

# Reformation Sunday

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**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

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Welcome to worship at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Rev. Rhonda Kral will be leading us in worship today. Welcome, Pastor Kral!

*Pre-service Music-Bring this service folder and a lighted candle, to your place of worship.*

*We will be sharing Communion today! Please bring bread or a cracker/wine or juice so that we may all share in God's gift together.*

*Today is Reformation Sunday. You may want to wear something red in honor of the Protestant Reformation.*

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome & Announcements**

## **Call to Worship**

On this day, we gather to remember and give thanks for our heritage and the faithful servanthood of those who remained true to the Gospel and reformed the Church. We come here to worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

♪ "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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.

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.

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## **Confession and Forgiveness**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Peace**

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with a **visual sign**  
of Christ's peace*

*Let us pray,*

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church

your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Word

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### A reading from Romans

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 silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God**

## ♪ Thy Word

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
And a light unto my path. You're the light unto my path.

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## A reading from the 8th chapter of John

John 8:31-36

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## ☺ Children's Message

*The Story of Martin Luther*

**Sermon**

**Response to the Word**

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♪ In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.

My comforter, my all in all,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love, and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.

'Till on the cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied,  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world, by darkness slain;  
Then, bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as he stands in victory,

Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'Til He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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## Prayers

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*Let us offer our prayers to God, responding to each petition with the words "Grant us your tender care."*

*A brief silence.*

On this day commemorating the Reformation, O God, we pray: that Christian churches around the globe be reformed and renewed; that ecumenical collaboration be widened and deepened; and that Lutherans stand firm in the gift of the gospel. . .

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, holy God:  
**Grant us your tender care.**

Attending to the natural earth, O God, we pray: that the seas and lands be cleansed of pollution; that both rainstorms and

droughts be moderated; and that animals retain their habitat.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, steadfast God:

**Grant us your tender care.**

Aware of disorder around the world, O God, we pray: that wars and armed terrorism cease; that violent extremism everywhere be calmed; that governments meet the needs of their poorest residents; that the days before our election be peaceful; and that all prejudice based on gender, color, orientation or ethnicity be rejected. . .

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, sovereign God:

**Grant us your tender care.**

Facing the coronavirus, O God, we pray: that the pandemic and its anxieties subside; that medical personnel and services be everywhere supported; that any who are unemployed find work and all who have been evicted find housing; and that a trustworthy vaccine be developed. . .

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, compassionate God:

**Grant us your tender care.**

Moved by the needs of all our neighbors, O God, we pray: for those suffering from discrimination; for those incarcerated or held in immigrant camps; for farmworkers and their children; for all who are hungry; and for those we name here before you. . .

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, mothering God:  
**Grant us your tender care.**

Thinking lastly of ourselves, O God, we pray: that we be enabled to love our neighbors as ourselves, and that you receive our personal petitions. . .

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, loving God:  
**Grant us your tender care.**

Grateful for the lives of all who have died in the faith, especially for all the people whose efforts reformed and renewed the church, O God, we pray that at the end we join with them in your glory:

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, eternal God:  
**Grant us your tender care.**

*Enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, as we trust in your might and your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

**Amen.**

**Offering:** Times are confusing. We are transitioning to a brave new world, trying to live with covid19. We pray that we act wisely. Meanwhile, the work of God's church does not stop because we are the church. Your offerings of financial resources, your creativity, your support for each other and

the people of the world are the church at work. Your concern for your families and neighbors is the church at work as well. We want to thank you for your continued support and offerings as we continue to do God's work in our community and in the world.

What have we to offer? What have we to give? Lives, we will live.

## **Meal**

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The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the  
forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

*Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.*

**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.**

### **♪ One Bread, One Body**

One bread, one body, one Lord of all:  
One cup of blessing which we bless,  
And we, though many throughout the earth,  
We are one body in this one Lord.

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***(Open your bread packet)***

The body of Christ given for you.

***(Open your wine cup)***

The blood of Christ given for you.

*The body and blood of our Lord Jesus strengthen you and keep you in his peace.*

**Amen**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and lead by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Sending**

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Mothering God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

**Amen.**

♪ God's Word Is Our Great Heritage  
(tune: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God")

God's Word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age  
shall be our chief endeavour.

Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay.

Lord, grant while time shall last

Your church may hold it fast

Throughout all generations.

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Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

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[“The Truth Will Make You Free.”](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBOJy64x6RI&feature=youtu.be>

[“God Alone Be Praised: Ad Lucem;”](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B5UUphYYGiE&feature=youtu.b>

[“Psalm 46.”](#)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n5BHY\\_giQ5g&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n5BHY_giQ5g&feature=youtu.be)

### **Readings for the Week:**

**Monday** (commemoration of Philipp Nicolai, died 1608; Johann Heermann, died 1647; Paul Gerhardt, died 1676; hymnwriters) Psalm 119:41-48. **Tuesday** James 2:14-26. **Wednesday** (Simon and Jude, Apostles) John 14:21-27. **Thursday** Psalm 43. **Friday** 2 Peter 2:1-3. **Saturday (Reformation Day)** [John 8:31-36](#). **All Saints**

**Day** Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3;  
Matthew 5:1-12.