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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

Rev. Lyndon Sayers, Pastor

REFORMATION SUNDAY

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Holy Communion Setting One



***Sola Gratia - We are saved by Grace Alone
through Christ***

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Litany for Reformation
5 Solas

Creator, we give you thanks for your gift of the Holy Spirit, making us a reforming church, as followers of Christ.

Sola Gratia, you save us by grace alone.

We give you thanks for the gift of grace.

Through you we are enough.

Solus Christus, you save us by Christ alone.

**We give you thanks for sending us Jesus who
hears our prayer. And sends us into the world
to serve.**

Sola Fide, you save us by faith alone.

**We give you thanks for the gift of faith,
sustaining us day by day.**

Sola Scriptura, you save us by scripture alone.

**We give you thanks for the gifts of scripture,
translation, and literacy, so we may read your
word.**

Soli Deo Gloria, you save us by glory to God alone.
**We give you thanks for saving us as we praise
you in liturgy and song, giving us hearts
burning for justice.**

Praise be to Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, rooting us
in the gospel, branching out in love. **Amen.**

Gathering Song

***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* – No. 504**

Vs. 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.

Vs. 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.

Vs. 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.

Vs. 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, honour, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

Greeting – Page 98

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

And also with you.

Kyrie – Page 98

In Peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen, amen.

Glory to God – Page 99

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.

Psalm 46

Refrain: *The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

¹God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.

**²Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth
be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the
depths | of the sea;**

³though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its
tumult.

**⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the
cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be
shaken;

God shall help it at the | break of day.

**⁶The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away.**

Refrain: *The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

⁷The LORD of ^l hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob ^l is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works ^l of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up- ^l on
the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in ^l all the
world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and
burns the ^l shields with fire.

**¹⁰“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will
be exalted | in the earth.”**

¹¹The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

Refrain: *The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of
Jacob is our stronghold.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 8:31-36

...Glory to you, O God
...Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn of the Day

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power – No. 651

Vs. 1 Oh, praise the gracious pow'r
that tumbles walls of fear
and gathers in one house of faith
all strangers far and near:

Refrain: We praise you, Christ!
Your cross has made us one!

Vs. 2 Oh, praise persistent truth
that opens fisted minds
and eases from their anxious clutch
the prejudice that blinds:

Refrain: We praise you, Christ!
Your cross has made us one!

Vs. 3 Oh, praise inclusive love,
encircling ev'ry race,
oblivious to gender, wealth,
to social rank or place:

Refrain: We praise you, Christ!
Your cross has made us one!

Vs. 4 Oh, praise the word of faith
that claims us as God's own,
a living temple built on Christ,
our rock and cornerstone:

Refrain: We praise you, Christ!
Your cross has made us one!

Vs. 5 Oh, praise the tide of grace
that laps at ev'ry shore
with visions of a world at peace,
no longer bled by war:

Refrain: We praise you, Christ!
Your cross has made us one!

Vs. 6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,
the love, the word, the tide.
Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,
praise Christ the crucified:

Refrain: We praise you, Christ!
Your cross has made us one!

Vs. 7 Oh, praise the living Christ
with faith's bright songful voice!
Announce the gospel to the world
and with these words rejoice:

Refrain: We praise you, Christ!
Your cross has made us one!

Prayers of Intercession

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Peace Sharing

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Hymn of the Day
***God Alone Be Praised* – No. 1023**

Vs. 1 Oceans rise, the coastland trembles;
mountains melt and dry earth crumbles.
All the world with longing groans.
Love abides, this gracious promise
is our help, our hope and solace.
God's strong word is solid ground.

Vs. 2 Nations rage, the empire falters;
seeking refuge, exiles wander.
Walls and weapons rise from fear.
Through this wilderness a river
flows to heal and bless us ever.
God the crucified dwells here.

Vs. 3 Come and see; God's mercy gathers
all that sin and grief have shattered.
Life from fields of death is raised.
Peace, be still; let prideful thunder
yield to songs of joy and wonder.
God and God alone be praised.

Offering Prayer – Page 106

Great Thanksgiving – Page 107

Holy, Holy, Holy – Page 108

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna
in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Thanksgiving Prayer – Page 108

The Lord's Prayer – Page 112

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth
as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin
against us. Save us from the time of trial and
deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Lamb of God – Page 112

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Songs
Taste and See – No. 493

Refrain: Taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.
Oh, taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Vs. 1 I will bless the Lord at all times.
Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord;
for God has been so good to me.

Refrain: Taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.
Oh, taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Vs. 2 Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord, who answered me;
from all my troubles I was set free.

Refrain: Taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.

Oh, taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Vs. 3 Worship the Lord, all you people.
You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
in God we need put all our trust.

Refrain: Taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.
Oh, taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

***By Grace We Have Been Saved* – No. 1006**

Refrain: By grace we have been saved—
saved by grace through faith,
not because of what we do;
it is the gift of God.

Vs. 1 On the days when you are weak,
on the days when you are strong,
rich or poor, young or old,
just listen to the song.

Refrain: By grace we have been saved—
saved by grace through faith,
not because of what we do;
it is the gift of God.

Vs. 2 Rest your body, rest your mind,
in the stillness you will find
you're a lovely, precious child,
part of the great design.

Refrain: By grace we have been saved—
saved by grace through faith,
not because of what we do;
it is the gift of God.

Vs. 3 You don't need to be afraid.
You will never be alone.
There is mercy, there is hope,
and love will take you home.

Refrain: By grace we have been saved—
saved by grace through faith,
not because of what we do;
it is the gift of God.

***O God, We Call* – No. 1075**

O God, we call, O God, we call,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn for you.

Sending Song

***Build a Longer Table* – No. 1062**

Vs. 1 Build a longer table, not a higher wall,
feeding those who hunger, making room for all.

Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.

Vs. 2 Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;
where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.

For any place where justice is denied,
Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.

Vs. 3 Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.
When we embrace compassion more than fear,
Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.

Vs. 4 When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.
So must our tables welcome those who roam.
None can be excluded; all must find a home.

Worship Leaders and Assistants

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