



Reformation Sunday

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

Children are always welcome - they worship God too! Cloth bags with quiet activities are by the stairs to keep them engaged during worship. Our nursery is at the bottom of the stairs, to the left.

The Lord's Prayer

We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray,

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Congregation: Amen.

*L: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(silence for reflection)*

L: Merciful and loving God, C: we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

L: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven! C: Amen.

Gathering Song – Light the Fire

I stand to praise you, but I fall down on my knees.
My spirit is willing but my flesh is so weak.

Refrain: So light the fire (light the fire) in my soul (in my weary soul)
fan the flame (fan the flame) make me whole (make my spirit whole)
Lord you know (Lord you know) where I've been (where I've been)
So light the fire in my heart again.

I feel Your arms around me, as the pow'r of your healing begins.
Your Spirit moves through me like a mighty rushing wind. *Refrainx2.*

Prayer of the Day – Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the

peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34 p. 642

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It 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. ³³ But 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. ³⁴ No 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 p. 450

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, ³ though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

⁶ The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts.

⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."

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Romans 3:19-28 p. 915

¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ 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.**

Gospel Acclamation (sung) p. 102, setting 1

*Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

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

John 8:31-36 p. 871

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

Sermon

Bishop Tim

Song of the Day – Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.
Our God, You reign forever; our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer.

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God.
You do not faint, You won't grow weary.
You're the defender of the weak. You comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

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You lift us up on wings like eagles. *Repeat*

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.**

Sharing the Peace – L: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.

Offering

- ◇ Mail: Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 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 instructions. Giving is secure.



Offering Song – He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Refrain: He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole wide world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got you and me, brother, in his hands
He's got you and me, sister, in his hands
He's got you and me, brother, in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands. (*refrain*)

He's got you and me, mother, in his hands
He's got you and me, father, in his hands
He's got you and me, mother, in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands. (*refrain*)

He's got the little, tiny baby in his hands (*repeat 3x*) (*refrain*)

Offering Prayer

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving p. 107

Holy, Holy, Holy p. 108

Christ's Words of Institution and Communion

Invitation to Communion

L: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

Post Communion Prayer

L: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

Announcements

- Join us this afternoon for our 50th anniversary celebration
- Beef shares available now – signup sheet near church offices
- Coming up: Nov. 16 Annual Meeting (new date)

Sending Song – How Great Thou Art #856

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.

Blessing

*L: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free, + bless you now and forever. C: Amen.*

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Do not lose heart. C: Thanks be to God.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries...

10-28 David Matz