Reformation Sunday

October 25 2026 9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Our Approach to God

Prelude — Out of the Depths I Call to You — Kotter

The Call to Worship

Let all who would worship the Lord gather together.

God has been our dwelling place through all generations.

Before the earth was formed, God existed from everlasting to everlasting.

God satisfies us in the morning with his steadfast love. We rejoice and are glad.

Let us praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*The Hymn of Praise — A Mighty Fortress Is Our God — 260

*The Call to Confession

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. With the assurance of God's love and forgiveness, let us confess our sin to God.

*The Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, you have searched us and known us. You know not only what we say, but also what we think and what we almost said. You know how quickly our thoughts rise to praise ourselves because we are well-off, good-looking, healthy, or smart. We boast of your gifts as if they were our own accomplishments. You know how slow we are to accuse ourselves even when we have turned our backs on you, and yet we are quick to accuse others. We repent of these sins and all the ways that we offend you. [Silent Confession].

O God, forgive, correct, and heal us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen..

*The Assurance of Pardon

It is not our good works that leads to God's forgiveness of our sins. We are saved by grace, through faith. This is not from ourselves, but it is the gift of God. In Christ, our sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

*The Gloria Patri 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.

The Anthem — In Christ Alone (Chancel Choir) — Hayes

The Word of God

The Psalm — Psalm 112: 1-5, 9 — NRSV

The Gospel Reading — 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15 — NRSV

The Sermon — Centrifugal Giving — Rev. Dr. Chip Hardwick

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith — The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) — page 14

*The Hymn — More Love to Thee, O Christ — 359

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory — A Jubilant Song — Lightfoot
Chancel Choir

*The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***The Prayer of Dedication**

*The Hymn — The Church's One Foundation — 442

***The Charge and Benediction**

*The Congregational Response — *Go* with *Us, Lord* — 535

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.

Postlude — A Mighty Fortress is our God — Bach

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Liturgist: Star Munroe
Greeter: Rousseau Family
Ushers: Patty Donahue and Randy Wierda, Anne Schmidt, Sayre Nichol
Fellowship Hour: Diane Kemerer

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