



Reformation Sunday

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Welcome to Worship! Words in **bold** are said together.

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Silence for reflection.)*

L: Faithful God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

L: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn – How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
consider all the works thy hand hath made;
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!
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2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain.*
3. But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain.*
4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *Refrain.*

Prayer of the Day

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.

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 46

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

C: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Selah

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

C: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

L: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

C: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

L: Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

C: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

L: "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

C: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 8:31-36

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They 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'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Amanda Kempthorne

Hymn of the Day – A Mighty Fortress is Our God #504

1. 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 crafts and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.
2. 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.
3. Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.
4. God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of God's People

Each petition ends "Lord in your mercy," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

Offering

- ◇ Mail: Lord of Life Lutheran, 1005 St. Nicholas Drive, North Pole, AK 99705
- ◇ Online: "giving" tab at www.lordoflifeak.com/giving or the QR Code →
- ◇ Phone app: download "Give Plus Church" search by zip 99705, choose Lord of Life, and follow the easy instructions.



We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught 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.

Announcements

- We would like to create a collage of the people of Lord of Life. Post your photo in the comments on Facebook or email them to office@lordoflifeak.com or text them to Pastor Amanda.
- We will have fellowship time after worship (11am) using Zoom and we've got some Reformation Trivia all set! There is a link in Friday's email and we'll post it in the comments shortly.
- Next Sunday is All Saint's Sunday, we will honor those who have died since last October. Send the names of your dear ones to our office and we will light a candle in their honor next Sunday.
- Coming up: Annual Meeting is November 8. We will be using Zoom for that meeting as well so you're invited to use fellowship as a time to get familiar with that video conference platform.
- Join in the Bible study on Philippians chapter 4 on Tuesday – read it on our website www.lordoflifeak.com/the-latest and watch a short introductory video on our Facebook page at noon.

Blessing and Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Remember the poor. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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