

# Reformation Sunday

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**WORSHIP NOTES** At the Festival of the Reformation we give thanks we have been rescued from the false ways of salvation that could only lead us to ruin and doom. We owe God thanks for that rescue accomplished by his grace alone, on account of Christ's merit alone, and through the means of grace alone. At the same time, we remember that apart from unqualified commitment to his Word, grace can be lost and with it the saving faith created through the Word in the one and only Christ, our one and only Savior. So let us cherish the Word of the Lord and as Luther wrote "gladly hear and learn it!"

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them committed to your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and share with the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**GUESTS** Welcome to our visitors!

**Restrooms:** At the far side (south) of the entry.

**Parents' Room:** At the far left (southwest) of the entry.



**OPENING HYMN** "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

CW, #201:1

A mighty fortress is our God,  
A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need  
That has us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe  
Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **DIALOGUE FOR REFORMATION DAY**

**P:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, in this Reformation service God again delivers to us love and forgiveness, power to be his people, and resolve to share his precious gospel of forgiveness with all people.

**C: We are not ashamed of the gospel**

P: You were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air... . But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved. (Eph 2:1,2,4,5)

**C: The gospel is the power of God for my salvation.**

P: When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said “Repent,” he willed that the whole life of believers should be repentance. (Martin Luther, the first of the 95 Theses)

**C: The gospel is the power that caused the Reformation.**

P: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God’s law; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God – through Jesus Christ our Lord! (Romans 7:21-25)

**C: The gospel is the power that overcomes the devil, the world, and our own sinful weakness.**

P: [Jesus said,] If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.” (Mark 8:38)

**C: We are not ashamed of the gospel.**

P: [St. Paul wrote:] God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, who has saved us and called us to a holy life – not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. (2 Timothy 1:7-9a)

**C: We are not ashamed of the gospel. We will testify about our Lord and his mighty deeds.**

**HYMN** "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

CW, #201:2

With might of ours can naught be done;  
Soon were our loss effected.  
But for us fights the valiant one  
Whom God himself elected.  
You ask, ""Who is this?""  
Jesus Christ it is, The almighty Lord.  
And there's no other God;  
He holds the field forever.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

- P: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: You shall have no other gods.**
- P: We should fear, love and trust in God above all things.
- C: You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.**
- P: We should fear and love God that we do not use his name to curse, swear, lie or deceive, or use witchcraft, but call upon God's name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.
- C: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**
- P: We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and his Word, but regard it as holy, and gladly hear and learn it.
- C: Honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.**
- P: We should fear and love God that we do not dishonor or anger our parents and others in authority, but honor, serve, and obey them, and give them love and respect.
- C: You shall not murder.**
- P: We should fear and love God that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need.
- C: You shall not commit adultery.**
- P: We should fear and love God that we lead a pure and decent life in words and actions, and that husband and wife love and honor each other.
- C: You shall not steal.**
- P: We should fear and love God that we do not take our neighbor's money or property or get it by dishonest dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and means of income.
- C: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**
- P: We should fear and love God that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, or give him a bad name, but defend him, speak well of him, and take his words and actions in the kindest possible way.
- C: You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**
- P: We should fear and love God that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house or obtain it by a show of right, but do all we can to help him keep it.
- C: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, workers, animals, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**
- P: We should fear and love God that we do not force or entice away our neighbor's spouse, workers, or animals, but urge them to stay and do their duty.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly**

**sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all yours sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us pray:

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, send Your Holy Spirit to Your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in Your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and by the power of your Word grant us Your saving peace; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

**HYMN** "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

CW, #201:3

Though devils all the world should fill,  
All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill;  
They shall not overpow'r us.  
This world's prince may still  
Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none.  
He's judged; the deed is done!  
One little word can fell him.

## **THE WORD**

### *The Pillar of the Reformation*

P: The Psalmist writes, "The word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does" (Psalm 33:4)

C: **"And the words of the LORD are flawless, like silver refined in a furnace of clay, purified seven times" (Psalm 12:6)**

P: "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thought and attitudes of the heart" (Hebrew 4:12).

C: **"Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path" (Psalm 119:105).**

## FIRST LESSON

### DANIEL 3:16-28

*“The God we serve is able to save us from (the fiery furnace)...But even if he does not, we want you to know, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up!” Luther could have chosen these words for his motto. They as well could serve as the motto for the faithful in every generation who would rather die than give up a single word, from the Word of God and the Lutheran Confessions. So great is the love of God for the truth that he leaves no age without martyrs to it! May we be counted worthy to be their heirs when the time comes for us to join them!*

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.” Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. The king’s command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace.

Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, “Weren’t there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?” They replied, “Certainly, O king.” He said, “Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.” Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, “Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!” So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them. Then Nebuchadnezzar said, “Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king’s command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.

## PSALM 46

(See p. 10)

## SECOND LESSON

### REVELATION 14:6, 7

*This standard Reformation Epistle lesson (used at Luther’s funeral) extols both the grace of God and the true glory of the preaching ministry. It is God alone who preserves his Word from the destructive wiles of the devil and wicked men on earth. Grab at it and drag it down though they will, God still holds his Word up as a saving breath of the Spirit. The saving message which ascribes all glory to God is preserved from age to age. Where God receives all the glory for our salvation, we need not dread what men may do, nor even the judgment of God himself. May he by his grace ever keep us faithful to his message and ministry!*

Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

### CONFESSION OF FAITH

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ! I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

**HYMN** "If God Had Not Been On Our Side"

CW, #202

If God had not been on our side  
And had not come to aid us,  
Our foes with all their pow'r and pride  
Would surely have dismayed us,  
For we, his flock, would have to fear  
The devil's wolves, both far and near,  
Who rise in might against us.

Their furious wrath, did God permit,  
Would surely have consumed us  
And as a deep and yawning pit  
With life and limb entombed us.  
A hellish storm would o'er us roll  
From Satan, who desires our soul  
And seeks to overwhelm us.

Blest be the Lord, who foiled their threat  
That they could not devour us.  
Our souls, like birds, escaped their net;  
They could not overpow'r us.  
The snare is broken -- we are free!  
Our helper and our strength is he  
Who made the earth and heavens.

## SERMON

Daniel 3:16-28 **“THE GOD WE SERVE CAN RESCUE US”**

## OFFERING

*Online or in the entryway. Guests please do not feel any obligation to participate in the offering (though you are always welcome to do so). Please fill out a Guest Card located in the entryway, and drop it in the box on the Welcome Center so we can connect with you – thanks!*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR REFORMATION

- P: I invite you to lift up your hearts to God and pray as Christ our Lord taught us.
- C: Our Father in heaven**
- P: With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that he is our true Father and that we are his true children, so that we may pray to him as boldly and confidently as dear children ask their dear father.
- C: Hallowed be your name**
- P: God’s name is certainly holy by itself, but we pray in this petition that we too may keep it holy.
- C: Your kingdom come.**
- P: God’s kingdom certainly comes by itself even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may also come to us.
- C: Your will be done on earth as in heaven.**
- P: God’s good and gracious will certainly is done without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.
- C: Give us today our daily bread.**
- P: God surely gives daily bread without our asking, even to all the wicked, but we pray in this petition that he would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.
- C: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**
- P: We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins or because of them deny our prayers; for we are worthy of none of the things for which we ask, neither have we deserved them, but we ask that he would give them all to us by grace; for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will forgive from the heart and gladly do good to those who sin against us.
- C: Lead us not into temptation.**
- P: God surely tempts no one to sin, but we pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us, so that the devil, the world, and our flesh may not deceive us or lead us into false belief, despair, and other great and shameful sins; and though we are tempted by them, we pray that we may overcome and win the victory.
- C: But deliver us from evil.**



P: In conclusion we pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would deliver us from every evil that threatens body and soul, property and reputation, and finally when our last hour comes, grant us a blessed end and graciously take us from this world of sorrow to himself in heaven.

C: **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours now and forever. Amen.**

P: We can be sure that these petitions are acceptable to our Father in heaven and are heard by him, for he himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us.

C: **Therefore we say, "Amen," "Yes, it shall be so."**

### BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

**HYMN** "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

CW, #201:4

The Word they still shall let remain,  
Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain  
With his good gifts and Spirit.  
And do what they will --  
Hate, steal, hurt, or kill --  
Though all may be gone,  
Our victory is won;  
The kingdom's ours forever!

