

TODAY'S FOCUS

We cannot think or logic our way to God or eternal life. The Reformer Luther knew we needed a changed heart and mind that comes as a gift from God. We explore Reformation themes all October long in our series "RE-Form Us, O Lord" as we ask God to renew our thinking, acting and witness.

+ WORSHIP THE LORD OUR GOD +

LSB 686 COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING sts. 1–3

- 1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
 Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
 Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
 Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
 May I still Thy goodness prove.

- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
 Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
 Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
 Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
 Interposed His precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

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P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

LSB 940 HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME sts. 1, 4–5

1 Holy God, we praise Thy name;

 Lord of all, we bow before Thee.

All on earth Thy scepter claim,

 All in heav'n above adore Thee.

Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.

4 Thou art King of Glory, Christ;

 Son of God, yet born of Mary.

For us sinners sacrificed,

 As to death a Tributary,

First to break the bars of death, Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.

△ 5 Holy Father, holy Son,

 Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;

Though in essence only one,

 Undivided God we claim Thee

And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O Lord, You show mercy to all who come to You with humble and repentant hearts.

C **Deliver us from all forms of arrogance and pride. By the cross of Jesus, empower us to demonstrate Your mercy to others and to live in gratitude for Your mercy;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ GOD'S WORD FOR US +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:31–34 NIV

³¹ “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord.

³³ “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord.

“I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the Lord.

“For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 12:1–3 NIV

^{12:1} Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 9:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. ² Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, “Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.”

³ At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, “This fellow is blaspheming!”

⁴ Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, “Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? ⁵ Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? ⁶ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the paralyzed man, “Get up, take your mat and go home.” ⁷ Then the man got up and went home. ⁸ When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

LSB 953 WE ALL BELIEVE IN ONE TRUE GOD

- 1 We all believe in one true God,
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need,
 Praised by all the heav'nly host;
All He made His love enfolds,
All creation He upholds.

- 2 We all believe in Jesus Christ,
 Son of God and Mary's son,
Who descended from His throne
 And for us salvation won;
By whose cross and death are we
Rescued from all misery.

- 3 We all confess the Holy Ghost,
 Who from both in truth proceeds,
Who sustains and comforts us
 In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessèd, holy Trinity,
Praise forever be to Thee!

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MESSAGE "RE-FORM US, O LORD!" PART 2: OUR THINKING

APOSTLES' 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 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.**

**From thence 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.**

OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER +

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

☐ Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, 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."

LSB 964 LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

sts. 1, 3

1 Lift ev'ry voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has
taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has
brought us;
Facing the rising sun
Of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

3 God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God,
where we met Thee;
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world,
we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

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BENEDICTION

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be
gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you
peace.
C Amen.

HWC 560 FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH sts. 1, Ref, 3, 5

1 For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies. **REFRAIN**

**Ref Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise!**

3 For the joy of human love
Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild. **REFRAIN**

5 For Thyself best gift divine
To our race so freely given;
For that great great love of Thine
Peace on earth and joy in heaven. **REFRAIN**

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