REFORMATION DAY (Observed)
Order of Worship – 9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER – In speaking of the message of the Reformation, Martin Luther stated: “All I have written and taught has been according to my conscience and sworn duty as a humble teacher of the Holy Scripture, for the praise of God, for the benefit and salvation of all Christendom, and for the good of the entire German nation” (WLS § 3775). He knew the message was much more than the man. He wanted his hearers to be assured of their salvation, which is alone in Christ, the Messiah. Through his sermons and hymn texts and writings, he presented the Gospel simply and directly. Today we honor and celebrate his faithful rediscovery of that Good News!

PRESERVICE MUSIC “A Mighty Fortress” by Roger C. Wilson

WELCOME
[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

OPENING HYMN Glory Be to God the Father LSB 506

1 Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to
2 Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to
3 Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the
4 Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of

God the Son, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to
spot and stain; Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to
Church’s King, Glory to the King of nations; Glory to the King of nations; Glory to the King of nations;
an-gels sings; Honors, riches, pow’r, dominion; Honors, riches, pow’r, dominion; Honors, riches, pow’r, dominion;

(continued)
INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES
Psalm 41:13; 48:1a, 12-14; 79:9, 13

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
P Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
C from everlasting to everlasting!
P Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!
C Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers, consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,
P that you may tell the next generation that
C this is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.
P Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for Your name's sake!
C We, Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; from generation to generation we will recount Your praise.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P Beloved in the Lord, our gracious God invites us to confess our sins and to receive His gracious forgiveness. With true repentance, let us come before Him, confident that He will hear us in the name of and for the sake of Jesus Christ.

C Almighty God, we acknowledge our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and throughout our lives have transgressed Your Law. We repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. In Your mercy, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, that we may serve You as Your redeemed people now and forever.

P Because of the sacrifice of His beloved Son for the sins of all people, God has promised His forgiveness to those who repentantly come before Him. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Live as the saints that you are in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

INTROIT
Psalm 46

P God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Men: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
Women: though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Men: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

C Come, behold the works of the Lord, how He has brought desolations on the earth.

Women: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire.

P “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

C The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Amazing Grace

1 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!

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

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

4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease, A-maz-ing grace shall then prevail In heaven’s joy and peace.

5 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.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

All: 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. 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 LESSON**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**

**God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage**

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**EPISTLE LESSON**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA VERSE**

**C** Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.
HOLY GOSPEL

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 656

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
2 With might of ours can naught be done,
3 Though devils all the world should fill,
4 The Word they still shall let remain

A trusty shield and weapon;
Soon were our losses effect ed;
All eager to devour us,
Nor angry thanks have for it;

He helps us free from every need
But for us fights the valiant One,
We tremble not, we fear no ill;
He's by our side upon the plain

That hath us now o'er taken;
Whom God Himself collect ed;
They shall not overpow'r us.
With His good gifts and Spirit

The old evil foe now means
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
And take they our life, Goods, fame,

deadly woe; Deep guile and great might
Christ it is, Of Sab a oth Lord,
as he will, He can harm us none.
child, and wife, Though these all be gone,
SERMON

“VOICES FREED BY THE GOSPEL” Romans 3:19-28

I. In our pride, we want to puff ourselves up and sing our own praises.
II. In the freedom of the Gospel, we sing God’s praises, who has saved us by His grace.

APOSTLE’S CREED

G 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

OFFERTORY

My Faith Looks Up to Thee LSB 702

1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal-va-ry,
2 May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my faint-ing heart;
3 While life’s dark maze I tread And griefs a-round me spread,
4 When ends life’s trans-sient dream, When death’s cold, sul-len stream

Sav-i-ior di- vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my My zeal in-spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my Be Thou my guide; Bid dark-ness turn to day, Wipe sor-row’s Shall o’er me roll, Blest Sav-i-or, then, in love, Fear and dis-
guilt a-way; O let me from this day Be whol-ly Thine! love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv-ing fire! tears a-way, Nor let me ev-er stray From Thee a-side. trust re-move; O bear me safe a-bove, A ran-somed soul! Public domain
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us. God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

P May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith, that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

P Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [names . . . and] all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

P Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

P Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us, so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

P Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

P And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

P We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our 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 upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Thy Strong Word

LSB 578

1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark-ness; At Thy
Choir: 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark-ness, Dark as
Choir: 3 Thy strong Word be-speaks us righ-teous; Bright with
Choir: 4 From the cross Thy wis-dom shin-ing Break-eth
5. 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!

6. 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! Amen.

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