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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

Rev. Lyndon Sayers, Pastor

REFORMATION SUNDAY

We celebrate a reforming church, rooted in a tradition of grace.

October 26, 2025 – 10:00 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Holy Communion Setting Nine

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Gathering Song

***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* – No. 504**

Vs. 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.

The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

Vs. 2 No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

Vs. 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

Vs. 4 God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honour, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

Greeting

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house,

and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise

This is the feast of victory for our God,
Alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honour, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God,
Alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honour, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm 46

¹ God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though
the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the
depths | of the sea;**

³ though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its
tumult.

**⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad
the cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.**

**⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be
shaken;**

God shall help it at the | break of day.

**⁶ The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away.**

**Refrain: *The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of
Jacob is our stronghold.***

⁷ The Lord of ^l hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob ^l is our stronghold.

⁸ **Come now, regard the works ^l of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought up- ^l on
the earth;**

⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in ^l all the
world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and
burns the ^l shields with fire.

¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that ¹ I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will
be exalted ¹ in the earth.”**

¹¹ The Lord of ¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob ¹ is our stronghold.

Refrain: ***The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of
Jacob is our stronghold.***

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading

John 8:31-36

Hymn of the Day
***Founded on Faith* – No. 1048**

Vs. 1 Founded on faith, the church—alive by grace—
proclaims the gospel here and ev'ry place.
The word of God resounds through time and space:
Alleluia!

Vs. 2 Your cross, O Christ, renews our life each day.
Baptized in you, we learn and teach and pray.
Fed by your love, with thankful hearts, we say:
Alleluia!

Vs. 3 Equipped by prayer, we live the Spirit's call.
Empow'ed to serve with gifts, both great and small,
we bring the living hope of God to all.
Alleluia!

Vs. 4 Growing in grace for God's created earth,
we yearn for justice, peace, and human worth;
a world restored; a faithful, caring church.
Alleluia!

Vs. 5 Founded on faith, called forth, empow'ed to
serve,
we share God's endless love without reserve.
Then let us shout aloud the living Word!
Alleluia!

Prayers of the People

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Peace Sharing

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering Song
***Soli Deo Gloria* – No. 878**

Vs. 1 O God of blessings, all praise to you!
Your love surrounds us our whole life through.
You are the freedom of those oppressed;
you are the comfort of all distressed.
Come now, O holy and welcome guest:
Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!

Vs. 2 All praise for prophets, through grace inspired
to preach and witness with hearts on fire.
Your Spirit chooses the weak and small
to sing the new reign where mighty fall;
with them may we live your gospel call:
Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!

Vs. 3 All praise for music, deep gift profound,
through hands and voices in holy sound;
the psalms of David, and Mary's praise,
in wordless splendour and lyric phrase,
with all creation one song we raise:
Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!

Vs. 4 All praise for Jesus, best gift divine
through word and witness, in bread and wine;
incarnate love song of boundless grace,
priest, teacher, prophet in time and space,
your steadfast kindness with human face:
Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!

Vs. 5 A billion voices in one great song,
now soft and gentle, now deep and strong,
in ev'ry culture and style and key,
from hill and valley, with sky and sea,
with Christ we praise you eternally:
Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!

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Great Thanksgiving

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God. **It is right to give our
thanks and praise.**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Songs

***Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am* – No. 814**

Take, oh, take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.

***Though the Earth Shall Change* – No. 1035**

Though the earth shall change,
though the mountains tremble,
though the waters rage,
you, God, are here.

Though the nations war,
though the peoples battle,
though the empire falters,
we will not fear.

Come Now, O Prince of Peace – No. 247

Vs. 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one
body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Vs. 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Vs. 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Saviour.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

Vs. 4 Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

Sending Song
***Spirit, Open My Heart* – No. 1043**

Refrain: Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

Vs. 1 God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender.

Refrain: Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

Vs. 2 Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory.

Refrain: Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

Vs. 3 May I weep with those who weep;
share the joy of friend and neighbour.
As I live from day to day,
love will be my finest labour. ***Refrain***

Dismissal... Thanks be to God!

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