

## **REFORMATION SUNDAY**

October 31, 2021

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## **ABIDING IN HIS WORD, PROCLAIMING HIS FREEDOM**

### **AS WE GATHER**

Jesus calls us to abide in His Word. To abide means to dwell or be at home. Are you at home in Jesus' Word? Is it the place where you long to be? Jesus' Word is the only place in all the world where we can find the absolute guarantee of sins forgiven, hope restored, and new life granted as children of God the Father. Today, Jesus mercifully calls us to come to Him, confess our sins, and be filled with His pardon and peace. He will renew us by His Word, strengthen us at His Table, and send us forth with His blessing to proclaim to all creation: "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36).

## **PREPARATION**

### **OPENING HYMN "ONWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS"**

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### **INVOCATION**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### **OPENING SENTENCES**

*John 8:31-32*

- P** Jesus said, "If you abide in My word,  
**C** you are truly My disciples,  
  
**P** and you will know the truth,  
**C** and the truth will set you free."

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*John 8:36*

- P** With humble hearts, let us approach our Father's throne of grace.

*Silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior*

- P** Together, we pray:  
**C** Gracious Father, because our entire lives are to be ones of repentance, we bow before You and confess our sins. We have turned away from the truth of Your Word, choosing to go our own way. By what we have thought, by what we have done, and by what we have failed to do, we have broken Your commands and are deserving of Your wrath and punishment. By the mercy of Christ, Your Son, set us free from our captivity. Enable us by Your Holy Spirit to live under You in Your kingdom and to serve You in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Amen.

**P** Just as Christ is risen from the dead, He lives and reigns to all eternity! It is most certainly true that He died and rose again for you to make you right with God, to adopt you as children of the heavenly Father, and to set you free from sin and death. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** “So if the Son sets you free,

**C** you will be free indeed!”

## WORD

### INTROIT

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

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,  
and shall not be put to shame.

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.

Come, O children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

The LORD redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,  
and shall not be put to shame.

### KYRIE

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord of hosts, have mercy.

**P** For those living in fear because of sudden disaster, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord of creation, have mercy.

**P** For those living in fear because of the evil intentions of people in power, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord of lords, have mercy.

**P** For those living in fear because of evil forces within the Church and oppression beyond it, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Christ, our Lord, have mercy.

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

**C** Amen.

SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people.

**C** Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth,

**P** protect and deliver us in times of temptation,

**C** defend us against all enemies,

**P** and, through the abiding Word of Your Son,

**C** set us free from our sin that we may know Your saving peace;

**P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

FIRST READING

*Revelation 14:6–7*

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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.

PSALM

*Psalm 46; antiphon: v. 7*

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

**P** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**C** Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

**P** though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

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

- P** God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.
- C** **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts.**

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

- P** Come, behold the works of the LORD, how He has brought desolations on the earth.
- C** **He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire.**
- P** “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”
- C** **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

## EPISTLE

*Romans 3:19–28*

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

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

<sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>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.**

## VERSE

*Luke 12:32*

- P** Alleluia. Fear not, little flock,
- C** **for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 8:31–36*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” <sup>33</sup>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’?”

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

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## HYMN OF THE DAY “A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD”

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## SERMON

## NICENE CREED

LSB 158

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Lord Jesus, You have freed us from the captivity to sin and death, from the delusion of trying to earn and maintain our own righteousness, and from the chains of condemnation and fear. That is why we rejoice in Your Word: If the Son sets you free,

**C** you will be free indeed!

**P** Lord Jesus, only Your mercy and grace enable us to know, find, and live in the freedom of Your eternal Gospel. Send Your Spirit upon Your Church that we continue in the truths of the Reformation, and that, to all the peoples of the world, we proclaim this truth: If the Son sets you free,

**C** you will be free indeed!

**P** Lord Jesus, free us from self-centeredness and pride. Turn our focus toward You first in faith and then toward others in love. Bless all who serve You and others in their homes, in the church, in the workplace, and in our community to rejoice in knowing that if the Son sets you free,

**C** you will be free indeed!

**P** Lord Jesus, You proclaim freedom for the captives and recovery for those with infirmities. Grant Your healing, in both soul and body, to those we name before You, *especially* Hedy, Jean, Kathleen, Ray, Richard, Sallyann, Wally, Dana, Kaylee, Jean, Jen, John, Leah, Rod and Pastor Jim. Rejoicing in Your healing touch, grant that all who receive Your Good News boldly say: If the Son sets you free,

**C** you will be free indeed!

- P** Lord Jesus, for these and all other concerns we have, please hear and answer our prayers according to Your gracious will
- C** that we live each day in the freedom we have come to know. Amen.

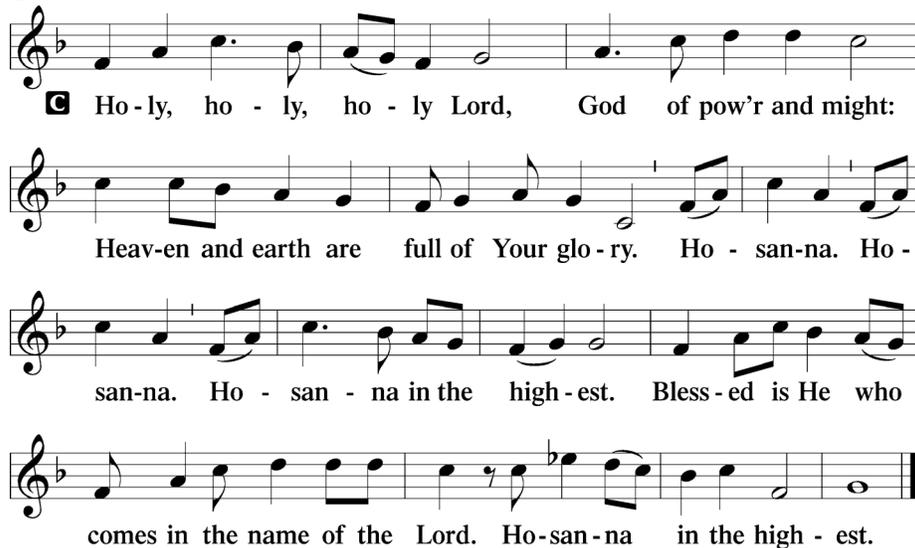
## SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

### PROPER PREFACE

### SANCTUS

*LSB 161*



**C** 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.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With joyful hearts, we receive the truth that sets us free.

