

# Reformation Sunday

Holy Communion

Thursday, Oct. 22, 2020

Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020

**PRELUDE** Swing Five on Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word | Johannes Matthias Michel

## Gathering

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not love you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare

### **HYMN #410** All Glory be to God on High

*Sung by cantor.*



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -  
2 O Fa - ther, for your lord - ship true we give you praise and  
3 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's  
4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, per - fect gift, who brings us con - so -



friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the  
hon - or; we wor - ship you; we trust in you; we  
au - thor, re - deem - er of your wan - d'ring ones, and  
la - tion: to men and wom - en saved by Christ as -

strife at last is end - ed. God shows good-will to  
 give you thanks for - ev - er. Your will is per - fect,  
 source of all true plea - sure; O Lamb of God, O  
 sure your in - spi - ra - tion. Through sick - ness, need, and

one and all, and peace when trou - bled sin - ners call. Thank  
 and your might re - lent - less - ly con - firms the right; your  
 Lord di - vine, con - form our lives to your de - sign, and  
 bit - ter death, grant us your warm, life - giv - ing breath; our

God for grace and mer - cy!  
 lord - ship is our bless - ing.  
 on us all have mer - cy.  
 lives are in your keep - ing. A - men.

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 Music: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH, plainsong; adapt. Nikolaus Decius  
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## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# Word

## FIRST READING *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 46

*Sung by cantor.*

**SECOND READING** *Romans 3:19-28*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Sung by cantor.*

**GOSPEL** *John 8:31-36*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

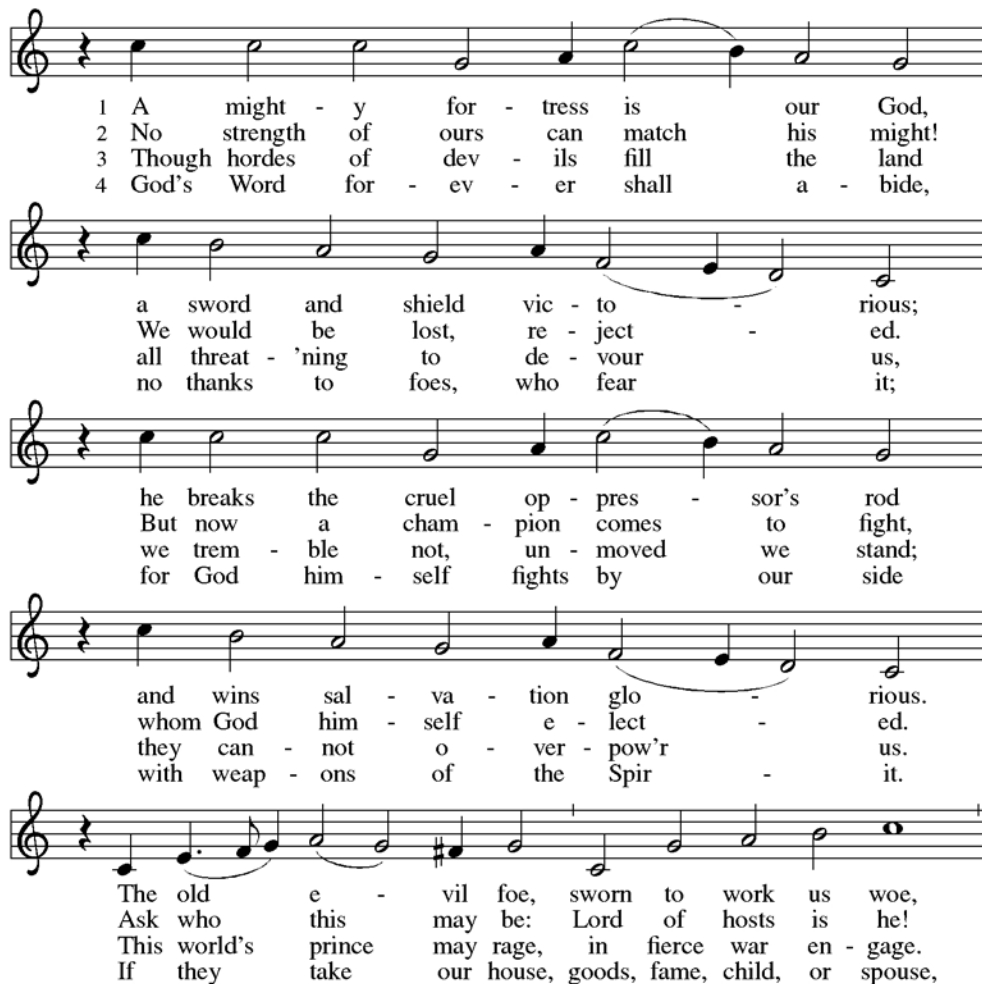
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**HYMN #503** A Mighty Fortress

*Sung by cantor.*



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,  
2 No strength of ours can match his might!  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide,  
a sword and shield vic - to - rious;  
We would be lost, re - ject - ed.  
all threat - 'ning to de - your us,  
no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod  
But now a cham - pion comes to fight,  
we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand;  
for God him - self fights by our side  
and wins sal - va - tion glo - rious.  
whom God him - self e - lect - ed.  
they can - not o - ver - pow'r us.  
with weap - ons of the Spir - it.  
The old e - vil foe, sworn to work us woe,  
Ask who this may be: Lord of hosts is he!  
This world's prince may rage, in fierce war en - gage.  
If they take our house, goods, fame, child, or spouse,

with dread craft and might he arms him - self to fight.  
 Christ Je - sus our Lord, God's on - ly Son, a - dored.  
 He is doomed to fail; God's judg - ment must pre - vail!  
 wrench our life a - way, they can - not win the day.

On earth he has no e - qual.  
 He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther  
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## APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

## PEACE

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

# Meal

*Please stand.*

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## **SANCTUS**

*Sung by cantor.*

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

... Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

*Spoken by all.*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed by thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be one,**

**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.**

*Please sit.*

## **THE COMMUNION**

*All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion. We receive the Body of Christ (bread) in our open hands. Christ is fully present in both the bread and cup. Persons unable to drink wine are encouraged to abstain from the cup and receive Christ in the bread.*

## **LAMB OF GOD**

*Sung by cantor.*

*Please stand.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

# Sending

### **BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **RECESSIONAL HYMN #517** Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word

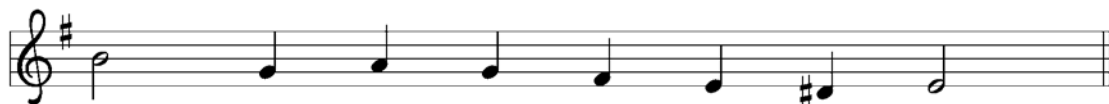
*Sung by cantor.*



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



and bring to naught all he has done.  
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

### **POSTLUDE** Trumpet Tune | Jeremy Bankson

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## Today from the Life of the Church

To make the way smoother for the unlearned—for only them do I serve—I shall set down the following two propositions concerning the freedom and the bondage of the spirit:

A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none.

A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all.

These two theses seem to contradict each other. If, however, they should be found to fit together, they would serve our purpose beautifully. Both are Paul's own statements, who says in 1 Cor. 9, "For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all," and in Rom. 13, "Owe no one anything, except to love one another." Love by its very nature is ready to serve and be subject to him who is loved. So Christ, although he was Lord of all, was "born of a woman, born under the law," (Gal. 4:4), and therefore was at the same time a free man and a servant, "in the form of God," and "of a servant" (Phil. 2:6-7).

*Martin Luther (1484-1546)*  
*"The Freedom of a Christian" (1520)*

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