

**REFORMATION DAY**  
Truth and Freedom  
October 29 & 30, 2016

**AS WE GATHER**

We celebrate the 499th anniversary of the Reformation of the Christian Church. Tracing our heritage back to Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-Five Theses on October 31, 1517, we join with God's children throughout the world to thank Him for saving us by His grace alone through faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The precious Gospel of Christ's life, death, and resurrection is the central truth of Holy Scripture, and it alone has the power to set us free from sin as we cling to Christ by faith. May the Lord bless us today as we worship Him and abide in His life-saving, life-changing Word! Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word!

**5:00 BELL ANTHEM**                    *"A Mighty Fortress"*

**WELCOME**

**MINISTRY MOMENT - LEA Conference**

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith –  
and this not from yourselves, it is a gift of God –  
not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

**HANDSHAKES & HUGS**

**+ PREPARATION +**

**PROCESSIONAL #656 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

*Please rise and face the entrance to the sanctuary.*

A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from every need That hath us now o'er taken.  
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe; Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is, Of Sabaoth Lord,  
And there's none other God; He holds the field forever.

Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r us.  
This world's prince may still scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none.  
He's judged; the deed is done; One little word can fell him.

The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit. And take they  
our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife, Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has  
been won' The Kingdom ours remaineth.

**INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: For by grace you have been saved through faith.

**People: And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,**

Pastor: not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

**People: For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,**

Pastor: which God prepared beforehand,

**People: that we should walk in them.**

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: The Word of God announces both His punishment and His pardon,  
His judgment and His grace. The Law of God, summarized in the Ten  
Commandments, reminds us of our continual need for the Lord's  
forgiveness. As we gather for worship, let us first pray to the Lord,  
confessing our sins to Him and calling upon Him to have mercy upon  
us. With humble hearts, we confess:

**People: Heavenly Father, your Word of truth confronts us in our sin. It  
convicts us of the bad things we have thought, said, and done, and  
of the good things we have failed to think, say, and do. Forgive our  
sins against you and our sins against one another. Through your  
Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive us. By the power  
of His death on the cross and His resurrection from the grave,**

**reunite our lives to your life. Equip us by your Holy Spirit to love and to serve others as you have first loved and served us. Amen.**

Pastor: Jesus said, "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." Friends in Christ, let us abide in Jesus' Word, which brings us the freedom of His forgiveness. Almighty God, in His great mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for Jesus' sake forgives you all your sins. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

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Glory be to God on high; and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Lord, your Word is our source of life. By your Spirit, teach your people throughout the world with the eternal gospel of your Son that, as hearts receive your truth, you may set us free from the curse of our sin; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

<sub>3</sub> (Be seated)

**+ WORD +**

**FIRST READING** *Revelation 14:6–7* (God's messenger brings the eternal gospel.) Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."

**EPISTLE** *Romans 3:19–28* (God justifies us through faith in Christ.)

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.

**8:00 ANTHEM** *"Forever/A Mighty Fortress"* Choral Setting by Jack Schrader

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 8:31–36* (God sets us free as we abide in Jesus' Word.) To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

(Be seated)

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN #644 “The Church’s One Foundation”**

The Church’s one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation By water and the Word.  
From heav’n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, Yet one o’er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, “How long?”  
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.  
O blessed heav’nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

**SERMON** *“Following Jesus Home”* **Luke 19:1-10**

(Rise)

**NICENE CREED** *(found on the inside back cover of the hymnal)*

(Be seated)

**OFFERING** As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

**5:00 BELL ANTHEM** *“Thy Strong Word”*

(Rise)

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. So let us lay before Him the needs of all people. God of grace, keep us steadfast in your Word that makes us Christ’s disciples and teaches us your truth.

