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*of the*  
**Reformation**



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**Sunday, October 29, 2023**  
Reformation / Church Anniversary

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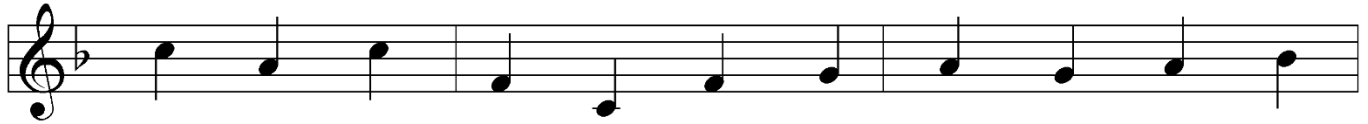
Service Theme

**A TIME FOR STEADFAST FAITH**

Jesus told his followers, “You will be hated by everyone because of me” (Matthew 10:22). Satan and the world hate Christ and anyone who confesses faith in Christ. So, the time in between Christ’s first and second coming is going to be perilous for believers. A good example—Martin Luther. All that priest wanted was to share the pure gospel with the world. For trying to do that, both political and religious leaders attempted to end his life. The Festival of the Reformation emphasizes the true Church’s unfailing reliance on the Word of God and unflinching testimony to that Word even in the face of harsh persecution. Today we pray that the Lord would keep us steadfast in the faith and give us the peace of knowing that our lives are safe in his hands.

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# If God Had Not Been on Our Side



1 If God had not been on our side And had not  
2 Their fu - rious wrath, did God per - mit, Would sure - ly  
3 Blest be the Lord, who foiled their threat That they could



come to aid us, Our foes with all their pow'r and  
have con - sumed us And as a deep and yawn - ing  
not de - vour us. Our souls, like birds, es - caped their



pride Would sure - ly have dis - mayed us, For we, his  
pit With life and limb en - tombed us. A hell - ish  
net; They could not o - ver - pow'r us. The snare is



flock, would have to fear The dev - il's wolves, both far and  
storm would o'er us roll From Sa - tan, who de - sires our  
bro - ken— we are free! Our help - er and our strength is



near, Who rise in might a - gainst us.  
soul And seeks to o - ver - whelm us.  
he Who made the earth and heav - ens.

**Order of Service:**  
Service of the Word (p.38)

**M:** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**Confession of Sins**

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give us strength to live according to his will.

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

**Prayer and Praise**

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**C:** *(Sing)* **Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Blessed are they who take refuge in him.  
Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.  
Your faithfulness continues forever.  
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**M:** 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:** *(sing)* **Amen.**

## **First Lesson**

Daniel 6:10–12, 16–23 EHV

*Even though it potentially meant death by lion, Daniel got on his knees and prayed to the Lord as he always had, demonstrating steadfast faith.*

<sup>10</sup>Now, when Daniel learned that the document had been signed, he went to his house. It had windows on its upper story that opened toward Jerusalem. Three times each day he would get on his knees and pray and offer praise before his God. He continued to do that, just as he had been doing before this. <sup>11</sup>Then these men came as a group and found Daniel praying and seeking favor from his God.

<sup>12</sup>They then went and asked the king about the decree. “Your Majesty, did you not sign a decree that anyone who prays to any god or person for thirty days except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the den of lions?”

The king answered, “Indeed I did. The order is established as a law of the Medes and the Persians that cannot be revoked.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the king gave the order, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you.”

<sup>17</sup>A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the pit. The king sealed it with his signet ring and the signet rings of his nobles so that nothing could be changed with regard to Daniel’s situation. <sup>18</sup>Then the king went to his palace. He spent the night without food, and no entertainment was brought before him. But he could not sleep.

<sup>19</sup>At dawn the king arose as soon as it was light and hurried to the lions’ den. <sup>20</sup>As he came near the pit, he cried out in a fearful voice. The king said to Daniel, “Daniel, servant of the living God, was your God, whom you serve continually, able to rescue you from the lions?”

<sup>21</sup>Then Daniel spoke with the king. “Your Majesty, may you live forever! <sup>22</sup>My God sent his angel and shut the mouth of the lions. They have not hurt me because he found me innocent in his presence. Also before you, Your Majesty, I have committed no crime.”

<sup>23</sup>Then the king was very glad and said that Daniel should be brought up from the pit. So Daniel was brought up from the pit, and he was unharmed because he trusted in his God.

## Psalm 46

(p.84)

### *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*

## Second Lesson

Romans 3:19–28 EHV

*God justifies those who have been given the gift of steadfast faith in Jesus Christ.*

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says is addressed to those who are under the law, so that every mouth will be silenced and the whole world will be subject to God's judgment. <sup>20</sup>For this reason, no one will be declared righteous in his sight by works of the law, for through the law we become aware of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, completely apart from the law, a righteousness from God has been made known. The Law and the Prophets testify to it. <sup>22</sup>This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all and over all who believe.

