The Divine Service

Reformation Sunday October 31, 2021



AS WE GATHER

Reformation Sunday is not just a special day to celebrate our history by remembering the story of Martin Luther; it is a perfect opportunity to rejoice in the freedom we have been given from sin and death through Jesus Christ alone. By gathering to receive His Word and to share in His Supper, we come to know yet again the eternal Gospel that is being proclaimed to all who dwell on earth. This good news not only sets us free from our captivity to sin and death, but it also enables us to live a life of freedom in Christ and boldly share with others how they, too, may be set free. The same Savior who speaks His Word to us says to all who will listen: "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36).

CALL TO WORSHIP/CHECK IN

WORDS OF WELCOME/THEME OF THE DAY

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Pastor:

In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People:

Amen.

Pastor:

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Pastor: **People:**

who made heaven and earth.

Pastor:

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People:

and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor:

O almighty God, merciful Father,

People:

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor:

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (**) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People:

Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" LSB 644, verses 1,4,5



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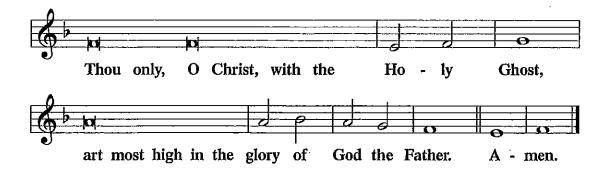
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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Lord, to know You is to know true

freedom from sin and to live in the transforming power of Your Holy Spirit. Grant that we, who hold fast to the Word of Your Son, may never return to our captivity but walk daily in the new life we have received; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6-7

Reader: ⁶Then 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. 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."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Reader:

¹⁹Now 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. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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. ²⁶It 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. ²⁷Then 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. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Reader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



Pastor:

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the eighth chapter.



So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." 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'?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Pastor:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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People:

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 orall of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" LSB 657, verses 1-4

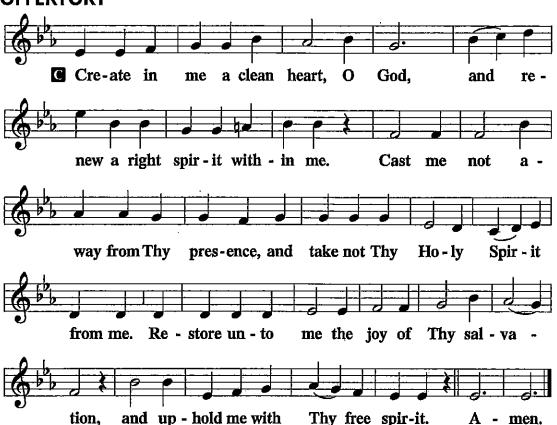


SERMON

"In Christ Alone"

Pastor Scott Henze

OFFERTORY



GATHERING OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth, Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Petitions end, "Lord in your mercy" Congregation responds, "Hear Our Prayer"

A word about Holy Communion: We welcome to the Lord's Table all baptized Christians who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in this sacrament and believe that in this eating and drinking, we receive the forgiveness of sins and the power to amend our sinful lives. Children who have not yet been instructed may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over the chest thus indicating they will not receive the elements.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand as you are able.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

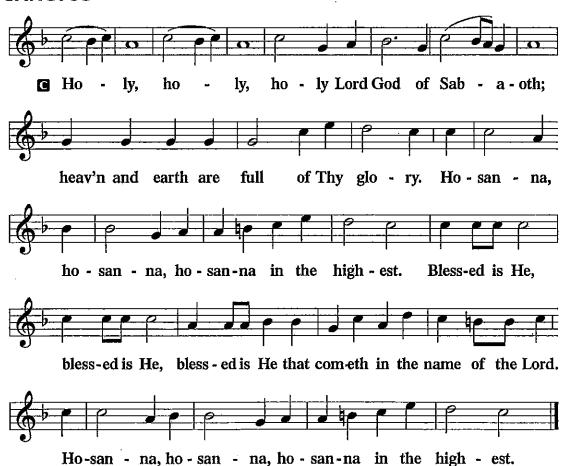
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor:

Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

People:

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PEACE OF THE LORD

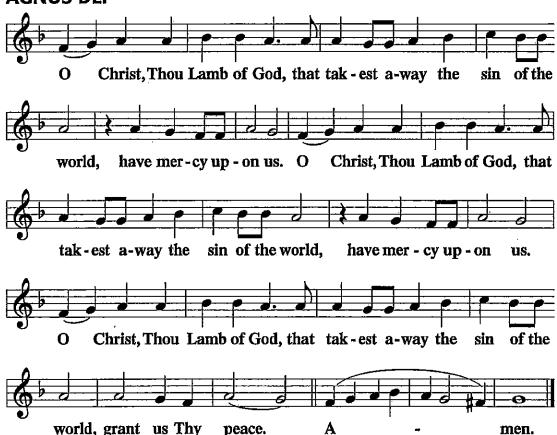
Pastor:

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People:

And also with you.





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CLOSING OF THE TABLE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

LSB 803



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love! 2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re-flect Thy rays, △ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un-fold like flow'rs be-fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove. Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un-bro-ken praise. Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean-depth of hap-py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a-way. Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow-'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spir - it, Foun-tain-head of love di-vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day. Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee. Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy-ful, we by grace are Thine!

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as....

People: Disciples making disciples.

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Upcoming Events & Services! Mark your calendars!

Trivia Night Youth Fundraiser

Saturday, November 13 (Doors open at 5:45 PM) - Gather a team of 8 to compete for a good cause. All funds raised will help our youth attend youth gatherings and mission trips. Register at www.stpaulweston.org or on the St. Paul Weston App.

Thanksgiving Eve Service Wednesday, November 24 - 7:30 PM

Gather together to give thanks. All offerings go to LifeNet4Families Ft. Lauderdale Food Pantry.

Midweek Advent Services Wednesday, December 1 & 8 7:30 - 8:00 PM

Drive Thru Live Nativity

Friday, December 3 and Saturday, December 4 (6:00 PM - 8:00 PM)

Mark your calendars for this special presentation of the Christmas story. Live animals, music and more. Invite your friends and neighbors!

A Quiet Christmas

Sunday, December 12 at 7:00 PM - All are invited for this special night of music and readings that reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. A holiday reception will follow the program in the breezeway.