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Reformation Sunday

"TRUE FREEDOM"

*Whoever you are...
Wherever you are in your JOURNEY OF FAITH...
YOU are WELCOME here!*

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome

Gathering Music

Our celebration begins with this morning's pre-service music selection. Use this time to prepare your heart for worship by reading and meditating on the lessons for today.



Invocation and Prayer

Introduction of Today's Theme

Leader: In our fallen humanity, we resist the reality that God is our mighty fortress, "our refuge and strength." We allow our fears to cause us to freeze when nations rage, mountains are moved, and waters roar and foam. We become afraid when life is not playing out the way we had planned. Our fears do not change the fact that "the Lord of hosts is with us." Our God baptizes us in the river of life and promises us a place where "there is a river whose streams make glad the city of God." This paradise and God's ever presence are ours because of Jesus.

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Praise the LORD, praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens.

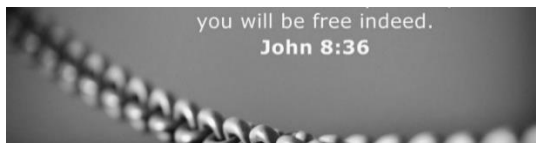
Leader: Praise Him for His acts of power; praise Him for His surpassing greatness.

People: Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights above.

Leader: Great is our Lord and mighty in power; His understanding has no limit. Sing to the LORD with grateful praise, **Amen!**

Leader: Let us pray: Heavenly Father, we praise You and thank You for Your love. Your love that is so great that You sent Your only Son to die for us. It is by His death alone that we are saved. It is by grace alone, through faith. Lord, we cannot possibly live up to the standard You have set. It is impossible for us to follow the law. It is by Jesus' sacrifice, by His blood only, by His resurrection, that we can live, that we can be called children of God. We thank you Father for Your love. We thank You for Jesus.

People: In Jesus' Holy Name, we pray. Amen!



WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

People: **Almighty God, You are our mighty fortress. We resist this reality when we live according to the so-called wisdom of the world. We resist the reality that, in Jesus, we are free indeed, when we use our law-keeping as a measure of our standing with You. We resist the reality that You are with us when we celebrate Your works as our own. Still our selfish nature and forgive our sins for Jesus' sake. Gladden our hearts and set us free.**

Pastor: The prophet Isaiah reminds us, *"The ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."* This is our reality as Jesus forgives us and sets us free. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive You all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**



Opening Song: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" – LW #297

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

(SCRIPTURE READINGS ON PAGE 7-8)

First Reading: Revelation 14:6–7

Reader: This is God's Word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Romans 3:19–28

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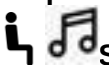
People: **Thanks be to God.**



Gospel Reading: John 8:31–36

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



Song of the Day: "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" – LW #509

Message: "The Truth Will Set You Free" – Pastor Tom Hurley



WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS



Nicene Creed – *(All speak together)*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



The Prayers – Congregation: “Hear our prayer.”

WE ARE REFRESHED BY GOD'S GRACE

Pastor: It is good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, our God, our refuge and strength, for You are with us. O God of Jacob, You are our fortress. You still our souls and gladden our hearts as You forgive our sins with the body and blood of Your Son. Lead us to Your holy habitation, where we will see the river of life that flows through Your holy city.

Words of Institution

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom as You have taught us to pray:

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.

Communion



Please come forward as the ministers (Pastor and Lay Leader) serve you the Sacrament. As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say to each communicant, "The Body of Christ, given for you... The Blood of Christ, shed for you." The communicant may say, "Amen." We invite non-communing children to come forward for a blessing and to cross (X) their arms.

Dismissal Blessing

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray: Lord of hosts, we thank and praise You for blessing us with Your body and blood. Still our souls and gladden our hearts so that we exalt You among the nations and throughout the whole earth; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

WE GO OUT TO SHARE GOD'S GRACE

Benediction

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

People: **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

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

People: **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

  Closing Hymn: "God of Grace and God of Glory" – LW #398

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS – Next **Sunday, November 2**, Daylight Savings ends. Remember to come to church an hour later. Set your clocks back 1 hour.

ADULT FORUM – Join us today after service for the Adult Forum to discuss today's message or join us Monday morning on ZOOM to discuss the message.



SERVING IN THE LORD'S FIELD TODAY:	SERVING IN THE LORD'S FIELD NEXT SUNDAY:
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Lay Leader: Nelson Gremmels
Comm. Assistant: Nelson Gremmels
Ushers/Greeter: Shirley Gremmels
Reader: Linda Sotto
Altar/Pre-Post Clean: Marcia Hurley
Counter: Shirley Gremmels
Fellowship: Linda Sotto & Joy Bloom

Lay Leader: Fe Rittenbach
Comm. Assistant: **No Comm.*
Usher/Greeter: Sherrald McMurray
Reader: Doug Holm
Altar/Pre-Post Clean: *Daina Vitols**
Counter: Dan Bastien
Fellowship: Sherrald McMurray

**No Communion on these Sundays. Altar person will fill the candles on the Altar, change and light the hanging candle.*

BIRTHDAY: Peggy Jacobson, Stephanie Warren, Morgan Kelly, Katherine Muller

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: None

SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Joseph Worthington (*Grandson of the Bakken's*) and 1st Lt. Charles Gremmels (*Son of Tom & Kevin Gremmels and Grandson of Nelson & Shirley*).

SURGERY/ILLNESS/PRAYER REQUEST:

Dave Hurley – He needs prayer for stage 4 prostate cancer, (*John Bowman's Cousin*).

Susan Desmond – Prayers for her surgery and recovery.

Lance Desmond – Prayers for healing from dialysis procedure, also an available kidney transplant, as he continues dialysis.

Joyce Larsen – She had knee surgery, prayers for successful recovery (*Jo Anne Goldsmith's friend*).

Jeanette Genovese – Prayers for healing from knee surgery (*Ken Benson's daughter*).

Eddie Hailey – Prayers for the dissolving blood clot in leg, dissipating swelling in leg, restore his ability to walk again, and heal his brain damage (*Sherrald McMurray's brother*).

Vicky Dayan – Prayers for comfort; and cancer treatments (*Pastor Tom & Marcia Hurley's neighbor*).

Diana Goebel – Prayers for her recovery and her strength to be restored.

Fern Johnson – Prayers for her health to be restored and healing her leg.

Mike Gremmels – Continued prayers for healing.

Carmen Roncancio – Prayers for her health & finances for her great-grandson, Gabriel & his father, Daniel.

Ken Benson – Continued healing from cancer.



First Reading: Revelation 14:6 – 7

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. ⁷ He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Second Reading: Romans 3:19 – 28

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. ²⁰ Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. ²¹ But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. ²⁷ Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. ²⁸ For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

Gospel Reading: John 8:31 – 36

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”³³ They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?” ³⁴ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

