



Reformation Sunday

Hold Firm the Truth



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WELCOME

We are glad that you have chosen to spend time with us in worship. In our worship, we gather, before Jesus, our Good Shepherd, to offer him our love and praise. Our Lord builds us up in faith through his Word and equips us for living now and in eternity. Our prayer is that the good news of Christ's love touches your heart and transforms your life. Whether you're worshipping with us here today or watching online, we are happy you have joined us.

WORSHIP SERVICE

The goal of our worship is to praise God and enrich your faith through his Word. To make your experience today easier, the worship folder you're holding has the entire order of service. The pieces marked [P] are spoken by the pastor, and the parts marked [C] are to be spoken or sung by the congregation. If you prefer to use a physical hymnal or wish to see the songs in four-part harmony, there are hymnals available in the pew stands.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Our congregation enjoys the "worshiping family." Each service includes a children's message which teaches God's truth to your kids. Parents with small children are an essential part of God's kingdom. That's why children are never considered an inconvenience to our worship. We also want your family to be comfortable. There is a cry room outside the main doors to the right if you need a moment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trunk or Treat: Thank you to everyone who helped with yesterday's indoor Trunk or Treat event!

Women's Bible Study: Please join us for fellowship and time together in God's Word on **Tuesday, October 28 at 6 pm** at the church. We hope you can make it!

Guest Pastor: Next **Sunday, November 2nd**, retired Pastor Jene Jahnke will be conducting worship and Bible study.

Call Meeting: Our next call meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, November 9th**, in lieu of Bible study. Please plan to attend and give your input as we seek to call our next full-time pastor.

Silent Auction & Pie Social: Please join us on **Saturday, November 15th from 2- 4pm** for a fun afternoon of delicious pies, kids' crafts, Bible Bingo, & shopping for silent auction items to raise money for our local food bank, Second Harvest Northland. If you would like to donate a pie or provide a silent auction item, please sign up on the bulletin board or speak with Kely Dunsmoor. (218-750-0225)

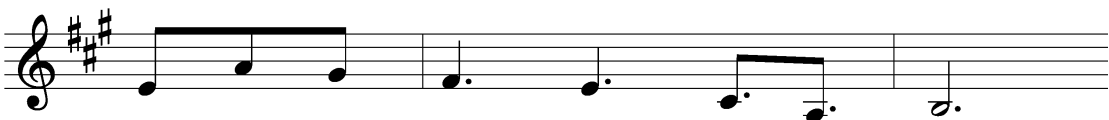
Food Drive: We will be collecting nonperishable food items for Second Harvest Northland during the month of November. Please drop off your food donations in the cardboard box near the front doors. Thank you for participation as we help our neighbors in need!

Camp Croix Fundraiser: You are invited to Camp Croix's "From Foundation to Finish!" Fundraiser Event on **Saturday, November 1st from 2-5pm** at St. Croix Lutheran Academy. There will be updates on the building progress for the new Ministry Center, fellowship, good food, inspiring stories, & fun for the whole family. Register at <https://campcroix.org/launch>.

For more announcements and event information, visit the church website at www.dulutheran.org/events or sign up for our weekly email at www.dulutheran.org/subscribe. You can also view the church calendar at www.dulutheran.org/church-calendar.

OPENING HYMN: Reformation Song

CW 877 sts. 1–2, Ref, 3–4



1 Your Word a - lone is sol - id ground,
2 Thro' faith a - lone we come to you;
3 In Christ a - lone we're jus - ti - fied;



the might - y rock on which we build.
we have no mer - it we can claim.
his right - eous - ness is all our plea.



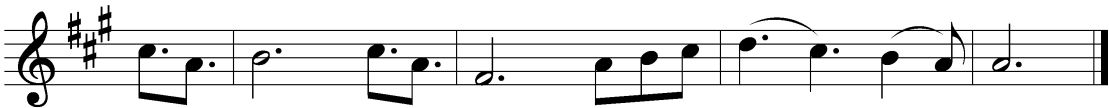
In ev - 'ry line the truth is found,
Sure that your prom - is - es are true,
Your law's de - mands are sat - is - fied;



and ev - 'ry page with glo - ry filled. v. 2
we place our hope in Je - sus' name.
his per - fect work has set us free.



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ry to God a - lone.



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ry to God a - lone.

