will invite you to the Lord's Table
after the Lamb of God is sung.



LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Holy Communion is open to all.

Wine is red, grape juice is yellow, water is in the center of the tray.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

For communion at the altar rail:

When directed by the ushers, you may come up the center aisle to the altar rail, stand or kneel, and hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the host into. Eat. Then take a cup of wine (red), grape juice (light yellow), or water (clear) from the assistant. Drink. Then place your empty cup in the tray that follows. Rise and return to your seat via the side aisles.



Come to the Feast

COMMUNION HYMN: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

COMMUNION HYMN: "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"



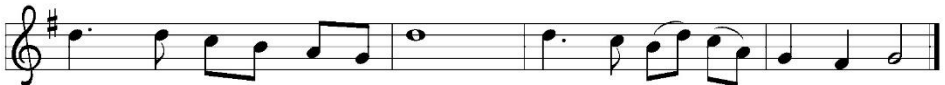
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: We give you thanks, O God, that you welcome us to your table and satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst.

All: By your gifts of word and holy meal, strengthen us to take up the cross as we go about our callings in this world, following after Jesus Christ. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life and the bread of life to nourish your people.

All: Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve

BENEDICTION

P: Go forth with the blessing of God. Go forth with the healing of Christ. Go forth with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Go forth with the hope of faith.

All: We go forth alive in God's love. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: "Rise, Shine, You People!" vs. 1,3,4



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us. Tell how the



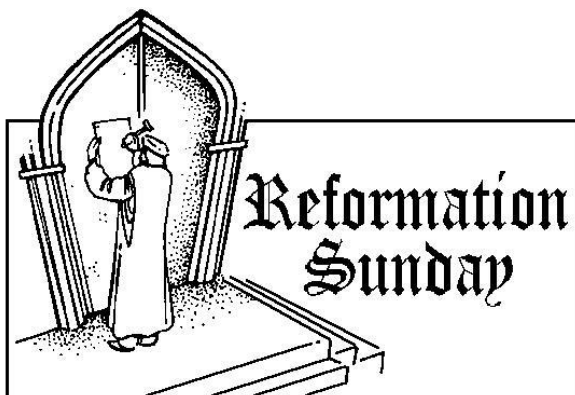
us, by death and sin sur-round-ed, with grace un - bound-ed.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Scripture Readings: Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation - Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. Kindle Edition.

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