

Reformation Sunday (Observed)

October 26th, 2025

"We are rooted in God's love, united in connecting people to Jesus"

WELCOME & INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" (657)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE: "There is a Redeemer" (Screens)

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CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

P: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near to God in faith and repentance, confessing our sins. We confess together:

C: Heavenly Father, I confess all my sins to You, the sins that I know of and I acknowledge that there are others that are unknown to me. Your Word teaches that I will be held accountable for my sins. But, Your Word also teaches me about Jesus and that He is the Savior of the world. Lord, I ask that You forgive me of my sins, that my sins not stay with me. "God, have mercy on me, a sinner" (Luke 18.13b).

P: Friends of God, heaven rejoices when we acknowledge our sins for God desires to shower His mercy and love upon us. Know, therefore, that your sins, your known and unknown sins, are removed from you as far as the east is from the west (Psalm 103.12). The words I speak, I now speak for God: You are forgiven of your sins! They are no longer with you!

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

KYRIE PRAYER (Spoken)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you!

P: Let us pray together:

C: Almighty and gracious God, You sent Your Son to free us from the captivity of sin and to bring us into the household of Your grace. You have made us truly free — forgiven, redeemed, and made Your own. Grant that we may never trade this freedom for the false promises of the world but live as Your children. Let our lives show forth the freedom that is ours in Christ Jesus — a freedom that gives, serves, forgives, and rejoices in You. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

HANDBELL CHOIR (10:30)

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. by Martha Lynn Thompson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Epistle reading is **Romans 3.19-28**. In this powerful section, the Apostle Paul highlights the effects of the Gospel that is ours through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

The Gospel reading for today is **John 8.31-36**. Jesus declared that "If the Son sets you free then you are free indeed."

Please stand out of respect for Jesus and His Word

A: These are the Words of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

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Explanation to the Second Article (Screens)

SERMON HYMN: "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" (782)

SERMON: John 8.31-36

THANKOFFERING and OFFERTORY

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Congregational response is: **Hear our prayer.***

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should . . . evermore
praising You and singing:

SANCTUS (p. 161)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

“I Lay My Sins on Jesus” (606); “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” (702);

“Let Us Break Bread Together” (Screens)

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AFFIRMATION OF HOPE

P: To You, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory,
in Your holy Church forever and ever. Amen!

**C (Loudly): CHRIST HAS COME! CHRIST IS RISEN!
CHRIST SHALL COME AGAIN!**

THE BENEDICTION

C: AMEN!

CLOSING HYMN: “To God Be the Glory” (Screens)

Pastor: We have gathered this morning to worship the Lord, to be renewed
and strengthened in God’s love and the forgiveness of sins. As we go, let
us remember who we are and what we do:

**C: “We are rooted in God’s love, united in connecting people to
Jesus.”**

Pastor: You are dearly loved and treasured by God, planted and growing
in God’s love. As God’s beloved children, go in peace! Love one another!
Be a blessing! Share the faith! Serve the Lord with gladness!

C: Thanks be to God!

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