

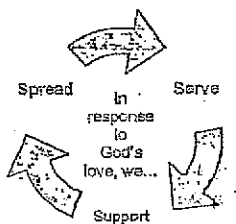
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REFORMATION DAY (OBSERVED)

Order of Worship -9 AM

AS WE GATHER – *While 2017 was the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, our celebrations continue into the 501st year since Martin Luther posted the Ninety-five Theses on the practice of indulgences. The Reformation is a celebration of freedom in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This can particularly be found in today's Epistle from Romans 3. In a marvelous, great exchange, Christ takes our unrighteousness and gives us His righteousness. Even though we all sin and fall short of the glory of God, we are justified by God's grace, as a gift. We celebrate God's love and activity on our behalf to save us.*

PRESERVICE MUSIC “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Johann Gottfried Walter

WELCOME

[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

♯Means please stand; ♯Means please be seated]

♯OPENING HYMN

By Grace I'm Saved



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

5. **By grace to timid hearts that tremble,** 6. **By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;**
In tribulation's furnace tried, **In Jesus' promise I rejoice;**
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble, **For though I know my heart's condition,**
The Father's heart is open wide. **I also know my Savior's voice.**
Where could I help and strength secure **My heart is glad, all grief has flown**
if grace were not my anchor sure? **Since I am saved by grace alone.**

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Based on Psalm 46:1, 8-11

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the \ddagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
C **Amen.**
P *God is our refuge and strength,*
C **a very present help in trouble.**
P *Come, behold the works of the Lord.*
C **He makes wars cease to the end of the earth.**
P *He will be exalted among the nations.*
C **He will be exalted in the earth.**
P *The Lord of hosts is with us;*
C **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *God indeed is our refuge and strength, our help and our fortress. Yet we often choose to flee from the refuge of the Lord. We abandon the strength and safety of God, trusting in our own strength and power. The apostle Paul writes that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. And Jesus says that everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. As we enter the house of the Lord and call upon Him for His good and gracious gifts, let us consider our enslavement to sin and our continued shortcomings as God's people.*

[Silence for reflection]

- P** *Heavenly Father,*
C **we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have sinned as individuals and as a community. We have ignored neighbors in need. We have caused divisions among Your people. We have sought refuge in the things of this world and not in You. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us back to You, our refuge and strength.**
P *While we have indeed all fallen short of the glory of God, we are all also justified by God's grace as a gift. Though we have been slaves to sin, God has set us free in the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \ddagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
C **Amen. The Son has set us free, and we are free indeed. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

The Lord, My God, Be Praised



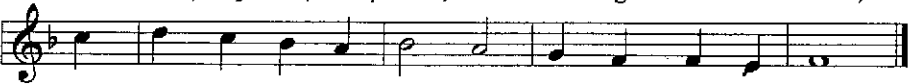
1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;
2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en,
3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,
4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,



My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;
The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,
The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en,
To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.



My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day
Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood
His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,



And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.
And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.
Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.
God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray.*

All: Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to free us from our enslavement to sin. Help us to abide in Your Word and bring others by Your Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ, so that every nation, tribe, language, and people will know the saving power of Christ and His resurrection. Through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us share this peace with one another.*

