

Christ Lutheran Church and School
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Pastor Eric Robinson

REFORMATION DAY (OBSERVED)

October 26, 2025 8:15 a.m.



AS WE GATHER

In our fallen humanity, we resist the reality that God is our mighty fortress, “our refuge and strength” (Psalm 46:1). We allow our fears to cause us to freeze when nations rage, mountains are moved, and waters roar and foam. We become afraid when life is not playing out the way we had planned. Our fears do not change the fact that “the LORD of hosts is with us.” Our God baptizes us in the river of life and promises us a place where “there is a river whose streams make glad the city of God.” This paradise and God’s ever presence are ours because of Jesus.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 46:1, 7, 10–11*

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
People: **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**
Pastor: “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”
People: **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Isaiah 35:10*

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

People: **Almighty God, You are our mighty fortress. We resist this reality when we live according to the so-called wisdom of the world. We resist the reality that, in Christ, we are free indeed when we use our law-keeping as a measure of our standing with You. We resist the reality that You are with us when we celebrate Your works as our own. Still our selfish nature and forgive our sins for Jesus' sake. Gladden our hearts and set us free.**

Pastor: The prophet Isaiah reminds us, "The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." This is our reality as Jesus forgives us and sets us free. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive You all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

HYMN OF PRAISE "Almighty"

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CHORUS Almighty, most Holy God;
Faithful through the ages.
Almighty, most Holy Lord;
Glorious Almighty God.

Verse 1 The beasts of the field, the birds of the air
Are silent to call out Your name.
The earth has no voice and I have no choice
But to magnify God unashamed.
Let the rocks be kept silent for one more day.
Let the whole world sing out, let the people say: **CHORUS**

Verse 2 Well, time marches on with innocence gone,
And a darkness has covered the earth.
But His Spirit dwells He speaks, "It is well."
And the hopeless still offered new birth.
He will break the leash of death; it will have no sting.
Let the pris'ner go free, join the dance and sing. **CHORUS**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God of glory, we worship You who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water. We worship You who freely forgives us through the propitiation of Jesus' blood, which justifies us freely by Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING *Revelation 14:6–7* (Fear God and worship Him.)

⁶ 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. ⁷ 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."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalms 46*

Lector: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Lector: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

People: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

Lector: God will help her when morning dawns.

People: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

Lector: He utters His voice, the earth melts.

People: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Lector: Come, behold the works of the LORD, how He has brought desolations on the earth.

People: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire.

Lector: “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

People: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

EPISTLE *Romans 3:19–28* (All have sinned and are freely justified by God’s grace.)

¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ 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.

²⁷ 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. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE *Luke 12:32*

All: **Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *John 8:31–36* (It is only through Jesus that we become free.)

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

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN **Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)**

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Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

CHORUS My chains are gone, I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.

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The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures. **CHORUS 2x**

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below,
Will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine,
You are forever mine.

SERMON

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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.

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord of hosts, we give You glory and thanks for being our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, especially on this Reformation festival. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Thank You for the gift of Your grace that alone sets us free through the blood of Your Son, Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Faithful and forgiving God, thank You for bringing us to faith in You. It is through this faith alone that we are saved. Grow us in Your grace and guide us by Your Spirit in living our faith daily. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Word who became flesh and dwelt among us, You have given us the Word of Life. Strengthen us by Your Word. Lead and guide us by Your truth. Give Your church on earth faithful pastors who preach and teach the Gospel in all its purity. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You are the One who sets us free. In You alone our hope is found. You are our strength and our refuge. Remember all who face adversity of any kind. Comfort, strengthen, and heal them by Your Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Preserve Your church, O Lord, and each of us as members of Christ's Body, that we may not surrender the true Gospel for any reason but be kept in this faith and fear throughout the days of our earthly pilgrimage, until that day when we and all Your people shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the reward You have prepared for us and all who have loved His appearing. To You alone be all glory, now and forever, for You rule and reign as one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OFFERING

HYMN (during Offering) **“Rock of My Salvation”** Teresa Muller
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You are the Rock of my salvation,
You are the strength of my life.
You are my hope and my inspiration,
Lord, unto You, will I cry.
I believe in You, believe in You,
For Your faithful love to me.
You have been my help in time of need;
Lord, unto You will I cleave. *(Repeat all)*
You are the Rock of my salvation,
You are the strength of my life.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

LORD’S PRAYER

All: 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI CHORUS from “**Lord, Have Mercy**”

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**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy on me;
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy on me.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Only By Grace” Gerrit Gustafson © 1990 Integrity's Hosanna! Music/ASCAP CCLI 119684

Only by grace can we enter; only by grace can we stand;
Not by our human endeavor, but by the blood of the Lamb;
Into Your presence You call us, You call us to come.
Into Your presence You draw us, and now by Your grace we come,
now by Your grace we come.

