# REFORMATION SUNDAY

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## Christ Lutheran Church

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AS WE GATHER Martin Luther's great hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" is based on Psalm 46. When the psalm was first written, it gave courage to God's Old Testament people. Centuries later, when Luther wrote the hymn, the world was filled with plagues and death, and the devil was recognized as active in the lives of everyday people. Further, neither the Roman Catholic Church nor the government accepted the teachings of the reformers. Now, in our day, we face cyber warfare, pandemics, terrorists, political polarization, and ecclesiastical division. Because of our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ, we need not fear. Our gracious God is a very present help in this time of trouble. He is our refuge against the powers of the created world around us and the forces of evil from every source. From His throne flow streams of mercy to give us

confident joy. We know that in the end "the kingdom ours remaineth."

#### The Church's One Foundation

LSB 644

#### **Confession and Absolution**

Stand - The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

LSB 184

#### Service of the Word

#### **Psalm**

Psalm 46 (antiphon: v.7)

<sup>1</sup>God is our ref- | uge and strength,\* a very present help in | trouble.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear though the | earth gives way,\* though the mountains be moved into the heart | of the sea,

3though its waters | roar and foam,\* though the mountains tremble at its | swelling.

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

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of her; she shall | not be moved;\* **God will help her when | morning dawns.** 

<sup>6</sup>The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter;\* he utters his voice, the | earth melts.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is | with us;\*
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

<sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works | of the LORD,\*
how he has brought desolations | on the earth.

<sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end | of the earth;\* he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots | with fire.

10"Be still, and know that | I am God.\*
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted | in the earth!"

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is | with us;\*
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

## Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis, Salutation and Collect of the Day

#### Sit - Old Testament Reading

Revelation 14:6-7

<sup>6</sup>Then 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. <sup>7</sup>And 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."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

**Gradual** Ps. 48:1a, 12–14a

Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised\* in the city | of our God!

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her | towers,\*
consider well her ramparts, go through her | citadels,
that you may tell the next gener- | ation\*
that this is God, our God forever and | ever.

Epistle Romans 3:19–28

<sup>19</sup>Now 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. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom 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. <sup>26</sup>It 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. <sup>27</sup>Then 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. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

### Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655

Stand - Alleluia and Verse

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.
- **G** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## **Apostles' Creed**

Sit - A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 657

Sermon

Stand - **Offertory** 

LSB 192

## **Prayer of the Church**

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their varied circumstances.

O God, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, strengthen the Church here and wherever it gathers around Your Word and celebrates the blessed Sacraments. Grant confident faith to clergy and laity, pastors in congregations and missionaries in distant lands, elders in

the faith and newly baptized alike. Help us to put all our trust in Your protection and power.

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy, **People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord of hosts, worthy to be exalted among the nations,

into Your almighty hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray. Hear our prayer for the sake of Your

Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Lord's Prayer, Salutation and Benedicamus, Benediction

Sit - Go, My Children, with My Blessing (Vs 1-4) LSB 922