We are free to know You, free to worship You, and free to abide in Your Word!

Gather us together from every nation, tribe, language, and people to celebrate at the Table of our crucified and risen Savior and receive Him as He comes to us in His body and blood. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*LSB 162*

- P** 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### **LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.**

### **PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

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

## DISTRIBUTION

### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this saving gift of Your Son's body and blood. Knowing the freedom of sins forgiven, send us out from this place as we walk by faith alone and share Your Word with the world Christ died to save; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### BENEDICTION

*John 8:31–32, 36; Numbers 6:24–26*

**P** Jesus said, "If you abide in My word,

**C** you are truly My disciples,

**P** and you will know the truth,

**C** and the truth will set you free.

**P** So if the Son sets you free,

**C** you will be free indeed."

- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "THY STRONG WORD"

#578



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with  
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth

speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we  
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -

light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.  
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to

Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

- 5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 May the light which Thou dost send  
 Fill our songs with alleluias,  
 Alleluias without end!

## Please stand for final verse

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,  
To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
Praise the holy Trinity!

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## Weekly Announcements

### Wednesday Evening Pastor-Led Bible Studies

**Pastor-led Bible Study has resumed on Wednesdays at 12:00 pm online.**

**ACTS: A study of Growth in the Church.** This means growth in Christian attitudes, insights, and skills for Christian living. The focus of this course will be the church and the world of our day. The guiding question will be this: *What does the Lord teach us for life today through the book of Acts?* Join us online on Wednesday evenings, 12 pm at <https://Koinonia.ClickMeeting.com/Acts> (or visit there for the recorded sessions).

### Prayer Request Information:

If you have a prayer request, please notify Jim Burmeister via text at (847) 343-3798, Phone: (847)934-5963 or via email: [elder@ourredeemerprospectheights.org](mailto:elder@ourredeemerprospectheights.org).

### Email address for Pastor Jim:

If you would like to send an email to Pastor Jim, please use the following address:

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### Website

Our website: [ourredeemerprospectheights.org](http://ourredeemerprospectheights.org) contains links for in person worship registration, Livestream online worship, Bible Studies, Bulletins and Monthly News, and Online Giving. Check it often.

### Lutheran Home Auxiliary Donations

Please donate your unwanted jewelry to the Auxiliary of the Lutheran Home for their quarterly sales. 100% of all proceeds will be used to enhance the lives of their residents. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated: new or used, costume or fine, perfect or broken. Also needed are housewares, knick-knacks, bedding, towels, small appliances, books, puzzles, DVD's, games, holiday decorations...ANYTHING used or new, except clothing & furniture. Please mark your bag or box "Auxiliary" and leave it with a Lutheran Home receptionist. For a thank you note, please include your name and address. Your donation is deductible for income tax purposes.

### Daylight Savings Time – Clock Adjustment Reminder

A friendly reminder to set your clocks **back** one hour at 2:00 am on Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup>!

### Armed Forces Sunday – November 14<sup>th</sup> 2021

We will be observing Veteran's Day on Sunday November 14<sup>th</sup> 2021. If you know of anyone who has served or who is currently serving and would like their name listed in the Armed Forces Sunday Worship Bulletin, please submit their names to Laurie in the Church office no later than Tuesday November 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Please join us on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm as we give praise and thanks to God for His many good gifts. We ask that you please register if you plan to attend.

### Wheeling Food Pantry Wish List

The Wheeling Township food pantry is in need of the following items: Beans (White Northern or Cannellini), Carrots, Cream Soups (Cream of Mushroom, Celery and Chicken), Juices (quart size bottles) and Paper Towels. Items need to be dropped off at the Wheeling Township office located at 1616 N Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights. Questions can be directed to Julie Villarreal at 847-259-7730.

### Sonshine Preschool News

#### CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Thank you to everyone who has ordered Christmas Wreaths, etc. as part of Sonshine Preschool's annual fundraiser. If still interested in ordering, please let me know. We do have the opportunity to place orders as need be. Delivery will be starting the week of Thanksgiving.

Thanks for your support! Traudy Burmeister

### Coffee-And...

We will continue holding "Coffee-And..." on a weekly basis.

Feel free to bring treats. Coffee will be provided for you.

## October Happenings

October 24 9:00 am – Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost No Communion

October 27 12:00 pm – Adult Bible Study - Online

October 31 9:00 am – REFORMATION SUNDAY With Communion

## **November Happenings**

November 3 12:00 pm – Adult Bible Study - Online

November 7 9:00 am – All Saints Day With Communion

November 10 12:00 pm – Adult Bible Study - Online

November 14 9:00 am – Armed Forces Sunday  
25th Sunday after Pentecost No Communion

November 17 12:00 pm – Adult Bible Study – Online

November 21 9:00 am – Last Sunday of the Church Year With Communion  
3:00 pm – Aspired Living Worship

November 24 12:00 pm – Adult Bible Study – Online  
7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service With Communion

November 28 9:00 am – First Sunday in Advent No Communion