Lord, if You mark our transgressions, who would stand?
Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb.
Lord, if You mark our transgressions, who would stand?
Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb.

Only by grace can we enter; only by grace can we stand;
Not by our human endeavor, but by the blood of the Lamb;
Into Your presence You call us, You call us to come.
Into Your presence You draw us, and now by Your grace we come,
now by Your grace we come.
Now by Your grace we come, now by Your grace we come.

“The Strong Name of Jesus” Claire Cloninger & Morris Chapman
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There is only one Lord that we cling to,
There is only one truth that we claim;
There is only one way that we walk in,
There is only power in one name.

CHORUS And in the strong name of Jesus, By the blood of the Lamb,
We are able to triumph, We are able to stand.
In the power of His Spirit, By the strength of His hand;
In the strong name of Jesus, by the precious blood of the Lamb.

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Though apart from Him we can do nothing,
By His Spirit we can do all things;
Covered by His blood we are made righteous,
Lifting up the name of Christ the King! **CHORUS**

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior” Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse
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Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have tho’t that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
O You rescue the souls of men.

CHORUS You Are the One that we praise. You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
O our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way.
O we hopelessly lost the way. **CHORUS**

Almighty, infinite Father, Faithfully loving Your own,
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,
O we’re falling before Your throne. **CHORUS**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.
O God of Jacob, we give You glory for sending Your Son to set us
free. We thank You for setting this feast of forgiveness before us.
Empower us to proclaim Your eternal Gospel to all who dwell on
earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people; through
Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Psalm 46:1, 7, 10–11; Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
People: **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Pastor: “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

People: **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN “Reformation Song”

Bob Kauflin | Tim Chester

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Your Word alone is solid ground;
The mighty rock on which we build.
In every line the truth is found,
And ev’ry page with glory filled.

Through faith alone we come to You.
We have no merit we can claim.
Sure that Your promises are true,
We place our hope in Jesus' name.

CHORUS Gloria, Gloria, glory to God alone.
Gloria, Gloria, glory to God alone.

In Christ alone we're justified.
His righteousness is all our plea,
Your law's demands are satisfied.
His perfect work has set us free.

By grace alone we have been saved.
All that we are has come from You.
Hearts that were once by sin enslaved,
Now by Your pow'r have been made new.

And on this Reformation day,
We join with saints of old to sing.
We lift our hearts as one in praise:
Glory to Christ our gracious King

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FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Kelley and Lishelle Burmeister in memory of Shaynelle Brianna.

ASSISTING THIS WEEK at 8:15 a.m.

MUSIC: *Joyful Noise* ~ David Yocky, Matt Helge, Jessey Cherne, Elizabeth Dobbelaire, Jack Behnken, Eric and Nash Robinson, Josh Henderson, Ken Carpenter

LAY MINISTER: Kelley Burmeister

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: TBD

LECTOR: Debbie Yocky

ACOLYTE: Madison Hoffman

USHERS: Volunteers

AUDIO/VISUAL: Phil Pelzman

ALTAR DUTY: Lishelle Burmeister and Deon Haas

ASSISTING NEXT WEEK at 8:15 a.m.

MUSIC: *Joyful Noise* ~ Beth Shroff, Marty Rasmussen, Jack Behnken, Eric and Nash Robinson, Josh Henderson,

LAY MINISTER: TBD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Becky Cherne

LECTOR: Ron McBrayer

ACOLYTE: Rose Schoenherr

USHERS: Volunteers

AUDIO/VISUAL: Phil Pelzman

ALTAR DUTY: Debbie Nixon, Hayleigh Saavedra and Debbie Schneider