



## **Reformation Sunday**

October 27, 2024

### **Opening Hymn #261**

#### ***Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word***

1. Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word;  
Curb those who fain by craft and sword  
Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son  
And set at naught all He hath done.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Thy power make known,  
For Thou art Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Thy Christendom that we  
May evermore sing praise to Thee.

3. 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.

### **Invocation**

P We worship today in the name of the Father and of the Son and  
of the Holy Spirit.

C ♪ **Amen.**

### **Confession & Absolution**

P 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.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord

C ♪ **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sins.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P & C **O most merciful God, who has given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C ♪ **Amen.**

### **Gloria Patri**

C ♪ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### **The Kyrie**

C ♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis – (Hymn #238 v.1)**

All glory be to God alone,  
Forevermore the Highest One,  
Who doth our sinful race befriend,  
And grace and peace to us extend.  
Among mankind may His good will  
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

### **The Collect for the Day**

P Let us pray..... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ♪Amen

### **The First Lesson – 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.”

### **Psalm of the Day – Psalm 46**

#### **Sing Hymn #774 – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

1. A mighty fortress is our God,  
A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need  
That has us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal

4. The Word they still shall let remain,  
Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain

With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And do what they will – Hate, steal, hurt, or kill  
Though all may be gone,  
Our victory is won;  
The kingdom's ours forever!

### **The Second Lesson – 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.

### **Verse of the Day – Luke 12:32**

Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

### **The Gospel – John 8:31-36**

<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.”

## **Confession of Faith** ***Apostle’s Creed***

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Hymn of the Day #266** ***O God, Our Lord, Thy Holy Word***

1. O God, our Lord, Your holy Word  
Was long a hidden treasure  
Till to its place It is by grace  
Restored n fullest measure.  
For this today Our thanks we say  
And gladly glorify you.  
Your mercy show And grace bestow  
On all who still deny you.

2. Salvation true By faith in you,  
That is your Gospel's preaching,  
The heart and core Of Bible lore  
In all its sacred teaching.  
In Christ we must Put all our trust,  
Not in our deeds or labor;  
With conscience pure And heart secure  
Love you, Lord, and our neighbor.

3. Lord, you alone This work have done  
By your free grace and favor.  
All who believe Will grace receive  
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
And though the foe Would over throw  
Your Word with grim endeavor,  
What plan he tries, It always dies;  
Your Word will stand forever.

4. You are my Lord, And by your Word  
Death holds no dreadful terrors;  
Your precious blood, My highest good,  
Has blotted out my errors.  
My thanks to you! Your Word is true,  
You keep your promise ever.  
While here I live, Your grace you give  
And heaven's bliss forever.

**Sermon Text – John 8:31-36**

**Sermon**

***The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death  
by His Grace***

**Offertory**

**Offering of Thankful Hearts**

## **Prayer of the Church**

(Congregation may remain seated)

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: Almighty God, we give You thanks and praise for all Your goodness and tender care, especially on this Reformation festival. Keep us steadfast in Your Word, and prevent our wayward hearts from following false gospels that lead us away from You. Provide Your Church with faithful pastors who preach in purity and joy, that we are saved by Your grace alone, through faith alone, because of Christ alone.

**1. Built on the Rock the Church shall stand  
Even when steeples are falling.  
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;  
Bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest,  
But above all the soul distressed,  
Longing for rest everlasting.**

P: God of grace, thank You for the gift of Your Son and for the revelation of Your will and grace. Implant Your Word in us, and give us fertile hearts to keep it and bring forth its good fruit in our lives.

**2. Surely in temples made with hands  
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;  
High above earth His temple stands,  
All earthly temples excelling.  
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above  
Chooses to live with us in love,  
Making our bodies His temple.**

P: Mighty God, You have great power and yet You act with mercy. Teach those who lead us to use power rightly for the preservation of order, the accomplishment of justice, the protection of life and the defense of the weak. Give us wise, godly and faithful leaders

who will follow Your commands and serve with integrity, that we may proclaim Your gospel of peace.

**3. We are God's house of living stones,  
Built for His own habitation.  
He through baptismal grace us owns  
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.  
Were we but two His name to tell,  
Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
With all His grace and His favor.**

P: Heavenly Father, You have given us the certainty of sins forgiven in Your Son, set forth as the propitiation by His blood shed on the cross, and revealed to us in Your Means of Grace.

**4. Here stands the font before our eyes,  
Telling how God has received us.  
Th'altar recalls Christ's sacrifice  
And what His Supper here gives us.  
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim  
Christ yesterday, today, the same,  
And evermore, our Redeemer.**

P: Gracious God, remember all who face adversity of any kind [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Comfort them by Your Holy Spirit, that they would acknowledge their afflictions as the manifestation of Your fatherly will.

**5. Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,  
That, when the church bells are ringing,  
Many in saving faith may come  
Where Christ His message is bringing:  
"I know My own; My own know Me.  
You, not the world, My face shall see.  
My peace I leave with you. Amen."**

P: Preserve Your Church, O Lord, and each of us as members of Christ's Body, that we may not surrender the true Gospel for any



reason, but be kept in this faith and fear throughout the days of our earthly pilgrimage, until that day when we and all Your people shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the reward You have prepared for us and all who have loved His appearing; through the same **<please stand>** Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **The Benediction**

**P: The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you,  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.  
C ♪Amen, Amen, Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn #775**

#### ***Thy Strong Word***

1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
At Thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank Thee,  
While Thine ordered seasons run.

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia without end!

2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,  
Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of Thy salvation,  
Breathed Thine own life-giving breath.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!

3. Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;  
Bright with Thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory,  
And our lives our hopes confess.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!

4. From the cross Thy wisdom shining  
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth  
All Thy bright redeeming light.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!

5. Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.

Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the light which Thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias,  
Alleluias without end!

6. God the Father, light-creator,  
To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
Praise the holy Trinity!

## **Silent Prayer**

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