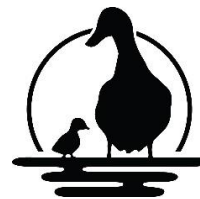




Sunday, October 26th, 2025
Reformation Sunday



RE•FORMATION

THEN • NOW • ALWAYS

Flowers decorating our space this morning are in memory of Jim Gilhousen.

(The “+” symbol indicates where the congregation should stand)

Prelude

Bourée

Anonymous
arr. Tom Garvin

Intrada on *Lobet den Herren, alle die ihn ehren*

Ulrich Nehls
arr. Timothy Buendorf

Welcome and Gathering

Announcements

Ring of the Bell *(please remain seated)*



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

+Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

+Confession & Thanksgiving for Baptism

L: O God of mercy, we lament that even good actions of reform and renewal often have unintended negative consequences.

C: Lord, have mercy on us.

L: We bring before you the burdens of the guilt of the past when our ancestors did not follow your will that all be one in the truth of the Gospel.

C: Christ, have mercy on us.

L: We confess our own ways of thinking and acting that perpetuate the divisions of the past. As communities and as individuals, we build many walls around us: mental, spiritual, physical, political walls that result in discrimination and violence. Forgive us, Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy on us.

L: In the waters of baptism, we are claimed as children of God. In these waters our sin is washed away and we rise again and again, forgiven and free in the love of Jesus Christ. Rejoice in the freedom of Christ's forgiveness, granted to you in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

C: Amen.

+Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast

ELW 166

The refrain is sung twice - first by the choir, then by all. The choir sings the verses and all sing the refrain when indicated (R).



Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his. **R**

Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor, glory and might be to
God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **R**

For the Lamb who was slain has
begun his reign. Alleluia, alleluia. **Final Refrain**



+Prayer of the Day

L: Ever-calling God,

**C: we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

You may be seated

Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L: Word of God, Word of Life: **C: Thanks be to God!**

+Gospel Acclamation *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

ELW 517



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

+Gospel: John 8:31-36

L: The Gospel according to John the Eighth chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

L: The Good News of God. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

You may be seated

Children’s Message

Sermon



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.

5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

Text © 1971 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

+Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

You may be seated

Prayers of Intercession

L: Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation...

Spoken Response: L: Spirit of God, **C: Receive our Prayer.**

prayers end with: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

Peace: L: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

You are invited to share the peace with those around you as you feel comfortable

Meal

Offerings placed in the envelopes for a specific congregation will be forwarded to the specific congregation. Loose offerings this morning will go to the Resurrection Fund of the Minneapolis Area Synod.

**Offering &
Musical Offering**

Never-Ending Grace

Mark Patterson

Offering Prayer

L: Reforming God, make us new. Take what we have and use what you know we need. Take what we offer and multiply it beyond our imagination. Take what we hold onto and shape us into your disciples. We trust you to treat us with love, mercy, and forgiveness – we commit to use our gifts to treat others the same. In Jesus' love we pray,

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

Preface

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should, at all times, and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God...we **rise** to praise your name and join their unending hymn... *(please rise in body or spirit)*

+Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,', 'heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -', 'san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who', and 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.'

+Words of Institution

+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.

