

Reformation Day

October 25 and 26, 2025

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Rev. David O. Stecker
Lector: Seminarian Adam Holtz
Organist: Lynne Eifert
Choir: Adult Choir
Trumpet: Joe Gernhardt
Acolytes: Asher Peters, Coltyn Richeson (8:00)
Benjamin Kremer, Lilly Herman (10:30)
Elder: Ben Oberlin (5:00)
Mark Schuller (8:00, 10:30)
Ushers: Group S1 (Dale Loshe) (5:00)
Group 4 (Bill Bremer) (8:00)
Group 3 (Mark Schuller) (10:30)
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WELCOME to those visiting us this Lord’s Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORY ~ Everyone, please sign in! We ask guests to include your address, zip code and phone number so that we may acknowledge your visit.

AS WE GATHER ~ We are blessed with many freedoms in this country. We have freedom of speech. We have freedom of religion, with the freedom to assemble. We live in the “land of the free and the home of the brave.” It is easy to rely on our citizenship for proof of our freedom. In that way, we are like the Jewish people at the time of Jesus. They relied on their Abrahamic lineage for freedom, recalling the covenant God made with Abraham and his descendants. While these national freedoms are great blessings, in the Holy Gospel, Jesus points out that for true freedom, one must be free from slavery to sin. Only in Christ is anyone truly free.

PRELUDE (5:00) *A Mighty Fortress (Held)*
(8:00, 10:30) *A Mighty Fortress (Busarow)*

GREETING AND RINGING OF THE BELLS

♪ **OPENING HYMN** (5:00) *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* *LSB 656*
(8:00, 10:30) *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

**All: A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor’s rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old evil foe, sworn to work us woe,
With dread craft and might He arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.**

*Choir: 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.*

*Choir: Though hordes of devils fill the land, all threat’ning to devour us.
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us.
This world’s prince may rage, in fierce war engage.
He is doomed to fail; God’s judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.*

**All: 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, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day, the Kingdom’s our forever.**

† **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** †

INVOCATION ~ Page 213 ↑

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen. (Matthew 28:19)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ~ Page 213 ↑

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins
unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to
grant us forgiveness. (Hebrews 10:22)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 124:8)

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Psalm 32:5)

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,
**People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with
which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and
eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent
of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the
holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus
Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained
servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.
People: Amen. (John 20:19-23)

† **SERVICE OF THE WORD** †

INTROIT FOR THE DAY ↑

Pastor: I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,] and shall not be put to
shame. (Psalm 119:46)

Pastor: I will bless the Lord at all times;

People: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Pastor: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

People: let the humble hear and be glad.

Pastor: Come, O children, listen to me;

People: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Pastor: The Lord redeems the life of his servants;

People: none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned. (Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22)

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.

Pastor: I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,] and shall not be put to shame. (Psalm 119:46)

♪ **KYRIE** *Kyrie! God, Father* **LSB 942**

Kyrie! God, Father in heav’n above, You abound in gracious love,

Of all things the maker and preserver. Eleison! Eleison!

Kyrie! O Christ, our king, salvation for all You came to bring.

O Lord Jesus, God’s own Son, our mediator at the heav’nly throne:

Hear our cry and grant our supplication. Eleison! Eleison!

Kyrie! O God the Holy Ghost, guard our faith, the gift we need the most,
And bless our life’s last hour, that we leave this sinful world with gladness.

Eleison! Eleison!

♪ **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** *All Glory Be to God on High* **LSB 947**

All glory be to God on high and thanks for all His favor;

No harm can touch or terrify a child of God forever.

God shows His good and gracious will and grants His peace, the world to fill –

All strife at last has ended.

We praise and laud and worship You; we give You thanks forever,

O Father, for Your rule is true and just and changes never.

With boundless pow’r, Your mighty reign fulfills whatever You ordain.

Lord, grant us ev’ry blessing!

O Jesus Christ, the only Son begotten of the Father,

Your saving death has made us one with God and with each other.

O Lamb of God, to You on high in our distress we sinners cry,

Have mercy on us, amen!

O Holy Spirit, our delight and source of consolation,

Protect us from the devil’s might through Jesus, our salvation,

Who by His death upon a tree has rescued us from misery:

To this we hold forever.

SALUTATION ~ Page 214 ↑

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

COLLECT OF THE DAY ~ Page 214 ↑

Pastor: Let us pray. 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.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING ↓

Revelation 14:6-7 (ESV)

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM ↓ (8:00, 10:30) If You Continue in My Word (Busarow)

If you continue in My Word, then you are truly My disciples.

And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.

EPISTLE READING ↓

Romans 3:19-28 (ESV)

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.

²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of

God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

♪ HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* **LSB 655**

**Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son and bring to naught all He has done.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, for You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we may sing your praise eternally.**

**O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.**

GOSPEL READING ↑ **John 8:31-36 (ESV)**

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

♪ CREED *We All Believe in One True God* **LSB 954**

At the morning services, the choir will sing verse 1.

