



# Faith Lutheran Church

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[Contemporary]

Reformation Sunday

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**WORSHIP MUSIC**    **HOW GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS**

Matt Redman

Verse 1

**Now unto the King who reigns over all  
And never changes or turns  
Unfailing justice unfading grace  
Whose promises remain  
Yes Your promises remain *Repeat***

Chorus

**The heavens ring  
The saints all sing  
Great is Your faithfulness  
From age to age we will proclaim  
Great is Your faithfulness  
How great is Your faithfulness**

Verse 2

**Ev'rything changes but You stay the same  
Your Word and kingdom endure  
We lean on the promise of all that You are  
And trust forevermore  
We will trust forevermore**

**The heavens ring  
The saints all sing  
Great is Your faithfulness  
From age to age we will proclaim  
Great is Your faithfulness *Chorus***

Bridge

**From generation to generation  
You never failed us O God  
Yesterday and today and tomorrow  
Until the day You return *Chorus*  
How great is your faithfulness.**

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**WELCOME**

**\*OPENING SONG** A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

Text: *LSB 657*

Arranged by Koiné

**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 craft and dreadful might  
He arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.**

**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.**

**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!**

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**\*INVOCATION**

**\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**EPISTLE LESSON**

Romans 3:19-28

<sup>19</sup> 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 may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> For no one is declared righteous before him by the works of the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup> But now apart from the law the righteousness of God (although it is attested by the law and the prophets) has been disclosed— <sup>22</sup> namely, the righteousness of God through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. <sup>24</sup> But they are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup> God publicly displayed him at his death as the mercy seat accessible through faith. This was to demonstrate his righteousness, because God in his forbearance had passed over the sins previously committed. <sup>26</sup> This was also to demonstrate his righteousness in the present time, so that he would be just and the justifier of the one who lives because of Jesus' faithfulness.

<sup>27</sup> Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded! By what principle? Of works? No, but by the principle of faith! <sup>28</sup> For we consider that a person is declared righteous by faith apart from the works of the law.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****\*ALLELUIA VERSE**

AGNUS DEI

Michael W Smith

**Alleluia, Alleluia, For the Lord God almighty reigns.****Alleluia, Alleluia, For the Lord God almighty reigns.****Alleluia. Holy.****Holy, are you Lord God Almighty.****Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb, You are Holy!****Holy, are you Lord God Almighty.****Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb, Amen.**

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**\*HOLY GOSPEL**

John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the eighth chapter.  
**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to those Judeans who had believed him, “If you continue to follow my teaching, you are really my disciples <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” <sup>33</sup> “We are descendants of Abraham,” they replied, “and have never been anyone’s slaves! How can you say, ‘You will become free?’” <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “I tell you the solemn truth, everyone who practices sin is a slave of sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not remain in the family forever, but the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the son sets you free, you will be really free.

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

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **MESSAGE**

Pastor Ben

### **\*THE 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.**

**MUSICAL OFFERING** *Cornerstone* Myrin, Morgan, Liljero, Mote  
(Jon Allen, soloist; Terry Allen, pianist)

My hope is built on nothing less,  
than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,

but wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

Chorus

Christ alone. Cornerstone.  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love.  
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil.  
(Chorus)

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
oh may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone.  
Faultless stand before the throne.  
(Chorus)

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## **\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **Those in need:**

- **For Elmer Moehle**, father of Kay Gerlach, prayers for healing from mini-stroke
- **Steve Hemingway**, brother-in-law of Jolynn Keller, recovering from surgery for a severe diabetic foot infection.
- **Eric Wolfanger and his family**. Prayers for strength and the Lord's peace (Eric has been hospitalized since August 6 at Highland Hospital).

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving:**

- For **Dominic and Candice Gallina**, who celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this past Wednesday.
- For **Olivia Finkbeiner**, granddaughter of Kurt & Sharon Finkbeiner, who had successful ACL surgery last week.

- For the birth of **Heidi Cox**, born October 16 to Jordan & Nikkia Cox, friends of the Johnsons and the Balentines

**Ongoing Prayers:**

- For everyone affected by the coronavirus pandemic
- For our leaders
- For our caregivers and frontline workers
- For our first responders
- For our medical teams
- For the unemployed
- For those needing help with food
- For unity and peace in our world
- For our school administrators, teachers, parents, students, school bus drivers, school cleaning staff
- For those in the White House, Pentagon, and Congress who have COVID-19

**\*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.**

**\*WE ARE SENT WITH GOD'S BLESSING**

**\*SENDING SONG**

ROCK OF AGES

Rita Baloché

Verse

**There is no rock, there is no god like our God;  
no other name worthy of all our praise.**

**The Rock of salvation that cannot be moved,  
He's proven Himself to be faithful and true.**

**There is no rock, There is no god like ours.**

(Repeat Verse)

Chorus

**Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock.  
Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock.  
Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock.  
There is no rock, There is no god like ours.**

(Verse)

(Chorus twice)

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**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**