

Reformation Day

October 31, 2025

Divine Service, Setting Three

Word of Welcome

Prelude

Hymn #579: The Law of God Is Good and Wise

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.**

Hymn #580: The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

Introit

Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46

L: I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]

C: **and shall not be put to shame.**

L: I will bless the LORD at all times;

C: **His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

L: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

C: **let the humble hear and be glad.**

L: Come, O children, listen to me;

C: **I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

L: The LORD redeems the life of His servants;

C: **none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.**

L: I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]

C: **and shall not be put to shame.**

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.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

L: 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.



☐ A - men.

First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7 (ESV)

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come, and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

L: This is the Word of the LORD.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: Romans 3:19-28 (ESV)

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be

received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over former sins. It was to show His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:12-19 (ESV)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.



☛ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

"But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn."

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☛ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Statement of Faith: Nicene Creed

Hymn #657: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Sermon

Offertory (sung)

Psalm 51:10-12

Offering from God's People

Prayer of the Church

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.



☐ A - men.

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: Instrumental

Nunc Dimittis (please stand to sing)

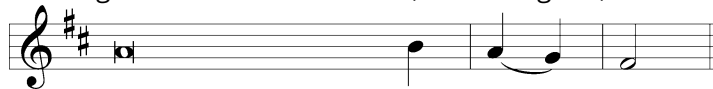
Luke 2:29-32

**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

Psalms 107:1

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



☐ and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Dismissal & Post-Communion Prayer

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

Psalms 103:1

P: Bless we the Lord.



☐ Thanks be to God.

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.



■ A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn #645: Built on the Rock

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