



REFORMATION SUNDAY
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

October 26, 2025

THANK YOU for joining us in God's house today! We cordially ask that our Guests sign one of the guestbooks located at either the front or back entryways, or fill out a "Let's Get Acquainted" card located in the hymnal pew rack and place it in the collection plate.

THANK OFFERING: Members of Trinity give their offering as an expression of love and thankfulness to the Lord and to help support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

RESTROOMS are located at the back of the upper level (the annex), and in the basement (down the back stairs of the sanctuary or annex). Handicap access is available, please ask an usher for assistance.

YOUNG FAMILIES / TODDLER BAGS – We are **GLAD YOU BROUGHT YOUR CHILDREN** to our worship service. Jesus said: *"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."* We know that having little children in church can be a challenge, but **DO NOT WORRY** about it. Many of your fellow worshippers have been in your shoes and are just happy you brought your children with you. For your convenience, we have reserved the back rows of seating for parents with small children. These areas provide more flexibility for your family, as well as, easy access to move downstairs if necessary. A closed-circuit TV system allows families to continue participating in the service while downstairs. Pre-school **toddler bags** and **children's bulletins** are available for their enjoyment. Ask an usher for one to use during the service and please return the toddler bag afterwards.

582 Not Unto Us

CW 582



1 Not un - to us, not un - to us be glo - ry, Lord;
 2 A - maz - ing grace— that chose us ere the worlds were made;
 3 O faith - ful love— that shep - herd - ed through faith - less years;
 4 Not un - to us but to your name be glo - ry, Lord,



not un - to us but to your name be praise;
 a - maz - ing grace— that sent your Son to save;
 for - giv - ing love— that led us to your truth;
 for grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.



not un - to us but to your name all hon - or be giv'n
 a - maz - ing grace— that robed us in your right - eous - ness
 un - yield - ing love— that would not let us turn— from you
 A - bide with us till trav - 'ling days are o - ver and done,



for match - less mer - cy, for - give - ness, and grace.
 and taught our lips to sing glo - ry and praise.
 but sent us forth to speak par - don and peace.
 and pil - grim feet lead us home, Lord, to you.

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Please stand if you are able

Invocation

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

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

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.

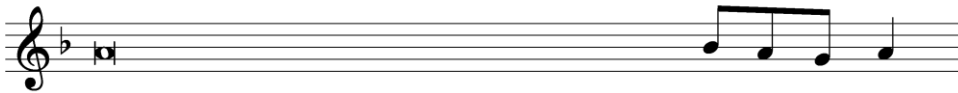
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and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

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



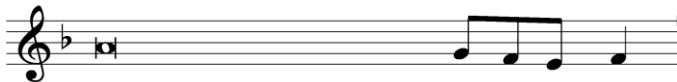
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Glory Be to God on High

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



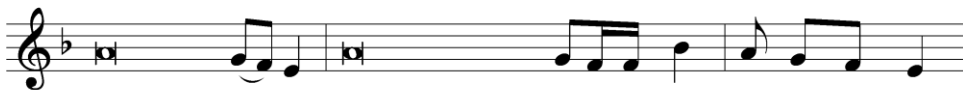
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



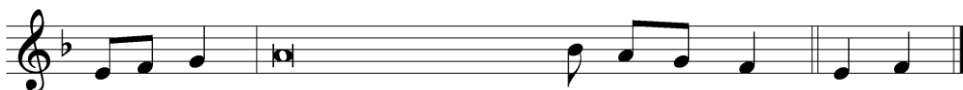
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord, keep your household, the church, in continual godliness, and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading

Joshua 4:1–9

¹When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the LORD told Joshua, ²“Take twelve men from the people, one man from each tribe, ³and give them the following orders: ‘Pick up twelve stones from here in the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the feet of the priests are standing securely. Carry them over with you and put them at the place where you will stay tonight.’”

⁴So Joshua called the twelve men whom he had selected from the people of Israel—a man from each tribe. ⁵Joshua said to them, “Go to the middle of the Jordan in front of the Ark of the LORD your God. There each man is to lift up one stone on his shoulder. The number will correspond to the number of the tribes descended from the sons of Israel, ⁶so that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in the future, ‘What do these stones mean for you?’ ⁷Then you shall respond to them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD. When the ark passed through the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones will serve as a permanent memorial for the people of Israel.”

⁸So the people of Israel did just as Joshua had ordered. They picked up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, corresponding to the number of the tribes descended from the sons of Israel, as the LORD had instructed Joshua. They carried the stones over with them to their lodging place and deposited them there. ⁹Joshua also set up twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the feet of the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant had stood. They are there to this day.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR

“Preserve Me, O God”

Preserve me, O God, in you I take my refuge.
I say to God, you are my Lord and King.
Hear my cause, O Lord, attend my cry;
I have no good without you.
Preserve me, O God, in you I seek my refuge.
You are my King.

My heart is glad and my soul rejoices.
My body also, it dwells secure.
You have shown me the path to life,
In your presence there is fulness of joy.

Preserve me, O God, in you I take my refuge.
I say to God, you are my God and King.
Preserve me, O God, preserve me, O God,
Preserve me, O God, in you I take my refuge.

The Lord is my chosen portion; He is my cup.
Yea, I have a goodly heritage, I reside in pleasant places.
I bless the Lord who gives me counsel, in the night my heart instructs me.
I keep the Lord before me always; I shall not be moved.

