# *Reformation Sunday*

October 25, 2026

*Divine Service, Setting Three*

Word of Welcome

Prelude

Hymn #801: How Great Thou Art

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

Exhortation *Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5*

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C: **who made heaven and earth.**
P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession of Sins

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,
C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

Absolution *[John 20:19–23]*

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

Introit *Psalm 119:1, 38–40; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

P: The whole world is in Your power;
C: **O Lord, King Almighty, no one can gainsay You.**
P: For You have made heaven and earth;
C: **You are Lord of all!**
P: Blessèd are those whose way is blameless,
C: **who walk in the law of the LORD!**
P: Confirm to Your servant Your promise,
C: **that You may be feared.**
P: Turn away the reproach that I dread,
C: **for Your just decrees are good.**
P: Behold, I long for Your precepts;
C: **in Your righteousness give me life!**

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C: **O Lord, King Almighty, no one can gainsay You.**
P: For You have made heaven and earth;
C: **You are Lord of all!**

Gloria Patri (sung)

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Kyrie (sung) *Mark 10:47*
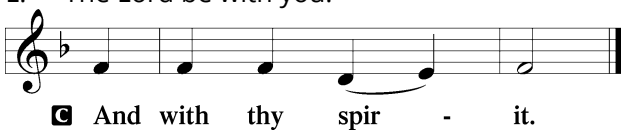
**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Gloria in Excelsis (sung) *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

**Glory be to God on high:**
**and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**
**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,**
**we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**
**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**
**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**
**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**
**that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**
**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**
**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**
**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**
**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**
**art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.




L: Let us pray.
O Lord, keep Your household, the Church, in continual godliness that through Your protection she may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve You in good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.




Old Testament: Genesis 1:1—2:3 (ESV)

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together He called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

So God created man in His own image,
in the image of God He created him;
male and female He created them.

And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished His work that He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work that He had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all His work that He had done in creation.

L: This is the Word of the LORD. C: **Thanks be to God.**

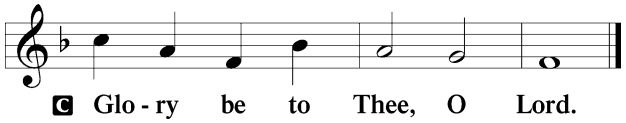
## Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17 (ESV)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**
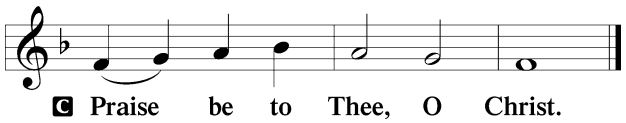
Holy Gospel: John 4:46-54 (ESV)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.




[Jesus] came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household. This was now the second sign that Jesus did when He had come from Judea to Galilee.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.




Statement of Faith: Nicene Creed

Hymn #657: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Sermon

Offertory *Psalm 51:10–12*

Offering from God's People

Stewardship Prayer

**Almighty God, we thank You for all the gifts You have given us. Thank You for Jesus, the perfect steward of Your gifts, showing that giving of self is the most fundamental part of following Him. May the offerings of our time, talents, and material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus showed us by His life and death for us. In His name we pray, Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer (8:00)

(8:00) The service will conclude with the Benediction.

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(10:45) The service continues with the Service of the Sacrament.

Preface (sung) *2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts. C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. C: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Proper Preface

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (sung) *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*
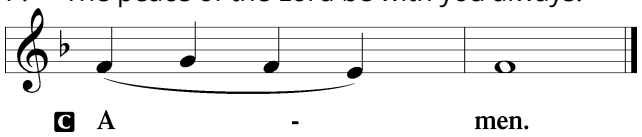
**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**
**heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**
**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**
**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**
**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9–13*

Words of Institution

Pax Domini *John 20:19*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.




Agnus Dei (sung) *John 1:29*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

Distribution Hymns

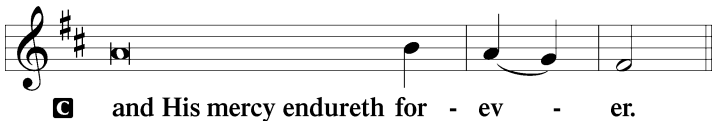
1. Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared (LSB #622)
2. Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (LSB #802)
3. O Worship the King (LSB #804)
4. Great Is Thy Faithfulness (#809)

Nunc Dimittis (please stand to sing) *Luke 2:29–32*

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,**
**for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,**
**a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.**
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Thanksgiving *Psalm 107:1*

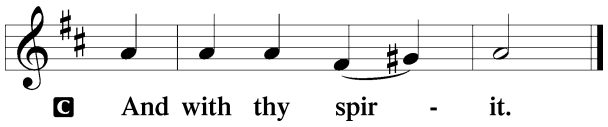
P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,




Dismissal & Post-Communion Prayer

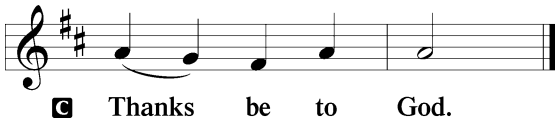
Salutation *2 Timothy 4:22*

P: The Lord be with you.
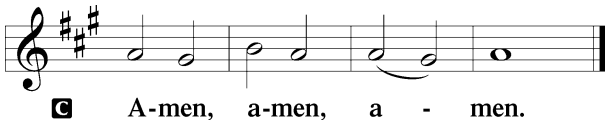


Benedicamus *Psalm 103:1*

P: Bless we the Lord.




Benediction *Numbers 6:24–26*

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ✢ give you peace.




Hymn #664: Fight the Good Fight

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