4 By grace alone we have been saved;
all that we are has come from you.
Hearts that were once by sin enslaved
now by your pow'r have been made new. (Refrain)

5 And on this Reformation Day
we join with saints of old to sing;
we lift our hearts as one in praise:
glory to Christ our gracious King. (Refrain)

Stand

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

- P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
- C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.
- P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
- C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

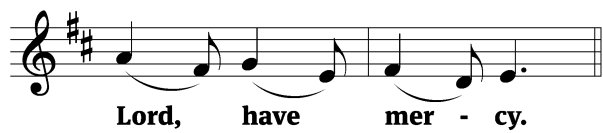
Silence for meditation and reflection

ABSOLUTION

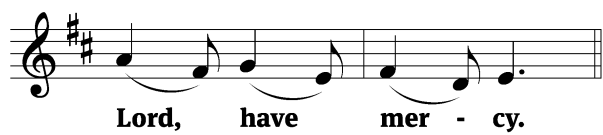
- P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

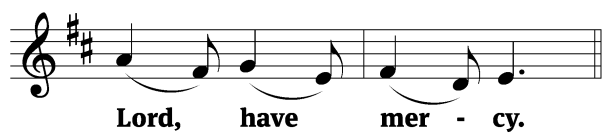
- P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



- P: 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.



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



- P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to



God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,



and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus

Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to

God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,

and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on 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.

C: Amen.

Be seated

✠ READINGS FROM GOD'S WORD ✠

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31–34

³¹Yes, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers, when I took them by the hand and led them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, although I was a husband to them, declares the LORD. ³³But

this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD. I will put my law in their minds, and I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴No longer will each one teach his neighbor, or each one teach his brother, saying, "Know the LORD," because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD, for I will forgive their guilt, and I will remember their sins no more.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

YOUTH CHOIR: You Say

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Arrangement by David Wise

SECOND READING

Galatians 5:1–6

¹It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not allow anyone to put the yoke of slavery on you again. ²Look, I, Paul, tell you that if you allow yourselves to be circumcised, Christ will be of no benefit to you. ³I testify again to every man who allows himself to be circumcised that he is obligated to do the whole law. ⁴You who are trying to be declared righteous by the law are completely separated from Christ. You have fallen from grace.

⁵Indeed, through the Spirit, we by faith are eagerly waiting for the sure hope of righteousness. ⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision matters. Rather, it is faith working through love that matters.

P: The Word of the Lord.

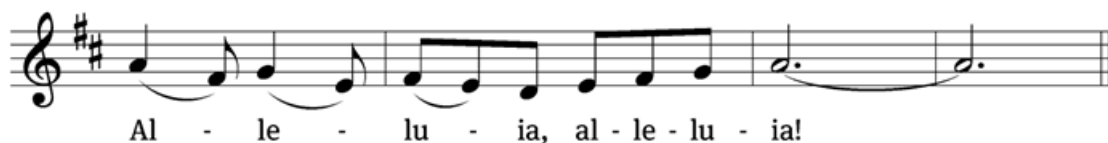
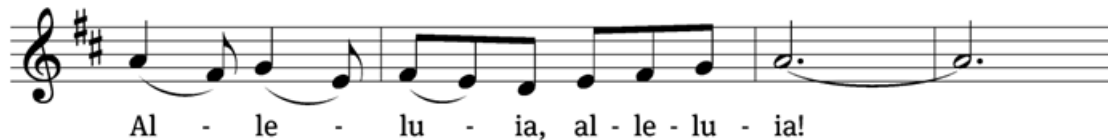
C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

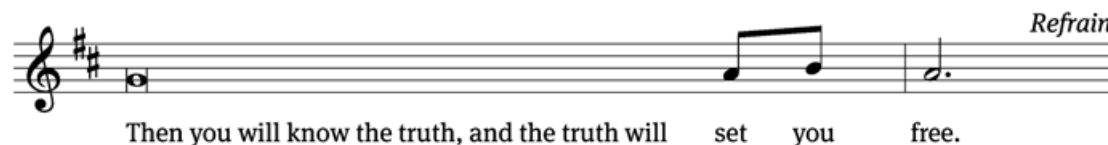
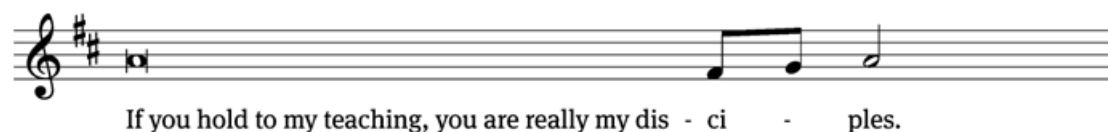
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 8:31,32*



Refrain



Tone



³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples. ³²You will also know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³“We are Abraham's descendants,” they answered, “and we have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say, ‘You will be set free?’” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Everyone who keeps committing sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵But a slave does not remain in the family forever. A son does remain forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children in attendance today may come up to the altar steps and sit for a special devotion with Pastor Warskow. This service segment is intended to engage the children to help them understand today's message. They will return to their seats afterward.

HYMN OF THE DAY: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God CW 863



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a trust - y shield
 2 With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our loss
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, all ea - ger to
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; he helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 ef - fect - ed; but for us fights the val - iant one
 de - vour us, we trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 have for it; he's by our side up - on the plain



that has us now o'er - tak - en. The old
 whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,
 they shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's
 with his good gifts and Spir - it. And take



e - vil foe now means dead - ly woe;
 “Who is this?” Je - sus Christ it is,
 prince may still scowl fierce as he will,
 they our life, goods, fame, child, and wife,

Hymn continued on the next page.