**People:** **Guide our wayward hearts, so that we never follow the false gospels that lead us away from you. Provide for us and your whole Church faithful pastors who preach with purity and joy that we are saved by your grace alone through faith alone because of Christ alone.**

**Pastor:** God of grace, we confess that we commit sin and are by nature slaves to sin. Grant to each of us humble and sincere repentance of all our sins.

**People:** **Bless us also with confident faith that never doubts your promise that because your Son has set us free, we are truly free.**

**Pastor:** God of grace, silence our mouths with your Law. Remind us that we are accountable to you, so that we never trust our efforts to achieve our salvation.

**People:** **Bless this congregation that all may be assured that we are declared righteous as a gift by your grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.**

**Pastor:** God of grace, you presented your Son as a sacrifice of atonement. Give us lips that are ready and eager to tell the people in our communities and the people of the world what Christ has done. Bless mission work and especially our Together in Mission partner, Pastor Chuck Ferry and family.

**People:** **As your eternal Gospel is proclaimed to every nation, tribe, language and people, turn unbelievers to faith in Jesus, so that many more forgiven sinners fear you and give you glory.**

**Pastor:** God of grace, when we fret over the state of the world, remind us that even when nations are in uproar and kingdoms fall, you remain in control. Teach us to be still and know that you are God.

**People:** Show us and all people the joy that comes through following your ways instead of yielding to the ways of the world. Guide all who govern us so that evil is thwarted, righteousness is rewarded, marriage is honored and the lives of the unborn are protected.

**Pastor:** God of grace, do not let your people fear though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea. Come to the rescue of all people in need including your servants Edith, Eleanor, Henry, Arlene, Mae, Jerry, Wendy, Carol, Jerry, Dorothy, Arlene, John, Richard, Roemelle, LuEva, Kathleen, Jean, Russ, Helen, Leonard, Linda, Gladys, Jack, Shirley and Sarah.

**People:** Comfort them with the promise that you, the Lord Almighty, are with them.

**Pastor:** God of grace, lead us with humble but joy-filled hearts to the Supper of your Son's body and blood. Unite us as your people.

**People:** Prepare us with this meal for life and death. Keep us as you kept all the faithful before us who now rest with you.

**Pastor:** God of grace, we give you thanks and praise for calling home your child, David Timm. Bless and comfort all his loved ones who grieve his passing. Comfort also the Moravec family as they remember Frances, Angie as she remembers Kaden, and Nancy as she remembers her husband, Jimmy.

**People:** Fill them all with hope and peace through the promise of resurrection and eternal life in Christ.

**Pastor:** God of grace, hear our prayers and help your people, for we pray through your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

+ SACRAMENT +

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** Amen.

**AGNUS DEI**

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

(Be seated)

**DISTRIBUTION** Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

**HYMN #626 "Come, Let Us Eat"** Men sing *Leader* part : Women sing *All part*

*Men*- Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,

*Women*- Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

*Men* - Our Lord's body let us take together,

*Women* - Our Lord's body let us take together.

*Men* - Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,

*Women* - Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.

*Men* - Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,

*Women* - Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

*Men* - In His presence now we meet and rest,

*Women* - In His presence now we meet and rest.

*Men* - In the presence of our Lord we gather,

*Women* - In the presence of our Lord we gather.

*Men* - Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word.

*Women* - Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word.

*Men* - Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom.

*Women* - Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom.

**HYMN #744 “Amazing Grace”**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven’s joy and peace.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise Than when we’d first begun.

**HYMN #655 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”**

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.

O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.

**COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have  
nourished our souls and set us free from our sins through the body  
and blood of our Savior. As we abide in your Word of truth, work  
through our lives to share the freedom of Christ with all the world;  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, you have been saved by grace through faith in  
Jesus Christ.

**People: We rejoice in this gift of God!**

Pastor: You are made to be His workmanship, walking daily in His Word.

**People: We rejoice in the Word that sets us free!**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN #578 “Thy Strong Word”**

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.

For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life breathing breath.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives, our hopes confess.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu’ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth All Thy bright redeeming light.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.

Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send

Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

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