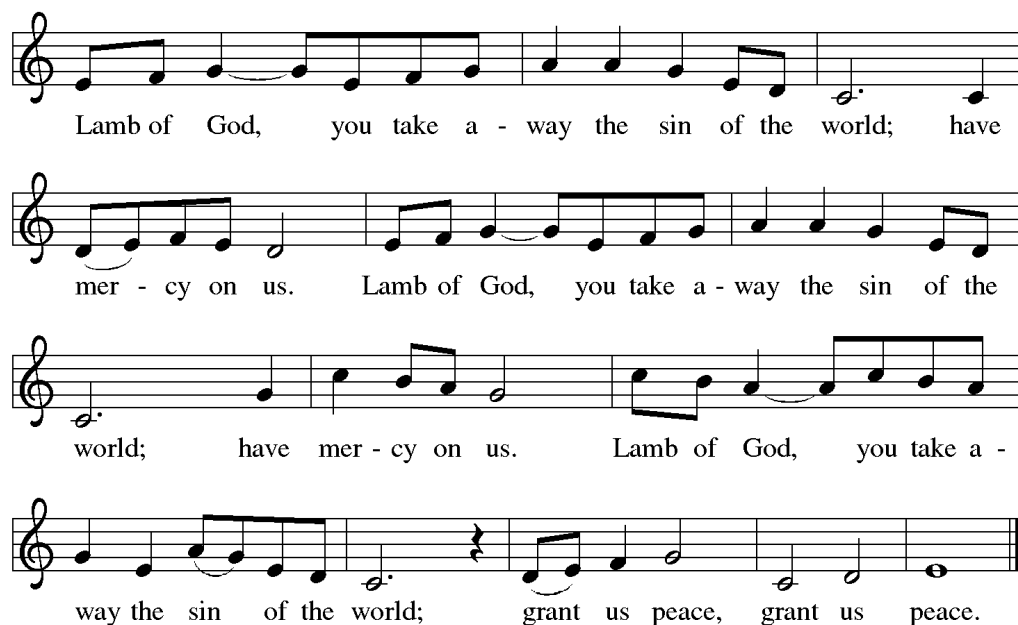
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

+Invitation to Communion

L: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

(You may be seated)

Communion



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music During Distribution

What is the World Like

Adam Tice &
Sally Ann Morris

Chorale Prelude *Erhalt uns, Herr*

Dietrich Buxtehude

+Prayer after Communion

L: God of the ages, this bread and cup that we share unites us with Christ and all your people through all of time. Send us out to proclaim your love with strength, wisdom, and, courage to a world longing for the grace you offer through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,

C: Amen.

Sending

+Blessing

L: For all that God can do within us, for all that God can do without us,

C: Thanks be to God!

L: For all in whom Christ lived before us, for all in whom Christ lives beside us,

C: Thanks be to God!

L: For all the Spirit wants to bring us, for where the Spirit wants to send us,

C: Thanks be to God!

L: The blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be with you and on your way together, now and forever.

C: Amen.



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham-pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap-ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther
 Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

+Dismissal

L: Go in peace, sharing God's love with one another,

C: We will, by the grace of God.

Postlude

Postlude on *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott*

Tom Garvin

Hymn arrangements in today's service are by:
Timothy Buendorf, Henry V. Gerike, Jeffrey Blersch,
John E. Wigal, S. Drummond Wolff & Jon N. Kietzer

Worship Participants

Presider

Pastor Eric Luedtke

Preacher

Pastor Neal Cannon

Musicians

Timothy D Buendorf, Interim Director of Liturgical Worship & Organist (HOP)
House of Prayer & Woodlake Combined Choir, Brass & Handbells

Lector/Intercessor

Muriel Holland

Communion Servers

Pastor Micah, Pastor Neal Cannon, Pastor Eric Luedtke, Sue Holton, Sandy
Laurance, Brent King, Paul and Sue Danielson

Ushers

Cathy and Roger Shromoff

AV Engineer

Ethan Alberg

Communion Preparers

Carlene Ulmer and Roberta Sander



House of Prayer Lutheran Church

7625 Chicago Ave. S.
Richfield, MN 55423
612-866-8471



Woodlake Lutheran Church

2120 76th Street West
Richfield, MN 55423
612-866-8449



Scan the QR code with a smartphone to make an electronic offering donation.

Unless otherwise noted, the above is from sundaysandseasons.com Copyright © 2025 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.
Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS011429. New Revised Standard Version Updated
Edition, Copyright © 2021 National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights
reserved.

Portions of this liturgy from Common Prayer: From Conflict to Communion. Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the
Reformation in 2017. Written by the Liturgical Task Force of the Lutheran-Roman Catholic Commission on Unity. Used by
permission.