✠ THE MESSAGE ✠

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John 8:31-36

Stand

CONFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated

WORSHIPPING THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS



Members of Shepherd of the Hills respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully and freely according to how the Lord has blessed them. If you are a guest today, please know that there are no expectations for you to make a donation. If you wish to support us by making an online offering, scan the QR code here or visit our website: www.duluthlutheran.org and click on the "GIVE" tab.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P: Almighty and eternal God, when the set time had come, you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to take our place under the demands of the law and endure the just punishment for our sins. You raised him from death in glorious splendor and for his sake, you richly and daily forgive sins.
- C: **Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**
- P: When the set time had come, you poured out your Spirit on your people and called them to proclaim the gospel to every creature. Equipped and encouraged, they carried the story of salvation to all the world.
- C: **The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.**
- P: When the set time had come, you raised up your servant Martin Luther to destroy the idols of the medieval age and to restore the pure teaching of the Scriptures. You granted power and success to the proclamation of the gospel, and your holy Church grew and prospered throughout the world.
- C: **God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.**
- P: When the set time had come, you made our fathers bold to take their stand on the truth of your Word. Guided by your Spirit, they joined hands and hearts under a shared confession and with a determined resolve to work together in the ministry. You have blessed their sons and daughters and enabled us to preserve and proclaim the saving gospel of your Son.
- C: **Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.**
- P: Let this be the time when you renew us again by Word and Sacrament, when you reform our hearts and minds, and when you restore to us the joy of fellowship and service. Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of the fathers of our church's past.
- C: **May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave us or forsake us.**
- P: Let this be a time to imitate the kind-hearted souls in our church who served the sick, helped the disabled, cared for the abandoned, and comforted the dying. Provide occasions to serve them and times to pray for them. Keep all your children in your powerful and gracious care.
- C: **As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.**
- P: Let this be a time when we recommit ourselves to the ministry of the gospel of your Son. Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and, if it is your will, success in our labor. And give us faith to take up again the trumpet none can silence or mistake and grant us courage to proclaim once more for all the world to hear: The feast is ready! Come to the feast!
- C: **May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.**
- P: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer.

- P: Let this time and all our times be used to give thanks for your grace in Christ and to praise you for calling us into your mission to save.
- C: **Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love and establish the work of our hands. Amen.**

HYMN: Preserve Your Word, O Savior

CW 874



1 Pre - serve your Word, O Sav - ior, to us this lat - ter
 2 Pre - serve your Word and preach - ing, the truth that makes us
 3 Pre - serve in wave and tem - pest your storm-tossed lit - tle



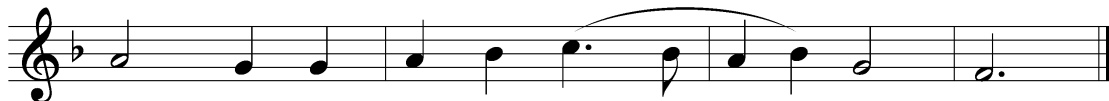
day, and let your king - dom flour - ish; en - large your
 whole, the mir - ror of your glo - ry, the pow'r that
 flock; as - sailed by wind and weath - er, may it en -



Church, we pray. O keep our faith from fail - ing, keep
 saves the soul. Oh, may this liv - ing wa - ter, this
 dure each shock. Come take the helm, our pi - lot, and



hope's bright star a - glow; let noth - ing turn us
 spring of heav'n - ly grace, sus - tain us while here
 set the course a - right; then we will reach the



from you while wan - d'ring here be - low.
 liv - ing un - til we see your face.
 har - bor in your e - ter - nal light.

Stand

PRAYER

P: Lord, let your Word thunder to the ends of the earth. Let the waters of Baptism cover all peoples, so that all the nations of the earth may shout your glory and proclaim your marvelous deeds; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and rules with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

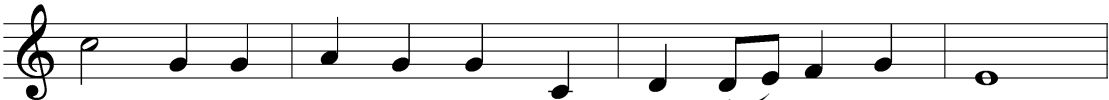
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

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.

CLOSING HYMN: This Is the Threefold Truth CW 824 sts. 1, Ref, 4-5



1 This is the three-fold truth on which our faith de - pends;
4 By this we are up - held when doubt or grief as - sails
5 This is the three-fold truth which, if we hold it fast,



and with this joy - ful cry — wor - ship be - gins and ends:
our Chris - tian faith and love, and on - ly — grace a - vails:
chang - es the world and us and brings us — home at last:

Refrain



Christ has died! Christ is ris - en! Christ will come a - gain!

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