Preserve me, O God, in you I take my refuge.
I say to God, you are my God and King.
Hear my cause, O Lord, attend unto my cry;
I have no good without you.
Preserve me, O God, in you I seek my refuge.
You are my King!

Second Reading

Revelation 3:7–13

⁷To the messenger of the church in Philadelphia write:

The Holy One, the one who is true, the one who has the key of David, the one who opens and no one can shut, and who shuts and no one can open, says this:

⁸I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹Look, I will make those who are from the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not but are lying—look, I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and make them realize that I have loved you. ¹⁰Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will also keep you from the hour of testing, which is about to come over the whole inhabited world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

¹¹I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have so that no one takes your crown. ¹²The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he will never leave it again. I will also write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God—the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God—and my new name.

¹³Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand, if you are able

Gospel Acclamation (sung by All)

Matthew 22:37



Refrain



Tone



⁵³Then each of them went home.

¹But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ²Early in the morning, he came back into the temple courts. And all the people kept coming to him. He sat down and taught them.

³Then the experts in the law and Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery and had her stand in the center. ⁴“Teacher,” they said to him, “this woman was caught in the act of committing adultery. ⁵In the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?” ⁶They asked this to test him, so that they might have evidence to accuse him.

Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. ⁷But when they kept on asking him for an answer, he stood up and said to them, “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” ⁸Then he stooped down again and wrote on the ground.

⁹When they heard this, they went away one by one, beginning with the older men. Jesus was left alone with the woman in the center. ¹⁰Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”

¹¹“No one, Lord,” she answered.

Then Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.”

²⁷They did not understand that he was talking to them about the Father.

²⁸So Jesus said to them, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the one, and that I do nothing on my own. But I speak exactly as the Father taught me. ²⁹The one who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, because I always do what pleases him.”

³⁰As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

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. ³⁷I know you are Abraham's descendants. Yet you are looking for a way to kill me, because there is no place for my word in you. ³⁸I am telling you what I have seen at the side of the Father. As for you, you do what you have heard at the side of your father.”

³⁹“Our father is Abraham!” they answered.

“If you were Abraham's children,” Jesus told them, “you would do the works of Abraham.

⁴⁰But now you are looking for a way to kill me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard at the side of God. Abraham did not do this.

⁵⁶Your father Abraham was glad that he would see my day. He saw it and rejoiced.”

⁵⁷The Jews replied, “You aren't even fifty years old, and you have seen Abraham?”

⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Before Abraham was born, I am.” ⁵⁹Then they picked up stones to throw at him. But Jesus was hidden and left the temple area.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

863 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,

(continued)



deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight;
 the al - might - y Lord, and there's no oth - er God;
 he can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;
 though all may be gone, our vic - to - ry is won;



on earth is not his e - qual.
 he holds the field for - ev - er.
 one lit - tle word can fell him.
 the king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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Sermon

John 7:53-8:11; 8:27-40; 8:56-59

“Christ With Us”

Please stand, if you are able

The 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.

Prayer of the Church

Please be seated.

558 Salvation unto Us Has Come

CW 558 sts. 1-3, 5-6, 10



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come by God's free grace and
2 What God did in his law de - mand and none to him could
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream that God his law had
5 Yet as the law must be ful - filled or we must die de -



fa - vor; good works can - not a - vert our doom, they help and
ren - der caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand for man, the
giv - en that sin - ners could them-selves re - deem and by their
spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled, our hu - man



save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, who
vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those pure de - sires the
works gain heav - en. The law is but a mir - ror bright to
na - ture shar - ing. He has for us the law o - beyed and



did for all the world a - tone; he is our one Re - deem - er.
spir - it of the law re - quires, and lost is our con - di - tion.
bring the in - bred sin to light that lurks with - in our na - ture.
thus the Fa - ther's venge - ance stayed which o - ver us im - pend - ed.

- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made
and brought to us salvation,
each Christian therefore may be glad
and build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
your death is now my life indeed,
for you have paid my ransom.

(continued)

10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
to Father, Son, and Spirit,
the God who saved us by his grace;
all glory to his merit!
O triune God in heav'n above,
you have revealed your saving love;
your blessed name be hallowed!

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Please stand if you are able

Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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

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.

Amen.

Please be seated

861 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

CW 861



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, you are her one foun-
 2 O Lord, let this your lit - tle flock, your name a - lone con -
 3 Help us to serve you ev - er - more with hearts both pure and
 4 And for your gos - pel let us dare to sac - ri - fice all



da - tion; in you she trusts, be - fore you bows, and waits for
 fess - ing, con - tin - ue in your lov - ing care, true u - ni -
 low - ly; and may your Word, that light di - vine, shine on in
 trea - sure; teach us to bear your bless - ed cross, to find in



your sal - va - tion. Built on this rock se - cure, your Church
 ty pos - sess - ing. Your sac - ra - ments, O Lord, and your
 splen - dor ho - ly that we re - pent - ance show, in faith
 you all plea - sure. O grant us stead - fast - ness in joy



shall en - dure though all the world de - cay and all things
 sav - ing Word to us e'er pure re - tain; grant that they
 ev - er grow; the pow'r of sin de - stroy and e - vils
 and dis - tress. Lord, for your mer - cy's sake, let us by



pass a - way. O hear, O hear us, Je - sus!
 may re - main our on - ly strength and com - fort.
 that an - noy. O make us faith - ful Chris - tians.
 grace par - take of end - less joy and glo - ry.

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