





October 30, 2022  
**Reformation Sunday**

**Thought:** Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer Concerns**

**Sharing of the Reformation Peace**

**P:** By grace we are given peace. May that peace be with you all!

**C:** And also with you!

**Opening Hymn** - “In Christ There Is No East or West” ELW 650

<https://youtu.be/GG8hzY1OoM4>

In Christ There is No East or West - Chris Brunelle

**Gathering Grace Litany**

**P:** Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.

**A:** I see God’s grace

**C:** Given for me.

**A:** Grace to grow,

**C:** Grace to fail,

**A:** Grace to persist,

**C:** Grace to refrain,

**A:** Grace to change,

**C:** Grace to tarry,

**A:** Grace to live,

**C:** Grace to die,

**A:** I see God’s grace

**C:** The grace of love and salvation.

**P:** I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

**Reformation Hymn** - “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” ELW 779

<https://youtu.be/N8M78bLEHow>

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God - Michael W. Smith

### Greeting

**P:** 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.

### Kyrie

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

**C:** 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 and Amen!**

Hymn of Praise - "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" ELW 517

<https://youtu.be/iHlGardD4S4>

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word - Koine

### Prayer of the Day

**A:** Almighty Lord, our ears are open to your Word.

**C:** Our eyes are open to your presence.

A: For the promises made through your prophet Jeremiah are certain and sure: “This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law with them...”

C: ...your Word is planted in us Lord.

A: ...and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God.

C: Your Word is alive IN us, Lord.

A: And we are alive for you.

C: Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## The Word

### Old Testament reading - Jeremiah 31:31-34

*I will remember their sins no more*

<sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>It 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. <sup>33</sup>But 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. <sup>34</sup>No 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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 46

*The Lord of host is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold*  
God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present<sup>lal</sup> help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,  
<sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.  
<sup>4</sup> **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**  
<sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city;<sup>[b]</sup> it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.  
<sup>6</sup> **The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice; the earth melts.**  
<sup>7</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.<sup>1</sup>  
<sup>8</sup> **Come, behold the works of the LORD;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**  
<sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.  
<sup>10</sup> **“Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations;  
I am exalted in the earth.”**  
<sup>11</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.<sup>1</sup>

**Epistle reading – Romans 3:19-28**

*We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death*

<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 silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> For no human will be justified before

him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup> But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ<sup>[a]</sup> for all who believe. <sup>[a]</sup> For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup> since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup> they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement<sup>[a]</sup> by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup> it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### Holy Gospel - John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you O Lord.

<https://youtu.be/gdm-XevBeZc>

*You will know the truth and the truth will make you free*

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

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

**Children of God Time**

<https://youtu.be/3Wp5wu4Fyjc>

**Homily** - “If You Continue in My Word”

[https://youtu.be/\\_m8DT0CCvZQ](https://youtu.be/_m8DT0CCvZQ)

**Hymn of the Day** - “God of Grace and God of Glory” ELW 705

<https://youtu.be/i1G6uArjXYI>

God of Grace and God of Glory - Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

**First Article of the Apostles’ Creed**

**And**

**Luther’s Explanation**

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

**A: What does this mean?**

**I believe that God has created me and all that exists.**

**He has given me and still preserves my body and soul with all their powers.**

**He provides me with food and clothing, home and family, daily work, and all I need from day to day.**

**God also protects me in time of danger and guards me from every evil.**

All this he does out of fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, though I do not deserve it.  
Therefore I surely ought to thank and praise, serve and obey him.

A: This is most certainly true.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

P: In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: Keep your church steadfast in your word, reforming God. Deepen our faith and increase our love in Jesus' name. Further ecumenical dialogue and partnerships (*local partnerships may be named*) and equip us for unified witness and service in the world. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Come to the aid of the poor, especially those suffering food and water shortages or loss of homes due to natural disasters. Halt the exploitation of the earth's resources and lead us to seek justice and rescue the oppressed. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Guide leaders of all nations, almighty God. Heal divisions, build trust, and remove barriers that prevent collaboration and cooperation. Bring neighborhoods, cities, and countries together to work for the common good. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Save from trouble those who struggle with hunger, homelessness, or addiction. Strengthen the overworked and give hope to those who do not have enough work. Console those who are burdened by illness or grief (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Reveal yourself to all who seek you. Empower the hospitality ministries of this congregation to welcome others to your feast of love. Foster generosity in our stewardship ministries to both our congregation and community. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: Gather the faithful at the table of your eternal banquet. We give thanks for those who have witnessed to your gracious presence, especially Martin Luther and all who strive to reform and renew the church. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

### Offering/Offertory Prayer

A: Accept our gifts to you, O God, our love, our talents, our goods.

C: **What we give is only a small part of what you have given us.**

A: What incredible blessings are ours from you!

C: **What wondrous grace is poured out on us!**

A: We praise you, O God,

C: **for it is our joy to do so.**

A: We sing songs of highest praise!

C: **Bless the Lord all you people!**

A: Shout praise to the God of all Creation!

C: **God's goodness overflows upon us. Amen!**

Thanksgiving Song - "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" ELW 597

<https://youtu.be/RFktMLdeFac>

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less -First Plymouth Church

## The Great Thanksgiving

P: Spirit of God, Comforter and Inspiration,

**C: Come be with us, come join with us now and forever.**

P: Word of God, live in us, for you are greater than we can comprehend,

**C: Through many dangers toils and snares I have already come.**

P: More glorious than any sun, more beautiful than any song ever sung.

**C: 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,**

P: Blessing and honor are yours for you are God and we are your people,  
yours to command

**C: And grace will lead us home.**

P: Jesus Christ, Savior God and Friend,

**C: Come be with us, come join with us now and forever.**

## Consecration

### The 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

### Distribution

### Communion Music

Post Communion Blessing - Pastor

“Baptized and Set Free” ELW 453

<https://youtu.be/IP4V4LGj1TA>  
Baptized and Set Free - Holdrege

### Post Communion Prayer

A: The grace of God cascades upon us, drawing us near to God.  
P: May this grace, so powerful, bring about change. May it take us from sinner to saint. May it call us strongly to the truth of the Way of Jesus Christ. May it recreate us as reformation people. Amen.

Benediction - from Numbers 6

Sending Hymn - “Amazing Grace” ELW 779

<https://youtu.be/XQBrNGUH6xg>  
Amazing Grace - Darlene Zschech

### Dismissal

A: By grace we are saved and sent to serve!  
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