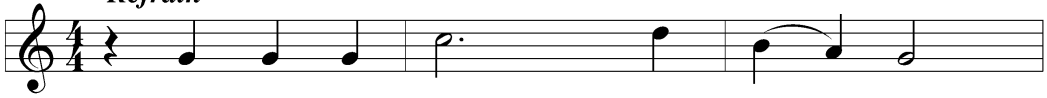


**Saints Triumphant Sunday is November 11/14:** We will be asking you to add information to our prayer list for this special part of our worship by giving us information of your loved one or friend who has died in the last 3 years. You may scan the QR code and fill out the google form or you can find printed cards on the welcome center. They will be included in the remembrance prayer on Thursday, November 11th and Sunday, November 15th. Thanks!



# Psalm 46

## *Refrain*

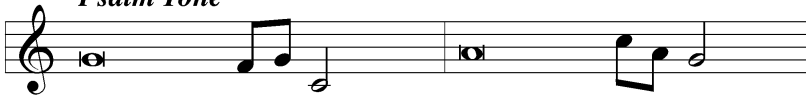


The might - y Lord is with us;



the God of Ja - cob is our for - tress.

## *Psalm Tone*



God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.

## *Refrain*

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall;  
God will help her at break of day.

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

**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.**

## *Refrain*

**Intro:** The genius of the Catechism shines through in the simple elegance of biblical truth. God guards us. He listens to us. He loves us. He gives us grace. And Scripture repeatedly exhibits the effect this has on human hearts as they are delivered from darkness.

## **The God We Serve Can Rescue Us**

### **1. As our Lord, He Directs Us.**

- 1.1 In every generation, worldviews will collide.
- 1.2 When war subsides, God and his people are the ones standing.
- 1.3 Even his enemies will have to admit, like Nebuchadnezzar, that he is Lord.

**App:** God is the real reformer. Those who trust him will, like Luther, discover his commitment and care. Point people to God's activity and then get out of the way. What happens next is in God's hands.

### **2. As our Savior, He Delivers Us.**

- 2.1 These believers were willing to die rather than compromise their faith.
- 2.2 In our time of need let us also turn to Scripture for strength.
- 2.3 The irony is what Paul called "weakness." We depend on God; he delivers.

**App:** Are you as strong in faith as these three men? Or Luther? Perhaps that is the wrong question. Is the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego your God? Is he Lord? Can he save? And our answer then will mirror what they said.

**Conclusion:** We need not try to tell the Lord HOW to save us. He has already proven, way beyond the demands of a tyrant, the tidal wave of a worldly worldview, the destruction of sin, death and the devil, that he WILL SAVE us. The promises of Scripture extend his sacrifice to all.

## THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

<b>Sunday (10/31)</b>	<b>8:00</b>	AM	<b>Worship Service</b>
	9:15	AM	Adult & Teen Bible Class
	9:15	AM	Sunday School
	<b>10:30</b>	<b>AM</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
Monday	5:30	PM	Board of Ed Meeting
Tuesday	10:30	AM	Senior Bible Study
	4:00	PM	Spiritual Growth Meeting
Wednesday	8:30	AM	Children's Chapel
	<b>4:00</b>	PM	Public School Confirmation Class
	7:00	PM	Outreach Meeting
Thursday	<b>7:00</b>	<b>PM</b>	<b>Worship Service w/Communion</b>
Friday	6:00	PM	Chili Contest
Saturday	<b>7:00</b>	<b>AM</b>	Men's Bible Study
<b>Sunday (11/7)</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>AM</b>	<b>Worship Service w/Communion</b>
	9:15	AM	Adult & Teen Bible Class
	9:15	AM	Sunday School
	<b>10:30</b>	<b>AM</b>	<b>Worship Service w/Communion</b>
	11:45	AM	Call Meeting

### Next Week's Readings

First Lesson	Malachi 4:1-3
Second Lesson	Hebrews 9:24-28
Gospel	John 5:19-30
Psalm	Psalm 90

*LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday*

*This service is also recorded for review after livestream.*

*Link on our website (see below).*

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## **THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE**

"CONFIDENT IN HIS ABILITY  
TO DELIVER"  
Service Theme

### **PREACHING:**

Pastor Mark Wagner

### **ORGANIST:**

Bob Klug

Jon Hahm

**HYMNS:** 201, 202

### **FIRST LESSON:**

Daniel 3:16-28

### **SECOND LESSON:**

Revelation 14:6-7

### **THE SERMON:**

Daniel 3:16-28

"THE GOD WE SERVE  
CAN RESCUE US"

### **FLOWERS**

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

THIS WEEK ARE FROM

ANDY & KATIE KOFFMAN

IN CELEBRATION OF THEIR

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY