

# Reformation Sunday

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## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**TODAY'S THREAD:** *Stand firm, relying and thriving on the Lord Jesus and his Word.*

### OPENING HYMN

**O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace | 185**



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, grant us grace That we our  
2 Help us that we your sav - ing Word In faith - ful  
3 Then when our earth - ly race is run, Death's bit - ter

Lord and Sav - ior In faith and fer - vent love em -  
hearts may trea - sure; Let e'er that bread of life af -  
hour im - pend - ing, May your good work in us be -

brace And tru - ly serve him ev - er, So that when  
ford New grace in rich - est mea - sure. Make us to  
gun Con - tin - ue till life's end - ing, Un - til we

death is near at hand We at his cross may firm -  
die to ev - 'ry sin; Each day cre - ate us new  
glad - ly may com - mend Our souls in - to our Sav -

ly stand And there find our sal - va - tion.  
with - in That fruits of faith may flour - ish.  
ior's hand To rest in peace e - ter - nal.

**M:** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C:** **Amen.**

## PRAAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### PENTECOST SONG OF PRAISE

Holy God, We Praise Your Name | 278  
*Te Deum*



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial song An - gel choirs a -  
3 Blest Re - deem - er, vir - gin's Son, O - ver death his  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;  
bove are rais - ing; Proph - ets, mar - tyrs join the throng,  
vic - t'ry claim - ing, Now as - cend - ed to his throne,  
three we name you; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing With the Church in  
Judge and king, his grace pro - claim - ing, O - pens heav'n to  
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, Then, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
one ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
all his own. Praise and thanks to God a - lone!  
bend the knee And con - fess the mys - ter - y.

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### PRAAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, through the preaching of your servants, the blessed Reformers, you caused the light of the gospel to shine forth. Grant that we may faithfully defend it against all enemies and joyfully proclaim it to the salvation of people everywhere to the glory of your holy name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23 EHV

*Daniel lived in and stood on the word of the Lord of Life, confident that one way or another he would rescue him from the hands of his enemies. By faith, people of the word share the same confidence as we face our lions' dens.*

<sup>10</sup> Now, when Daniel learned that the document had been signed, he went to his house. It had windows on its upper story that opened toward Jerusalem. Three times each day he would get on his knees and pray and offer praise before his God. He continued to do that, just as he had been doing before this. <sup>11</sup> Then these men came as a group and found Daniel praying and seeking favor from his God.

<sup>12</sup> They then went and asked the king about the decree. "Your Majesty, did you not sign a decree that anyone who prays to any god or person for thirty days except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the den of lions?"

The king answered, "Indeed I did. The order is established as a law of the Medes and the Persians that cannot be revoked."

<sup>16</sup> Then the king gave the order, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you." <sup>17</sup> A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the pit. The king sealed it with his signet ring and the signet rings of his nobles so that nothing could be changed with regard to Daniel's situation. <sup>18</sup> Then the king went to his palace. He spent the night without food, and no entertainment was brought before him. But he could not sleep.

<sup>19</sup> At dawn the king arose as soon as it was light and hurried to the lions' den. <sup>20</sup> As he came near the pit, he cried out in a fearful voice. The king said to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, was your God, whom you serve continually, able to rescue you from the lions?"

<sup>21</sup> Then Daniel spoke with the king. "Your Majesty, may you live forever! <sup>22</sup> My God sent his angel and shut the mouth of the lions. They have not hurt me because he found me innocent in his presence. Also before you, Your Majesty, I have committed no crime."

<sup>23</sup> Then the king was very glad and said that Daniel should be brought up from the pit. So Daniel was brought up from the pit, and he was unharmed because he trusted in his God.

**M:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

## Psalm 46

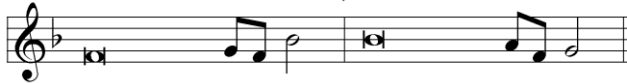
*The Mighty Lord is our total Savior. He rescued us to be his people, kept safe dwelling in him.*

### Refrain



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

### Psalm tone



God is our refuge and strength,\*  
an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way\*  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

though its waters roar and foam\*  
and the mountains quake with their surging.

### Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,\*  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall;\*  
God will help her at break of day.

“Be still, and know that I am God;\*  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth.”

**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.**

### Refrain

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## SECOND LESSON

## Romans 3:19-28 EHV

*Here is the heart of God's revealed word. Our acquittal is exclusively God's work. Faith relies on this work of God and delights in all its implications. If you give this up, your faith becomes a corpse. If you stand firm, you live forever.*

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says is addressed to those who are under the law, so that every mouth will be silenced and the whole world will be subject to God's judgment. <sup>20</sup> For this reason, no one will be declared righteous in his sight by works of the law, for through the law we become aware of sin.

<sup>21</sup> But now, completely apart from the law, a righteousness from God has been made known. The Law and the Prophets testify to it. <sup>22</sup> This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all and over all who believe.

In fact, there is no difference, <sup>23</sup> because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God <sup>24</sup> and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God publicly displayed as the atonement seat through faith in his blood. God did this to demonstrate his justice, since, in his divine restraint, he had left the sins that were committed earlier unpunished. <sup>26</sup> He did this to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so that he would be both just and the one who justifies the person who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> What happens to boasting then? It has been eliminated. By what principle—by the principle of works? No, but by the principle of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we conclude that a person is justified by faith without the works of the law.

**M:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**John 8:31, 32 cf. RSV**

**M:** Alleluia. If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia.



**C:** Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 10:16-23 EHV**

*Don't be naive. The gospel insults the wolves and lions of this world who trust in themselves. They turn vicious, but in the end they will fall. Stand firm on Jesus. He and his word will never fail us.*

**M:** The Gospel, Matthew Chapter 10

<sup>16</sup>“Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup> Be on guard against people. They will hand you over to councils, and they will whip you in their synagogues. <sup>18</sup> You will be brought into the presence of governors and kings for my sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup> Whenever they hand you over, do not be worried about how you will respond or what you will say, because what you say will be given to you in that hour. <sup>20</sup> In fact you will not be the ones speaking, but the Spirit of your Father will be speaking through you.

<sup>21</sup>“Brother will hand over his brother to death, and a father will do the same with his child. Children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. <sup>22</sup> You will be hated by all people because of my name, but whoever endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup> And when they persecute you in one town, flee to the next. Amen I tell you: You will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

**M:** This is the Gospel.



**C:** Praise be to you, O Christ!



1 O God, our Lord, Your ho - ly Word Was long a  
 2 Sal - va - tion true By faith in you— That is your  
 3 Lord, you a - lone This work have done By your free  
 4 Since you are mine, My Lord di - vine, Death holds no



hid - den trea - sure Till to its place It  
 gos - pel's preach - ing, The heart and core Of  
 grace and fa - vor. All who be - lieve Will  
 dread - ful ter - rors; Your pre - cious blood, My



was by grace Re - stored in full - est mea - sure.  
 Bi - ble lore In all its sa - cred teach - ing.  
 grace re - ceive Through Je - sus Christ, our Sav - ior.  
 high - est good, Has blot - ted out my er - rors.



For this to - day Our thanks we say And  
 In Christ we must Put all our trust, Not  
 And though the foe Would o - ver - throw Your  
 My thanks to you— Your Word is true! Ful -



glad - ly glo - ri - fy you. Your mer - cy show And  
 in our deeds or la - bor; With con - science pure And  
 Word with grim en - deav - or, All he has wrought Must  
 fill your prom - ise ev - er, And mer - cy give While



grace be - stow On all who still de - ny you.  
 heart se - cure Love you, Lord, and our neigh - bor.  
 come to naught— Your Word will stand for - ev - er!  
 here I live And heav'n - ly bliss for - ev - er.

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**SERMON** – See the separate sheet for the Sermon Road Map.

**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.**

## THANKSGIVING

**OFFERING** – *The mail at church is being collected. Offerings may be mailed to:  
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### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Based on Luther's prayer at the Diet of Worms (1521) as he faced the papal and imperial authorities*

- M:** Almighty, eternal God, out of the depths we call to you. The world opens its mouth to swallow your church, and our faith in you is too small to confront its lures and attractions!
- C:** **We confess the weakness of our sinful flesh. Satan deceives us daily. If we are to depend upon any strength from ourselves, all is lost. Help us, we beg, to withstand the ungodly way of life that the world has to offer.**
- M:** The work is not ours, O God, but yours. O Sovereign Lord and Creator, we have no way to satisfy your righteousness, nothing to contest the Deceiver's earthly power, nothing to mute its false attractions, nothing to uproot the rule of our sinful flesh.
- C:** **We would gladly pass our days in happiness and peace in an age awash with iniquity. Hear us, heavenly Father, for the cause is yours. Yes, Creator of all that is, your cause is righteous and everlasting. Vindicate your name among the nations!**
- M:** O all-seeing Lord, have mercy on your church. You understand our plight. We thank you for sending a messenger of peace to correct the times between life and death. This One is your Son, Jesus the Christ, the incarnate Savior, who saves us from calamities that plague your church.
- C:** **You have chosen us to do your work. Therefore, O God, accomplish it by your will. Stand by your church each day in the name of Jesus, who is our shelter and shield, our mighty fortress. Through the strength of the Holy Spirit, such faith works joy and peace and willingness to serve a world in need.**
- M:** We are even ready to lay down our life for this cause, as were your servants Martin Luther and his fellow Reformers and Confessors, who forcefully stormed the kingdom of heaven to restore the gospel of your righteousness to its central place in Christian life.
- C:** **For the cause is holy. Though this world is filled with devils and though our bodies perish in persecution, your Word and your Spirit still remain. The church always needs reform as its message encounters the false and frivolous. But the Word of God stands firm forever.**
- M:** In the confidence of this faith, gracious Lord, bless our efforts to spread the gospel of the glory and grace of God throughout the world to the joy and edifying of all who hear and believe and for your glory and our good.
- C:** **Amen.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** ... Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** **Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

### LORD'S PRAYER

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

**All:** **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**



**M:** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. 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.



**CLOSING HYMN**

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y  
 2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our  
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger  
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y

shield and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry  
 loss ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant  
 to de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no  
 thanks have for it; He's by our side up - on the

need That has us now o'er - tak - en. The  
 one Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You  
 ill; They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This  
 plain With his good gifts and Spir - it. And

old e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;  
 ask, "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,  
 world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
 do what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—

Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in  
 The al - might - y Lord. And there's no oth - er  
 He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is  
 Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is

fight; On earth is not his e - qual.  
 God; He holds the field for - ev - er.  
 done! One lit - tle word can fell him.  
 won; The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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