(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

FIRST READING

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

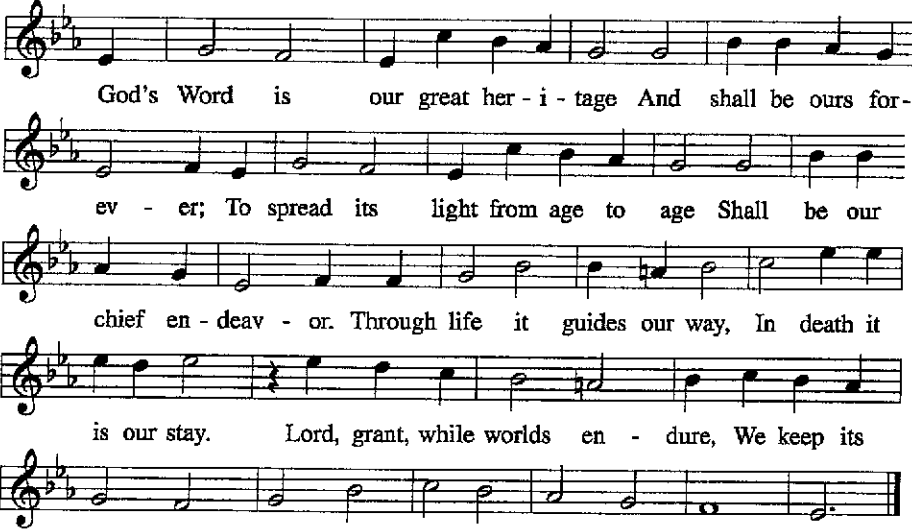
Revelation 14:6-7

L *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN RESPONSE

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage



God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -
ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its
teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

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EPISTLE LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

Romans 3:19–28

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Luke 12:32

All: Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31–36

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

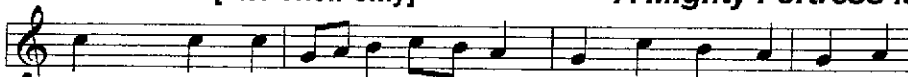
C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY [v.3: Choir only]

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



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 -
Choir: 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

(continued)



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
 your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
 fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
 self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
 o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
 of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
 hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
 we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
 child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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SERMON "DOES THE REFORMATION STILL MATTER?" Romans 3:19-28

- I. It can be easy to think that the Reformation is just old history that doesn't matter anymore.
- II. But the Reformation's rediscovery of the Bible's teaching of salvation by God's grace in Jesus Christ is relevant today – and always.

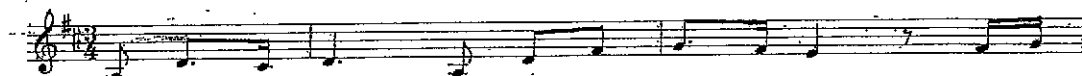
♪ APOSTLE'S CREED

☞ 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

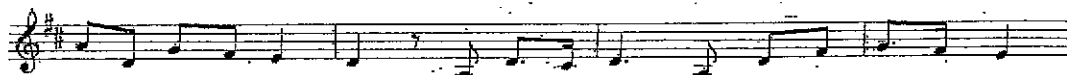
♪ OFFERING [Choir begins with singing vs. 1 & 2 of *O Church, Arise* on the next page. Congregation follows with singing vs. 3 & 4]

♩ OFFERTORY [vs. 1 & 2: Choir; vs. 3 & 4: Congregation]

O Church, Arise



Choir: 1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; Hear the
 Choir: 2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to
 ALL: 3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, -- as the
 ALL: 4. So Spir - it, come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give



call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that they are strong,
 rage a - gainst the cap - tor; and with this word that makes the wound - ed whole,
 Son of God is strick - en; Then see His foes lie crushed be - neath His feet,
 grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle; That we may run with faith, to win the prize



in the strength that God has giv - en. With shield of faith and belt of
 we will fight with faith and val - our. When faced with trials on ev - 'ry
 for the Con - quer - or has ris - en. And as the stone is rolled a -
 of a ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of old still line the



truth, we'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's lies; An ar - my bold, whose bat - tie
 side, we know the out - come is se - cure. And Christ will have the prize for
 way and Christ e - merg - es from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues
 way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their calls, and hun - ger

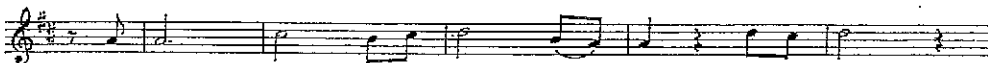


cry is Love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness. to verse 2
 which He died, an in - her - i - tance of na - tions. to CHORUS
 till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him. to verse 4
 for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glo - ry. to CHORUS

CHORUS



A - rise, shine, for your Light has come.



