REFORMATION SUNDAY

Oct. 25th, Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD) 2026

✢ Preparation ✢

Welcome and Connection Cards

Stand

Cross Processional

At the beginning of the hymn, the congregation stands, turns and faces the Cross, turning to follow as it moves to the place of prominence at the front of the sanctuary.

Opening Hymn - A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

The sign of the cross ✢ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the Name of the LORD,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O LORD, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.**

✢ Service of the Word ✢

Introit

Psalm 34:1

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O LORD,]
and shall not be put to shame.
I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
The LORD redeems the life of his servants;

none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O LORD,]
and shall not be put to shame.

Kyrie

All: LORD, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
LORD, have mercy.

P In peace let us pray to the LORD.

C **LORD, have mercy.**

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the LORD.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the LORD.

C **LORD, have mercy.**

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the LORD.

C **LORD, have mercy.**

P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the LORD.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

P For those who labor, those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the LORD.

C **LORD, have mercy.**

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the LORD.

C **LORD, have mercy.**

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the LORD.

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C **Christ, have mercy.**

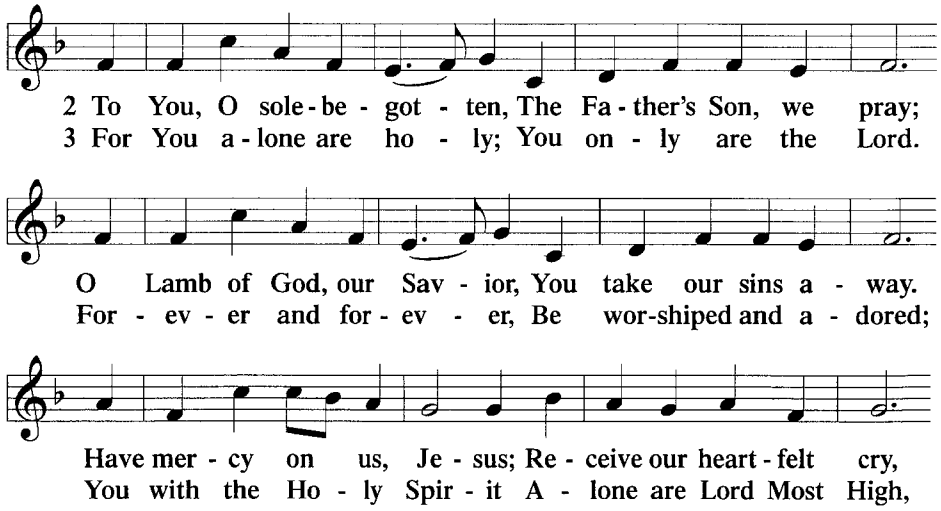
P For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the LORD.
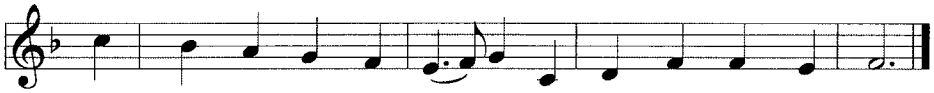
C **LORD, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious LORD.

C **LORD, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; LORD, have mercy.**

Gloria in Excelsis





Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa-ther's glo-ry. "A-men!" our glad re-ply.
Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The LORD be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
Almighty and gracious LORD, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

(11 a.m. only) Children between the ages of 3 years old and 5th grade are invited to meet Cathie Geske in the Gathering Space.

First Reading

Revelation 14: 6 - 7

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 46; antiphon: v. 7

[1]God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
[2]Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
[3]though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
[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 her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
[6]The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
[7]The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
[8]Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations 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 chariots with fire.
[10]"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"
[11]The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Epistle Reading

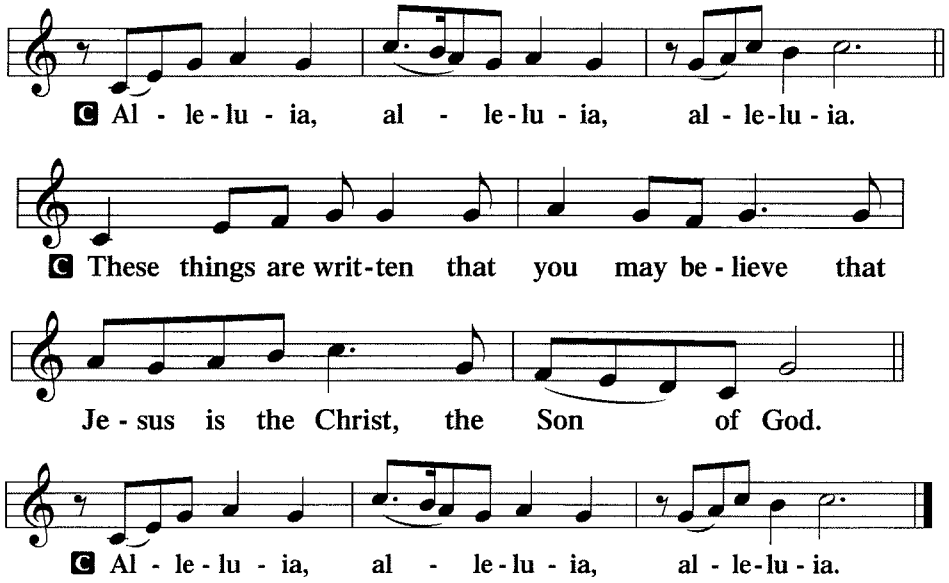
Romans 3:19–28

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O LORD.**

P This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

All: 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 men 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.

John 8:31-36

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 Christian 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.

Sit

Hymn of the Day - Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Sermon *"Rise Up and Walk!"* *Acts 3:1-16*

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Pax Domini

P The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C **Amen.**

The congregation now greets one another in the Name of the LORD, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Sit

Connection Cards

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Offering and Prayer

Benedicamus *LSB 212*

A Let us bless the LORD.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction *LSB 228*

P The grace of our LORD ✢ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Announcements

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Closing Hymn - In Christ Alone