

Reformation Sunday



October 26, 2025

PRELUDE:

“How Firm a Foundation”

Jubilate Handbell Choir

~Arr. Brian Childers

WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN:

“Built on the Rock”

LSB 645

(Stanza 3, Choir only)

1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how
 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the
 stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing
 ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives
 faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -
 ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
 ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.
 But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
 Choos - es to live with us in love,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
 You, not the world, My face shall see.
 Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

INVOCATION: *(Article 1 of the Augsburg Confession)*

L: We unanimously hold and teach that there is one true God,

P: **and that there are three persons in this one true God,
equal in power and alike eternal:**

L: God the Father, God the ✠ Son, God the Holy Spirit.

P: **All three are one divine essence, eternal, without division,
without end, of infinite power, wisdom and goodness,
one creator and preserver of all things visible and invisible.**

CALL TO REPENTANCE: *(Adapted from Article 2 of the Augsburg Confession)*

L: Since the fall of Adam all people are conceived and born in sin;
and by nature, are full of evil lust and inclinations
and are unable by nature to have true fear of God
and true faith in God.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION OF SINS:

(Adapted from Luther's Small Catechism & Article 4 of the Augsburg Confession)

L: Do you believe that this is true of you, that you are a sinner?

P: **Yes, I believe it;
I am a sinner.**

L: How do you know this?

P: **From the Ten Commandments, for these I have not kept.**

L: Are you sorry for your sins?

P: **Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God
and against my brothers and sisters.**

L: What do you deserve from God because of your sins?

P: **I deserve God's displeasure, wrath and punishment,
as well as temporal and eternal death.**

L: Do you hope to be saved?

P: **Yes, that is my hope.**

L: How can you hold such hope?
In Whom then, do you trust?

P: **In my dear Lord, Jesus Christ.**

L: What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?

P: **He died for me, and on the cross
shed His blood for my forgiveness.**

L: What moved Christ to offer Himself
in order to make payment for your sins?

P: **His great love for His Father, for me, and for all sinners.**

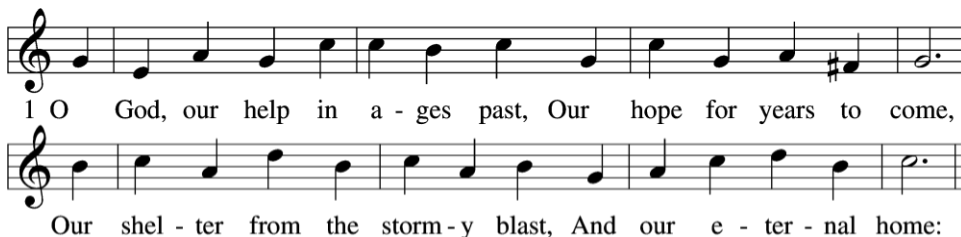
L: While we cannot obtain forgiveness of sin
and righteousness before God
by our own merits, works or satisfactions;
we receive forgiveness of sin
and become righteous before God by grace,
for Christ's sake,
through faith,
when we believe that Christ suffered for us
and that for His sake our sin is forgiven
and righteousness and eternal life are given to us.
Therefore, as you believe, so let it be.
Now I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ,
forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
Soli Deo Gloria!

P: **To God Alone be the Glory!
Alleluia, Amen.**

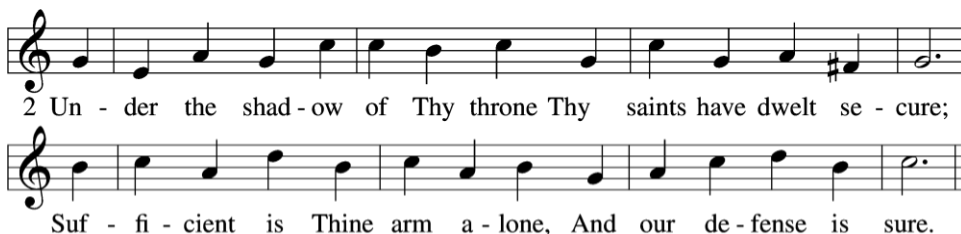


*(*Choir sings; director will cue congregation)*

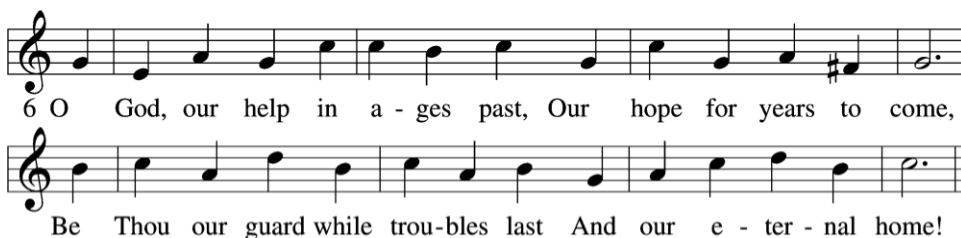
** Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Word of God, the Cornerstone,
Yesterday, today, forever, seated on His heav'nly throne.
In this world that God created, broken by the fall of man,
God remains the sure foundation, steadfast and unshakable, forevermore.*



** God will not forget His promise ever faithful to remain,
Never to forsake or leave us, by our side both night and day.
Our tomorrows hold no secrets that the Father does not know;
We can trust Him, ever working for His glory and our good, forevermore.*



** Praise the Author of creation, of the world and all it holds;
Word eternal, standing firm Our God is God forevermore.*



** Forevermore!*

PSALMODY: PSALM 46 (*we read responsively*)

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

L: Therefore, we will not fear though the earth give way,
P: **though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

L: though its waters roar and foam,
P: **though the mountains tremble at its swelling. *Selah***

L: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
P: **the holy habitation of the Most High.**

L: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
P: **God will help her when morning dawns.**

L: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
P: **He utters his voice, the earth melts.**

L: The Lord of hosts is with us;
P: **the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah***

L: Come, behold the works of the Lord,
P: **how He has brought desolations on the earth.**

L: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
P: **He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;**

L: He burns the chariots with fire.
P: **“Be still, and know that I am God.**

L: I will be exalted among the nations,
P: **I will be exalted in the earth!”**

L: The Lord of hosts is with us;
P: **the God of Jacob is our fortress. — ESV®**

EPISTLE READING: *Romans 3:22b-26*

There is no difference between people. Because all people have sinned, they have fallen short of God’s glory. They receive God’s approval freely by an act of His kindness through the price Christ Jesus paid to set us free from sin. God showed that Christ is the throne of mercy where God’s approval is given through faith in Christ’s blood. In His patience God waited to deal with sins committed in the past. He waited so that He could display His approval at the present time. This shows that He is a God of justice, a God who approves of people who believe in Jesus. -©GW

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

8:00 & 9:30

GOSPEL: *John 8:31-36*

So Jesus said to those Jews who believed in Him, “If you live by what I say, you are truly My disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

They replied to Jesus, “We are Abraham’s descendants, and we’ve never been anyone’s slaves. So how can You say that we will be set free?”

Jesus answered them, “I can guarantee this truth: Whoever lives a sinful life is a slave to sin. A slave doesn’t live in the home forever, but a son does. So if the Son sets you free, you will be absolutely free. -©GW

SERMON HYMN:

“Though All Our Life is Like a Scroll”

*(*Choir only on Stanza 3)*



All 1 Though all our life is like a scroll Un -
All 2 Though pomp - ous - ly we try to dress In
Choir 3 Though earth's deep wa - ters foam and roar As
All 4 Though crit - ics cut out Scrip-ture's claims And
All 5 Now sing a high dox - ol - o - gy To



rolled with blem-ish-ed pa - ges; Though sin has shred - ded
 cos - tumes of our mak - ing; Though fig leaves of self -
 surg - ing waves are roll - ing; Though all the na - tions
 treat them with de - ri - sion; Though they con-duct their
 God who gives sal - va - tion. Both here and in e -



what was whole And death is now our wa - ges; Yet
 righ-teous-ness Are fu - tile and heart - break - ing; Yet
 rage with war While bells of doom are toll - ing; Yet
 hos - tile aims With scal - pels of sus - pi - cion; Yet
 ter - ni - ty Let this be our vo - ca - tion. To



here we stand in con - fi - dence, With Je - sus as our
 filth - y rags Christ glad - ly wore So we would per - ish
 God gives peace-ful for - ti - tude, He nur - tures us with
 how the liv - ing, two-edged sword Pro - claims the dead and
 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it raise A sym - pho - ny of



sole de-fense, For He a-lone still saves___ us.
 nev - er - more. His grace a-lone still clothes___ us.
 Heav-en's food. True faith a-lone still an - chors.
 ris - en Lord! God's Word a-lone: still truth - ful.
 grate - ful praise, For He a-lone is wor - thy.

MESSAGE: “Even if...” Psalm 46

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CONSECRATION OF GIFTS:

L: Out of Fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us, God has richly and daily provided us with all we need to support this body and life.