*We all believe in one true God, who created earth and heaven,
The Father, who to us in love has the right of children given.
He in soul and body feeds us; all we need His hand provides us;
Through all snares and perils leads us, watching that no harm betide us.
He cares for us by day and night; all things are governed by His might.*

**We all believe in Jesus Christ, His own Son, our Lord, possessing
An equal Godhead, throne, and might, source of ev'ry grace and blessing;
Born of Mary, virgin mother, by the power of the Spirit,
Word made flesh, our elder brother; that the lost might life inherit,
Was crucified for all our sin and raised by God to life again.**

**We all confess the Holy Ghost, who, in highest heaven dwelling
With God the Father and the Son, comforts us beyond all telling;
Who the Church, His own creation, keeps in unity of spirit.
Here forgiveness and salvation daily come through Jesus' merit.
All flesh shall rise, and we shall be in bliss with God eternally.**

SERMON ↓ *A Historical Return to God's Love* **Romans 3:19-28**

DISTRIBUTION OF CATECHISMS TO EMANUEL'S 5TH GRADE MEMBERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH ~ Page 215 ↑ (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

Pastor: 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,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: 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,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: 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,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: 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,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: 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, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: 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.

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy.

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †



We welcome the opportunity to explain what we believe, teach and confess regarding the Lord's Supper. In order not to impose those beliefs on you, we ask that if you are not a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, you would speak with a Pastor before receiving Holy Communion.

PREFACE ~ Page 216 ↑

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

(Colossians 3:1)

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

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

(Psalm 136)

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER ~ Page 217 ↑

(Matthew 6:9-13)

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.

Pastor: In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD ~ Page 217 ↑

(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread; and, when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

♪ SANCTUS ↑

*Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old**LSB 960*

Isaiah, mighty seer in days of old, the Lord of all in spirit did behold
 High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,
 With robes that filled the temple courts with light.
 Above the throne were flaming seraphim;
 Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.
 With two they veiled their faces as was right,
 With two they humbly hid their feet from sight,
 And with the other two aloft they soared;
 One to the other called and praised the Lord:
 “Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth! Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!
 Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth! His glory fills the heavens and the earth!”
 The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,
 And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord* ~ Page 217 ↑

(John 20:19)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

♪ AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God* ↑*LSB Page 198*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
 Have mercy on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
 Have mercy on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
 Grant us Thy peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION ↓ (8:00, 10:30) *Every Time We Eat This Bread* (Canedo/Barnard)*Congregation sings the refrain with the choir.*

Refrain: Ev’ry time we eat this bread, ev’ry time we drink this cup,
 We proclaim the death of the Lord, until He comes.

I myself am the bread come down from heaven. Eat this bread and live eternally.
 Take and eat this bread, this is My body. Take and drink this cup, this is My blood.
 I myself am the vine and you, the branches. You who live in Me will bear much fruit.
 As the Father has loved me, so I love you. Follow now my command and live in love.
 You have not chosen me but, I have called you. Go forth and bear fruit which will endure.
 My command is love for one another. This I pray so your joy will be complete.

*Salvation unto Us Has Come**LSB 555*

Salvation unto us has come by God's free grace and favor;
 Good works cannot avert our doom, they help and save us never.
 Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, who did for all the world atone;
 He is our one Redeemer.

What God did in His Law demand and none to Him could render
 Caused wrath and woe on ev’ry hand for man, the vile offender.
 Our flesh has not those pure desires the spirit of the Law requires,
 And lost is our condition.

It was a false, misleading dream that God His Law had given
 That sinners could themselves redeem and by their works gain heaven.
 The Law is but a mirror bright to bring the inbred sin to light
 That lurks within our nature.

From sin our flesh could not abstain, sin held its sway unceasing;
 The task was useless and in vain, our guilt was e’er increasing.
 None can remove sin's poisoned dart or purify our guileful heart--
 So deep is our corruption.

Yet as the law must be fulfilled or we must die despairing,
 Christ came and has God's anger stilled, our human nature sharing.
 He has for us the Law obeyed and thus the Father's vengeance stayed
 Which over us impended.

Since Christ has full atonement made and brought to us salvation,
 Each Christian therefore may be glad and build on this foundation.
 Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Your death is now my life indeed,
 For You have paid my ransom.

Let me not doubt, but truly see Your Word cannot be broken:
 Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!" No falsehood have You spoken.
 Baptized into Your precious name, my faith cannot be put to shame,
 And I shall never perish.

The Law reveals the guilt of sin and makes us conscience-stricken;
 But then the Gospel enters in the sinful soul to quicken.
 Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live; the Law no peace can ever give,
 No comfort and no blessing.

Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone and rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known, with love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify; works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.

♪ POST COMMUNION HYMN ↑ *O Lord, We Praise Thee* *LSB 617*
O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary, that our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead in all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!

Thy holy body into death was given, life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast there-of remind us! O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid; peace with God once more is made:
O Lord, have mercy!

May God bestow on us His grace and favor that we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union nor despise this blest Communion!
O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us; grant that heav’nly minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see days of peace and unity: O Lord, have mercy!

POST COMMUNION COLLECT ~ Page 218 ↑

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this
salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us
through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION ~ Page 218 ↑

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord. (Psalm 103:1)
People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: 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 peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)
People: Amen.

♪ CLOSING HYMN ↑ *Salvation unto Us Has Come* (v. 10) *LSB 555*
All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise to Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace; all glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.

POSTLUDE *A Mighty Fortress* (Pachelbel)