



## Reformation Sunday

Order of Worship for streaming service

October 25, 2020

9:30 am



### about today's service

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.

P: Presiding Minister C: Congregation L: Lector

### ✚ Gathering ✚

*We gather together to praise God and receive God's love.*

Welcome Pastor Liz Frey

Prelude: "Joyful, Joyful" arr. Dallas Blair  
PC King, trumpet

Announcements Pastor Liz Frey

### Confession and Forgiveness

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

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: 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 loved 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.**

P: 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 to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

Hymn: A Mighty Fortress EIN FESTE BURG

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious; he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious. The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.
2. No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected. But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected. Ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.

3. Though hordes of devils fill the landfall threatening to devour us, we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us. Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage! His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.
4. God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it; for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house, goods, fame, child, or spouse, through life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The kingdom's ours forever!

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Greeting Pastor Liz Frey  
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his.

Refrain

2. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Refrain

3. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia

Refrain

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Prayer of the Day Pastor Liz Frey

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Children's Message Pastor John Brock

Song: "In Christ Alone Solid Rock" (Medley)  
FaithX Band (pre-recorded)

### ✚ Word ✚

*We listen to the story of God's mighty acts for the sake of God's people.*

Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 Joyce Roy

*The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.*

<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.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation Pastor Jack Horner

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: *John 8:31-36* Pastor Jack Horner

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

<sup>31</sup>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."

P: *The gospel of the Lord.*

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: "The Heart of the Matter" Pastor Jack Horner

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the + resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Liz Frey

Lord's Prayer Pastor Liz Frey

P: Let us pray the prayer our Lord taught us.

C: **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.**

Peace Pastor Liz Frey

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

## ✝ Meal ✝

*When we celebrate communion we remember that Jesus died for us and we experience His love and forgiveness. As we eat the bread and wine Christ is present with us.*

Eucharistic Prayer Pastor Liz Frey

P: Abiding God, you are our dwelling place in every generation. You sent your spirit of wisdom to rest upon Joshua and blessed him through the hands of Moses to continue the story of your mighty works. You sent Jesus as the new Joshua, our savior, and the pioneer of our hope. As we remember our Lord's saving mercies, send down your Holy Spirit to continue in and through us your story of salvation, and sanctify this bread and cup to be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

## ✝ Sending ✝

*We have heard the Word of God and offered our gifts. Now we are sent out, strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be God's people in the world.*

Blessing of Communion to the Homebound Pastor Liz Frey

P: Compassionate God, Bless those who receive your word and sacrament at home. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing Pastor Liz Frey

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

C: **Amen.**

Dismissal Pastor Liz Frey

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: "Allegro Marziale" Frank Bridge

**United and empowered to worship, connect, serve.**

## worship leaders

**Presiding Minister:** The Rev. Elizabeth E. Frey

**Preaching Minister:** The Rev. Dr. Jack M. Horner

**Children's Message:** The Rev. John H. Brock

**Music:** H. Timothy Koch, Debbie D Wilson

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