P: For all this it is our duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. Lord use these our gifts to that end and Your glory! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: (Adapted from Luther’s Small Catechism)

L: Let us pray together as Jesus taught us:
Our Father who art in heaven,

P: Dear God, You tenderly invite us to believe
that You are our true Father and that we are Your dear children.

L: Hallowed be Thy name,

P: Dear Lord, Your name is holy in itself,
but we pray that it may be kept holy by us.

L: This is accomplished Lord when Your Word is taught clearly and purely;

P: and we, as your children, lead holy lives in accordance with it;
help us to this end. Amen.

L: Thy Kingdom come,

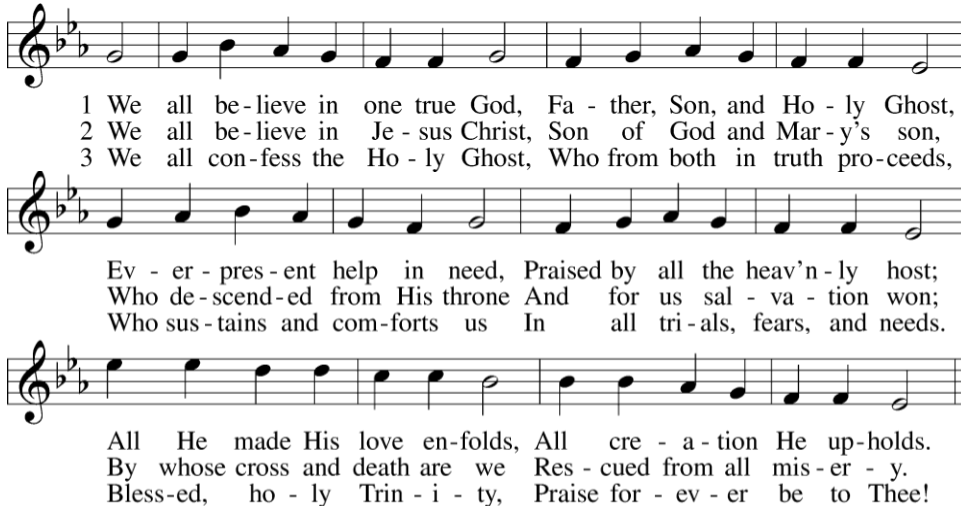
P: Your Kingdom comes when You, our heavenly Father, give us Your Holy Spirit, so that by Your grace we may believe Your Word, live our lives for You, and share the Good News of Christ with others that Your Kingdom may abound in the hearts of many.

L: Thy will be done,

P: Your will is done when You curb and destroy the purpose of the devil, the world and our sinful flesh;
and strengthen us to gladly know and do what pleases You.
May this Your good and gracious will be done in us until the end. Amen.

- L:** Give us this day our daily bread,
P: **Thank You good and gracious God for Your daily blessings by which You provide all things needed to support our bodies and lives.**
- L:** Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
P: **We pray, dear Father, that You would not look at our sins, nor deny our prayers because of them.**
- L:** And lead us not into temptation,
P: **We pray, Lord, that You would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world and our sinful nature may not deceive or mislead us. Amen.**
- L:** Deliver us from evil.
P: **We pray, Almighty God, that You would rescue us from every evil, defend us from the power of the death and at last, when the hour of death comes, You would grant us a blessed end and graciously take us from this world of sorrow to Yourself in heaven. Amen and Amen.**
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever!

CONFESSION OF FAITH: "We All Believe In One True God" LSB 953



1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
 2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,
 3 We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,
 Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host;
 Who de - scend - ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won;
 Who sus - tains and com-forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.
 All He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds.
 By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.
 Bless-ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

*** For our 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. worshippers, the service continues on page 13 with the Blessing.

*** For our 9:30 a.m. worshippers, the service continues with the Celebration of Holy Communion:

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethany in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone and join in this joyful confession.

To prepare for communion you can find prayer prompts on the front page of the burgundy hymnal. Or simply pray: "Dear Lord Jesus, at Your gracious invitation, You invite me to come to You; to eat and drink Your holy body and blood as You Yourself have promised to give in this sacred meal. Forgive me of my sin, through this Your meal of Forgiveness. Let me experience the fullness of Your love, through this Your meal of love. Strengthen my faith, through this meal of Yours that calls for and bestows faith. Empower me to live for You, through this Your meal that promises life everlasting and equips me for daily living as one who has received You and Your gifts. Amen."

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

(Adapted from Luther's Small Catechism and Article 10 of the Augsburg Confession)

- L:** It is taught among us that the true body and blood of Christ are really present in the supper of our Lord under the form of bread and wine.
- P:** **In this Sacrament we receive forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.**
- L:** Those who believe His words:
"for you" and "for the forgiveness of sins" are worthy and well prepared. For those words require faith and trust in Jesus' promise
For on the night He was betrayed
He 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.
This do 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."

