

October 27, 2024: The Festival of Reformation

LIVE LIKE YOU'LL LIVE FOREVER: A Life of Courageous Witness

Sunday: A Mighty Fortress, My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Handbells

Please stand, face the cross, and join to sing as the cross processes forward.

Hymn: 863 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a trust - y shield
2 With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our loss
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, all ea - ger to
4 The Word they still shall let re - main nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; he helps us free from ev - 'ry need
ef - fect - ed; but for us fights the val - iant one
de - vour us, we trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
have for it; he's by our side up - on the plain



that has us now o'er - tak - en. The old
whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,
they shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's
with his good gifts and Spir - it. And take



e - vil foe now means dead - ly woe;
"Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,
prince may still scowl fierce as he will,
they our life, goods, fame, child, and wife,



deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight;
 the al - might - y Lord, and there's no oth - er God;
 he can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;
 though all may be gone, our vic - to - ry is won;



on earth is not his e - qual.
 he holds the field for - ev - er.
 one lit - tle word can fell him.
 the king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Reformation Introduction

Today we celebrate the Lutheran Reformation by giving God thanks and praise for the blessings he bestowed on his church through his servant, Martin Luther. By God's grace Luther was led to discover for himself, and to share with the world to which it has been all but lost, the great truth that sinners are saved, not by anything they can do or have to do, but *by grace alone*: this salvation is received *by faith alone*; and is made known to sinners who cannot discover it themselves *by the Scriptures alone*.

Confession and Absolution

The Scriptures declare in the book of Romans, "No one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin." Therefore, we must confess about ourselves,

**“There is no one righteous, not even one;
there is no one who understands;
there is no one who seeks God.**

**All have turned away,
they have together become worthless;
there is no one who does good,
not even one.”**

Yet, the Scriptures also declare, "Now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory to God in the Highest




Glo-ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther. We


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wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on




us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on



earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,



with the Ho - ly Spir-it in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God.

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The Word

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Daniel 3:16–28

¹⁶Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. ¹⁸But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

¹⁹Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual ²⁰and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. ²¹So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. ²²The king’s command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, ²³and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace.

²⁴Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, “Weren’t there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?”

They replied, “Certainly, Your Majesty.”

²⁵He said, “Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.”

²⁶Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, “Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!”

So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, ²⁷and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.

²⁸Then Nebuchadnezzar said, “Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king’s command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Revelation 14:6-7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. ⁷He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

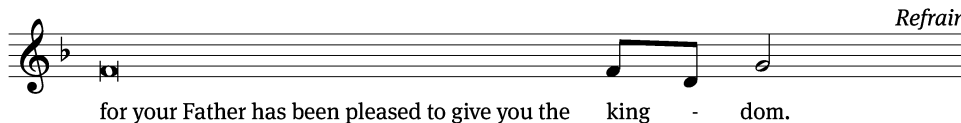
Luke 12:32



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

Mark 13:5–11

⁵Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁸Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

⁹“You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. ¹⁰And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. ¹¹Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day: 643 O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word

Sermon: Daniel 3:16-28

Pastor Joel Zank

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated 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.**

Be seated

Welcome of New Members

Prayer of the Church

Praise be to you, O Lord God! We, your servants, praise you!

Praise the name of the Lord!

You, O Lord, have through Luther and the Reformation restored to the world the precious doctrine that sinners, who are dead in their sins, are saved *by grace alone*.

For this blessing, gracious Lord, we thank you!

You, O Lord, have through Luther and the Reformation restored to the world the precious truth that your Holy Word alone, that *Holy Scripture alone*, is to be the only guide and standard for our Christian faith and Life.

For this blessing, merciful Lord, we praise and thank you!

You, O Lord, have through Luther and the Reformation restored to the world the precious truth that sinners receive as their own the salvation won by Christ, not by works or merit, but *by faith alone*.

For this precious blessing, faithful Lord, we praise and thank you!

Brief intercessions may be added here.

Now here us Lord, as we pray in silence.

You, O Lord, have through Luther and the reformation given us many blessings: the Holy Bible in our own language, our rightful position as royal priests in your Church, the truth that we, as children of God, may come directly to you in prayer, and that we may sing hymns and actively participate in worship, among many other blessings.

**For these many and precious blessings, loving Lord, we praise and thank you!
Amen.**

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Hymn: 878 Christ Alone the World's Redeemer

Stand

Prayer

Lord God of our salvation, you have called us to be witnesses of the good news that in Christ the world has been reconciled to yourself. Inspire our witness that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.
Amen.

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