

Worship Leader Edition
Reformation Sunday
Books of ACTS Series
"Reform"

October 25, 2026

8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Faith Hope Love"
Bells of Praise

Jason Krug

WELCOME {Front Center} (Rob)

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

OPENING HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

ELW #504/Screen

Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

Verse 3

Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

Verse 2

No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

Verse 4

God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

GREETING {Front Center} (Bette Gamboni)

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.

ASSISTANT SAY: "PLEASE BE SEATED"

KYRIE (*cantor and congregation*)

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L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: 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.

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

C: Lord have mercy.

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

C: Amen, Amen.

C: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY {*Front Center*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

L: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that you renew the church in every age. Stir up in us your Holy Spirit. Keep us steadfast in your word, protect and comfort us in times of trial. Give us your peace and courage to share the Good News in word and deed, through your Son, and our Savior, Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE {*On Floor Pulpit Side*} (*Andrea*)FIRST READING {*Lectern*} (*Al Buss*)

Acts 9:1-19

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: Please stand as you are able.

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*STAND*)

"Alleluia"

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C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

L: Lord, to who shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL (*Rob*)

John 8:31-36

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They 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'?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED

PLEASE SAY: “PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE”

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Church is Made the Sure Foundation”

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Verse 1

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, our head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever
and our confidence alone.

Verse 2

To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come with all your loving-kindness,
hear your people as they pray;
and your fullest benediction
shed within these walls today.

Verse 3

Here bestow on all your servants
what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you forever
with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.

Verse 4

Praise and honor to the Father,
praise and honor to the Son,
praise and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run!

APOSTLES' CREED {*Front Center*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

Screen

C: 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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome one another. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat.

ASSISTANT SAY: “PLEASE BE SEATED FOR THE PRAYERS”

THE PRAYERS {*Front Center*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

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After each petition:

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Bette Gamboni*)

Screen

C: 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.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE (*Bette Gamboni*)

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L: During this time of reflection and response please fill out your welcome card with any prayer request and use this time to prepare your offering. For those gathered the collection plates are in the front and back. To give electronically there is a QR code in the bulletin. For those on-line please go to our website stlukesbloomington.org there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Please email prayers to office@stlukesbloomington.org. Enjoy this time.

MUSIC

“First Song of Isaiah”
Bells of Praise & Trudy Dahl (Flute)

Valerie Stephenson

SENDING

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE + MINISTRIES *(Rob)*

INTRODUCTION OF CONFIRMANDS AND FAITH STATEMENTS

PLEASE SAY: “PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE”

BENEDICTION *{Front Center} (Rob)*

L: May the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“The Church of Christ, in Every Age”

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Verse 1

The church of Christ in ev’ry age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.

Verse 2

Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die.

Verse 3

Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be

a partner in Christ’s sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ’s humanity.

Verse 4

For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.

Verse 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.

DISMISSAL *{Back} (Rob)*

L: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Altar Flowers Given Today:

Al Buss

In celebration of my 57th anniversary!