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

LSB 655

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.
 we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

“Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ”

LSB 565

1 Thy works, not mine, O Christ, Speak glad - ness to this heart;
 2 Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ, Can heal my bruis - ed soul;
 3 Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne the crush - ing load
 4 Thy death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid the ran - som due;
 5 Thy righ - teous - ness, O Christ, A - lone can cov - er me;

They tell me all is done, They bid my fear de - part.
 Thy stripes, not mine, con - tain The balm that makes me whole.
 Of sins that none could bear But the in - car - nate God.
 Ten thou - sand deaths like mine Would have been all too few.
 No righ - teous - ness a - vails Save that which is of Thee.

Refrain

To whom save Thee, Who canst a-lone For sin a-tone, Lord, shall I flee?

“The Lord, My God, Be Praised”

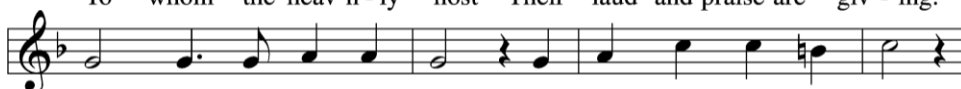
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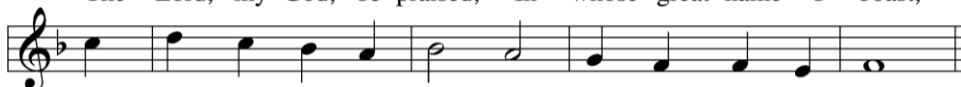
1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;
 2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en,
 3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,
 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,



My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;
 The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,
 The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en.
 To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.



My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day
 Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood
 His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,
 The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,



And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.
 And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.
 Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.
 God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

THE BLESSING: (Adapted from Article 6 of the Augsburg Confession)

[L]: Now faith should abound with fruit
 and produce good works in us for God's sake,
 not placing our trust in them, as if to merit favor before God;
 for we have received His favor through faith in Christ,

[P]: To Whom Alone, with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
 belongs ALL Glory. Alleluia, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

LSB 656

**Choir will sing Stanza 3*

All: 1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and
Men: 2. No strength of ours can match his might! We would be
Choir: 3. *Though* hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat - 'ning
All: 4. God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to

shield vic - to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's
lost, re - ject ed. *Women:* But now a cham - pion comes to
to de - vour us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we
foes, who fear it; For God him - self fights by our

rod And wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The
fight, Whom God him - self e - lect ed. *Choir:* Ask
stand; They can - not o - ver - pow'r us. This
side With weap - ons of the Spir - it. If

old e - vil foe, Sworn to work us
who this may be: *All:* Lord of hosts is
world's prince may rage, In fierce war en -
they take our house, Goods, fame, child, or

woe, With dread craft and might He arms him - self to
hel Christ Je - sus, our Lord, God's on - ly Son, a -
gale. He is doomed to fail; God's judg - ment must pre -
spouse, Our life wrench a - way, They can - not win the

fight. On earth he has no e - qual. (Interlude)
dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious. (Interlude)
vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him. (Interlude)
day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er. The

King - dom's ours for - ev - er.

POSTLUDE:

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Jubilate Handbell Choir

~ Arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

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"Forevermore"

Susan Bentall Boersma, Isaac Watts

Arr. Dan Forrest (ASCAP)

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"God is Our Refuge"

Allen Pote

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"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word." LSB 655

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"Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ" LSB 565

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"The Lord, My God, Be Praised" LSB 794

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"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" LSB 656

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. composite

Tune: *EIN FESTE BURG*, Martin Luther, written c. 1529.

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SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Crucifer 8:00...Timothy O'Conner

Acolyte 9:30...Audrey Kienitz

Lector 8:00...Tom & Sheri Esswein 9:30...Shannon Morgensen 11:00...Brady Bowman

Liturgist...Pastor Seth Moorman

Director of Music ...Noah Freeman

Accompanist...Kevin Bowers

French Horn...Brian Shetland

Trombone...Yosuke Miyoshi, Rich Bullock

Crucifer 9:30...Henry Cerulle

Preacher...Pastor Kevin Kritzer

Organ...Robert Bottoms

Children's Message...Jonathan Dose

Trumpet...Meghan Turner, Mara Widmann

Timpani...Gabriel "Slam" Nobles



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Today's Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~ In celebration of Amelia's Baptismal Birthday ~

~ by The Flattley Family



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