A - rise, shine, for the ris - en Son. Lift your eyes,



we are His ra - diant bride. A - rise, O Church, a - rise.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord, You are our refuge and strength. Defend Your Church from the attacks and accusations of the devil. Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and His Word. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Lord, since the fall into sin, all creation groans for restoration. Earthquakes, hurricanes, fires, floods, and other disasters cause great fear. But You are the God of all creation. Calm our hearts and be in our midst when the earth gives way. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Lord, in this fallen world, nations rage and kingdoms totter. War, violence, and division plague the earth. But You are the Lord of hosts, and You are with us. Defend us from conflict and be our King of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Lord, send healing to all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. If it be Your will, restore their health with the overflowing abundance that comes only from Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.*
- C** **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** *O Lord Jesus Christ, 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.**

BENEDICTION

- P** *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 His peace. **C** Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

I AM Forever Who I AM

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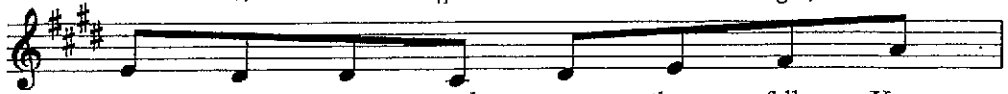


Solo	1	Though	mountains	slide	in - to	the	sea,	And		
Women	2	We	buy	and	sell,	we	lose	or	gain;	Our
Men	3	Our	lust	for	pow - er,	wealth,	and	land	Di -	
Choir	4	Like	shep - herds	watch - ing	for	the	light,	A -		

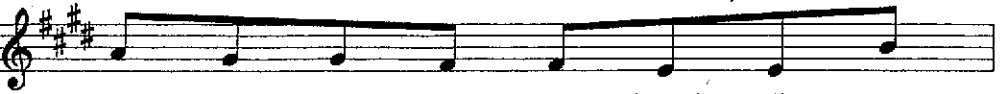
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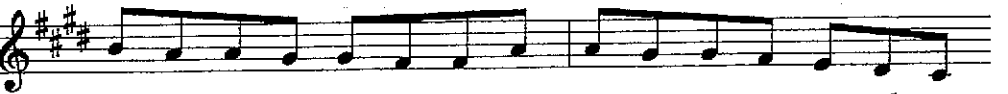
wa - ters rush where fields should be, Though
 for - tunes shift like sun and rain. Sus -
 min - ish - es the earth you planned. Pre -
 ware of dan - gers in the night, We



mon - u - ments and na - tions fall, Your
 tain our lives, re - ward our toil With
 vent our crimes and fu - tile wars; Con -
 hear the an - gel: "Do not fear, The



ho - ly cit - y stands through all. When
 bread and hon - ey, wine and oil. Save
 vince us that all things are yours. We
 Sav - ior of the world is near." We



noth - ing seems to stay the same, You teach us your e - ter - nal name.
 us and oth - ers from our greed; You al - ways give us what we need.
 rage and burn and kill and steal, But you re - deem, re - store, and heal.
 run, we see, we touch, we laugh. You came to earth on our be - half.

Refrain (All sing except for Stanza 4)



I AM for - ev - er WHO I AM. A - bove you, be - neath you, A -



round you and with - in you. Be still and know that I am God.

All 5 Each generation looks for truth,
 And doubt can trouble age or youth.
 If other gods would take your place,
 Remember us with love and grace.
 Reclaim us if we go astray;
 You are the Truth, the Life, the Way. *Refrain*

All 6 Some days seem long, though life is brief,
 And death is waiting like a thief.
 When vision fades and dreams go dry,
 We will on unseen things rely.
 Our stories take up but a page,
 But yours goes on from age to age. *Refrain*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Birthdays: Chase Clausen, Gwyn Davis, Eddie Uresti]

POSTLUDE

“Ein feste Berg”

by E. L. Ashford

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THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE
KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 AM

November 4: *“The Problem of Heaven”*; Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Lutheran Hour Speaker
What if we get to heaven, and we don't like it?



