



## REFORMATION

Service... The Door of Fulfillment  
October 26 & 27, 2013

### AS WE GATHER

Service is the door of fulfillment. As we worship this Reformation weekend, we recall Luther's admonishment to serve, help, and protect our neighbor in his explanations to the second table of the law (commandments 4-10) in the **Small Catechism**. In today's message we learn about the seven steps to servanthood.

### 5:00 PRESERVICE MUSIC

*"A Mighty Fortress"*

*Bell Choir*

### WELCOME

*"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul." Psalm 23:1-3*

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

#### + PREPARATION +

*We rise and face the cross at the entrance of the sanctuary.*

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

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 till 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

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

**People: Amen.**

### OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: What is the First Commandment?

**People: You shall have no other gods.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

**People: We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.**

### CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Because our fear, love, and trust has wandered away from God to other things, let us call to mind our sin and confess it before God so that we may live in the forgiveness promised in our Holy Baptism. O almighty God,

**People: our Creator and Redeemer: we confess that we have been careless in our appreciation of your mercy and grace. We have been forgetful of all that you have done for our salvation and the world. Our neglect of your Word has impoverished our faith from receiving your gifts. By the blood of Jesus pleading for us before your throne and in your great mercy cleanse us of our sin and create in us new hearts that we may truly fear, glorify, and worship you all the days of our life.**

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. In the name of Jesus and by His authority I proclaim to you the forgiveness of all your sins. Live in the freedom of your Holy Baptism in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### 5:00 & 8:00 HYMN OF PRAISE #506 "Glory Be to God the Father"

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory While eternal ages run!

Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;  
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.  
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

### 10:30 HYMN OF PRAISE "Give Thanks"

Give thanks With a grateful heart Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son

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And now let the weak say I am strong Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what The Lord has done for us  
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#### **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. 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; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

**+ WORD +**

#### **FIRST READING Acts 2:43**

Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.

#### **SECOND READING 1 Peter 4:7-11**

The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **5:00 ANTHEM**

*"O Church Arise"*

*St. Paul's Choir*

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** John 8:31-36 (*The truth will set you free.*)

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**

**5:00 & 8:00 SERMON HYMN #578 "Thy Strong Word"**

Stanzas 1-3

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!

#### **10:30 SERMON HYMN**

**"In Christ Alone"**

In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh Fulness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand  
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**SERMON**                      *Service: The Door of Fulfillment*                      Acts 2:43 & 1 Peter 4:7-11

(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.

**5:00 BELL ANTHEM DURING OFFERING**                      *"Built on the Rock"*

(Rise)

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Pastor Bender**

*After each petition:*

Pastor: God, our refuge and strength,

**People: hear our prayer.**

*At the conclusion of the prayers:*

Pastor: . . . through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**+ SACRAMENT +**

**WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

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

**People: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI HYMN**                      (Tune #702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee)

O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins away - Our faith increase.

Have mercy on us all, Strengthen us when we fall,

Answer our fervent call And grant us peace.

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(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.

**5:00 BELL ANTHEM**                      *"Grace Alone"*

**5:00 & 8:00 HYMN #832 "Jesus Shall Reign"**

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does its successive journeys run:

His kingdom stretch from shore to shore

Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,  
And endless praises crown His head;  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns:

The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,  
The weary find eternal rest,

And all who suffer want are blest.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
Honors peculiar to our King;

Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud amen.

**HYMN #566 "By Grace I'm Saved"**

By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;  
My soul, believe and doubt it not.  
Why stager at this word of promise?  
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?  
No! Then this word must true remain:  
By grace you too will life obtain.

By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;  
Our works and conduct have no worth.  
God in His love sent our Redeemer,  
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;  
His death did for our sins atone,  
And we are saved by grace alone.

By grace God's Son, our only Savior, Came down to earth to bear our sin. Was it because of your own merit That Jesus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and grace alone, That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.

By grace! This ground of faith is certain; As long as God is true, it stands. What saints have penned by inspiration, What in His Word our God commands, Our faith in what our God has done Depends on grace-grace through His Son.

By grace to timid hearts that tremble, In tribulation's furnace tried, By grace, in spite of fear and trouble, The Father's heart is open wide. Where could I help and strength secure If grace were not my anchor sure?

By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; In Jesus' promise I rejoice; For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice. My heart is glad, all grief has flown Since I am saved by grace alone.

#### **HYMN #617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"**

O Lord we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.

Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish

Our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy!

May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary, That our sins and sorrows did carry, And Thy blood for us plead In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!

Thy holy body into death was given, Life to win for us in heaven.

No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;

May this feast there-of remind us! O Lord, have mercy!

Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee

That Thy blood should bless and sustain me. All our debt Thou hast paid; Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mercy!

May God bestow on us His grace and favor That we follow Christ our Savior And live together here in love and union

Nor despise this blest Communion! O Lord, have mercy!

Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us; Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see Days of peace and unity: O Lord, have mercy!

#### **10:30**

#### **"Seek Ye First"**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness  
And all these things Shall be added unto you Allelu, Alleluia

Man shall not live by bread alone But by ev'ry word that proceeds  
From the mouth of God Allelu, Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you Seek and ye shall find  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you Allelu, Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia

#### **"You Are My All In All"**

You are my strength When I am weak You are the treasure That I seek  
You are my all in all Seeking You as a precious jew'l  
Lord to give up I'd be a fool You are my all in all

**Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name**

Taking my sin My cross my shame Rising again I bless Your name  
You are my all in all When I fall down You pick me up  
When I am dry You fill my cup You are my all in all

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### COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

Pastor: The almighty and merciful God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit  
bless you.

**People: Amen.**

### RECESSIONAL HYMN #578

### “Thy Strong Word”

Stanzas 4-6

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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### Friendship Weekend Coming

We need you, every one of you, to participate in the upcoming "Friendship Weekend." The way we want you to participate is simply to start identifying and praying for people that **you** will personally invite to attend church with you on the weekend of **November 30-December 1**. A bulletin insert is included to help you start preparing spiritually and practically to invite others to come to church with you. The theme that weekend will be "Restoring Christ as the Heart of Christmas."