



Order of Worship

November 4th, 2018



Reformation Sunday

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LITURGY

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PRELUDE

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

WELCOME

+ PRAYER OF APPROACH

Pastor: We gather here by grace alone!

People: The gift of God that saves us!

Pastor: And we gather here faith alone!

People: The gift of God that carries us!

Pastor: We gather here by Scripture alone!

People: The gift of God that guides us!

Pastor: And we gather here by Christ alone!

People: The Son of God Who loves us!

**ALL: Almighty God, on this Reformation Sunday, we gather here to
praise Your name, and we thank You that within this place
Your light now shines and darkness flees.**

The light of grace alone, that saves us from the power of sin!

The light of faith alone, that carries us from day to day!

The light of Scripture alone, that guides us as we follow You!

And the light of Christ alone, Whose love for us will never end!

**Lord, may we find in Him a resting place for all our hearts, and
may we know it is enough that He has died and truly lives.**

To You be the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

† SONG OF APPROACH "My Faith Has Found A Resting Place"

words by Lidie H. Edmunds, 1891; music by André Grétry, 19th Century

G C G G B D C E7 Am Am G D G
 G C G G B D C E7 Am Am G D D7 G

1 My faith has found a rest - ing place, not in de - vice nor creed;
 2 E - nough for me that Je - sus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;
 3 My heart is lean - ing on the Word, the writ - ten Word of God,
 4 My great Phy - si - cian heals the sick, the lost he came to save;

I trust the ev - er - liv - ing One, his wounds for me shall plead.
 a sin - ful soul, I come to him, he'll nev - er cast me out.
 sal - va - tion by my Sav - ior's name, sal - va - tion through his blood.
 for me his pre - cious blood he shed, for me his life he gave.

Refrain

G G D G G C Am G D
 D7 G C G G B D C E7 Am Am G D7 G

I need no oth - er ar - gu - ment, I need no oth - er plea;
 it is e - nough that Je - sus died, and that he died for me.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

† THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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.

† SONG OF APPROACH

“Behold Our God”

words and music by J. Baird, M. Baird, R. Baird, and S. Altrogge, 2011

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
 Who has numbered every grain of sand?
 Kings and nations tremble at His voice
 All creation rises to rejoice.

Behold our God seated on His throne

Come let us adore Him!

Behold our King nothing can compare

Come let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
 Who can question any of His Words?
 Who can teach the One who knows all things?
 Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Behold our God seated on His throne

Come let us adore Him!

Behold our King nothing can compare

Come let us adore Him!

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
 Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
 God eternal humbled to the grave
 Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!

Behold our God seated on His throne

Come let us adore Him!

Behold our King nothing can compare

Come let us adore Him!

† CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor: When we want to be a people of grace, but lean upon our selfish works:

People: O Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

Pastor: And when we want to be a people of faith, but fail to trust Your promises.

People: O Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

Pastor: When we want to be a people of Scripture, but look for guidance somewhere else.

People: O Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

Pastor: And when we want to be a people of Christ, but fail to show His steadfast love.

People: O Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

(Confess in Silence)

† SONG OF CONFESSION

“Kyrie”

words and music by John Merbecke, 1549

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

† CONFESSION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Brothers and Sisters, our God (Who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love) loves us just as we are. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Church of Jesus Christ, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all of our sins. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made righteous!
Thanks be to God!

† **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostles Creed

Pastor: Let us confess our faith together saying:

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ His 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,
And He is seated at the right hand of the Father;
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
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.

* The word *catholic* means “universal” or “for all people” (not the Roman Catholic Church).

† **PASSING OF PEACE**

Pastor: Friends, the peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: Please take this time to offer the peace of Christ to those around you.

† **SONG OF PEACE**

“Jesus Paid It All”

words by Elvina M. Hall, 1865; music by John T. Grape, 1868

I hear the Savior say,
“Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all.”

[CHORUS]

*Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper’s spots
And melt the heart of stone.

[CHORUS]

For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace I claim;
I’ll wash my garments clean
In the blood of Calvary’s Lamb.

[CHORUS]

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete,
“Jesus died to save my soul”,
My lips shall still repeat.

[CHORUS]

+ OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:1-7 (ESV)

Invitation to the Thirsty

Lector: Children of God and friends of Christ, hear these words from the prophet Isaiah:

¹ Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for He has glorified you.

⁶ “Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; ⁷ Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and He will have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will freely pardon.

Lector: This is the Word of God for you, the people of God!

People: Thanks be to God!

+ NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 9:46-52 (ESV)

Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus

Pastor: And now friends, a reading from the Gospel of Mark.
Listen and hear the Word of God:

⁴⁶ Then Jesus and His Disciples came to Jericho, and as they left the city with a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸ And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But then he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹ Then Jesus stopped and said, “**Call him.**” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; He is calling you.” ⁵⁰ Then throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ And Jesus said to him, “**What do you want Me to do for you?**” And the blind man said to Him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” ⁵² Then Jesus said to him, “**Go your way; your faith has made you well.**” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed Jesus on the way.

Pastor: Friends this too is the Word of God for you, the people of God!
People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Scotty J. Williams

† WORSHIP IN GIVING

If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give,
but if you choose to give we thank you and pray that you are blessed.

† DOXOLOGY *words by Thomas Ken, 1674; music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551*

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
here be-low; praise *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

† INVITATION TO THE FEAST (Eucharist)

Pastor: In the ancient Church a greeting was given at the breaking
of bread, and like those before us I greet you with the joy of
God. Friends, the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!

Pastor: Gracious Father, we give You thanks and praise for Your
Son, Jesus Christ, through Whom You have created all
things. And Who was sent by You to conquer sin and death
by taking up the cross and grave.
O Father, as Your loving children and friends of Christ who
know His love, we come before His Table with joy, and with
saints, angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven, we
praise Your name and join them saying:

**ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might!
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory!
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

† WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Sung Eucharist)

words by Isaac Watts, 1719; music by Cologne, 1623

ALL: From all that dwell below the skies.
 Let the Creator's praise arise.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Let the Redeemer's name be sung
 Through every land, in every tongue.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor: The night that Jesus was betrayed
 He blessed and broke the loaf and said,

People: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor: "This is My body here for you,
 My gift that frees and makes you new."

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor: Then Jesus also took the cup
 After those gathered had all supped.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor: "This is My life blood shed for you,
 The measure of My love for you."

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL: Jesus Your feast we celebrate.
 We eat the food You consecrate.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 We glimpse that glad eternal feast,
 To which You welcome great and least.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† SONG OF THANKSGIVING

"A Mighty Fortress"

words and music by Martin Luther, 1528 (Indelible Grace)

A Mighty Fortress is our God,
 A Bulwark never failing;
 Our Helper He amid the flood
 Of mortal ills prevailing;
 For still our ancient Foe
 Doth seek to work us woe;
 His craft and pow'r are great,
 And armed with cruel hate,
 On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
 Our striving would be losing;
 Were not the right Man on our side,
 The Man of God's own choosing;
 Dost ask who that may be:
 Christ Jesus it is He;
 Lord Sabaoth His name,
 From age to age the same,
 And He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled,
 Should threaten to undo us
 We will not fear for God hath willed,
 His truth to triumph through us
 The Prince of Darkness grim,
 We tremble not for him
 His rage we can endure,

For lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'r,
No thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still,
His Kingdom is forever!

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

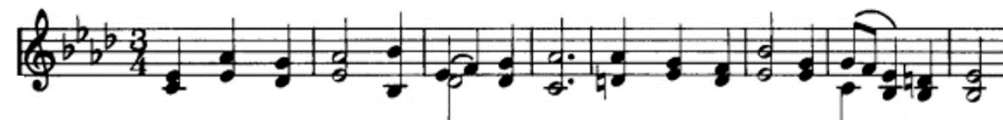
Pastor: Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for feeding us at the Table of Jesus, and for assuring us, through Your great Word, that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Him alone. Lord, we thank You that Your Kingdom is forever, and we pray that we would share its hope that Jesus has atoned for all; we also pray this for our Brothers and Sisters at the *American Lutheran Congregation*, as they remember and celebrate the Reformation in Oslo. We ask all this, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, both now and forever.

ALL: Amen!

† SONG OF SENDING

“Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness”

words by Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1739; and music by William Gardiner, 1815



1. Je - sus, Thy blood and right-eous-ness My beau-ty are, my glo-rious dress;
2. Bold shall I stand in Thy great day, For who aught to my charge shall lay?
3. Lord, I be-lieve Thy pre-cious blood, Which at the mer-cy seat of God
4. Lord, I be-lieve were sin-ners more Than sands up-on the o - cean shore,



'Midst flam-ing worlds, in these ar-rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
Ful - ly ab-solved through these I am, From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
For - ev - er doth for sin-ners plead, For me, e'en for my soul, was shed.
Thou hast for all a ran-som paid, For all a full a-tone-ment made.



† BENEDICTION

Aaronic Blessing

Pastor: Der Herr segne dich und behüte dich!

Der Herr lasse sein Angesicht leuchten über dir

Und sei dir gnädig!

Der Herr erhebe sein Angesicht auf dich

Und gebe dir Frieden!

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make His face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you.

And may the Lord lift up the light of His countenance
upon you, and give You His peace.

† CONGREGATIONAL AMEN

Threifold (Danish) Amen

A - men. A - men. A - men.