In fact, there is no difference, <sup>23</sup>because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God <sup>24</sup>and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God publicly displayed as the atonement seat through faith in his blood. God did this to demonstrate his justice, since, in his divine restraint, he had left the sins that were committed earlier unpunished. <sup>26</sup>He did this to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so that he would be both just and the one who justifies the person who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>What happens to boasting then? It has been eliminated. By what principle—by the principle of works? No, but by the principle of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we conclude that a person is justified by faith without the works of the law.

### **Verse of the Day**

Alleluia. Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Alleluia. (Luke 12:32)

**C: (sing) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **Gospel**

Matthew 10:16–23 EHV

*Our trust in Jesus doesn't mean absence of persecution, but faithfulness despite it.*

<sup>16</sup>“Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup>Be on guard against people. They will hand you over to councils, and they will whip you in their synagogues. <sup>18</sup>You will be brought into the presence of governors and kings for my sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>Whenever they hand you over, do not be worried about how you will respond or what you will say, because what you say will be given to you in that hour. <sup>20</sup>In fact you will not be the ones speaking, but the Spirit of your Father will be speaking through you.

<sup>21</sup>“Brother will hand over his brother to death, and a father will do the same with his child. Children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. <sup>22</sup>You will be hated by all people because of my name, but whoever endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>And when they persecute you in one town, flee to the next. Amen I tell you: You will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

**C: (sing) Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



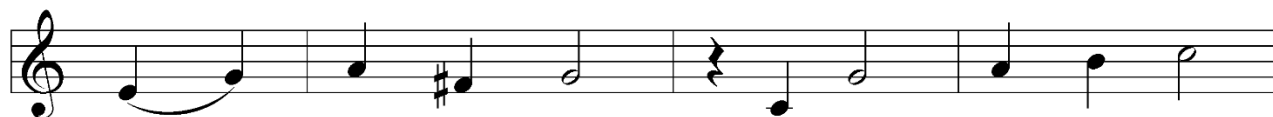
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y  
 2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our  
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger  
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y



shield and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry  
 loss ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant  
 to de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no  
 thanks have for it; He's by our side up - on the



need That has us now o'er - tak - en. The  
 one Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You  
 ill; They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This  
 plain With his good gifts and Spir - it. And



old e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;  
 ask, "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,  
 world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
 do what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—



Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in  
 The al - mighty Lord. And there's no oth - er  
 He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is  
 Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is



fight; On earth is not his e - qual.  
 God; He holds the field for - ev - er.  
 done! One lit - tle word can fell him.  
 won; The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

## Sermon Text & Theme

### **Matthew 10:16-23 ... The Lord's Lionhearted Lambs**

- 1) Wisely recognize the time and danger.
- 2) Harmlessly confess Christ with confidence.

## **203 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word**



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your Word; Curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, For you are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would seek to o - ver - throw your  
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend your Chris - ten - dom that  
u - ni - ty on earth. Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And to de - stroy what he has done.  
we May sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
strife, And lead us out of death to life.

## 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.**



## Offertory Prayer

### Prayer of the Church

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, at this anniversary we reflect on your past help and are encouraged in our hope for the future.

We praise you for keeping and sustaining your people throughout the ages and for preserving the preaching of your Word and the administration of your sacraments among us. We praise you also for using us to bring to others the good news that sinners are reconciled to you through the life and death of Jesus Christ.

Now we ask you to give us courage and hope as we move day by day into the future. Keep safe all those who assemble here in your name. Do not permit the evil one to pluck us out of your mighty hand. Strengthen us in the confidence that you have already overcome our greatest enemies: sin, death, and the devil. Increase our trust in your precious promise that you are with us always. Cause your Holy Spirit to work mightily in us and through us, so that we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Be with us as we strive to pass down to our children the truths that have been passed down to us. Continue to make our congregation a beacon of your light in this sin-darkened world.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

Grant that this celebration of your gracious activity in years and ages past be only the prelude to that far greater celebration we will enjoy forever in the joy and glory of the world to come. Still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home. Amen.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**or**

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** *(sing)* **Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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:** *(sing)* **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Hymn  
"O Church, Arise"

Church, arise, and put your armor on;  
Hear the call of Christ our Captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are  
strong  
in the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith, and belt of Truth,  
we'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold, whose battle cry is love,  
reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war to love the captive soul,  
but to rage against the captor;  
And with the sword that makes the  
wounded whole,  
we will fight with faith and valor.  
When faced with trials on every side,  
we know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for which  
He died  
an inheritance of nations.

Arise, shine, for your Light has come.  
Arise, shine, for the risen Son.  
Lift your eyes, we are His radiant Bride.  
Arise, O Church, arise.

Come see the cross, where love and  
mercy meet  
as the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see His face lie crushed beneath  
His feet,  
for the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away  
and Christ emerges from the grave,  
This victory march continues  
'til the day every eye and heart shall  
see Him.

So Spirit come, put strength in every  
stride  
give grace for every hurdle.  
That we may run with faith to win the  
prize  
of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way,  
retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls and hunger for the  
day  
when with Christ we stand in Glory.

Arise, shine, for your Light has come.  
Arise, shine, for the risen Son.  
Lift your eyes, we are His radiant Bride.  
Arise, O Church, arise.  
O Church, arise!

**Announcements**

***Christmas Parade Prep***

We could use your help preparing our living nativity float for the Christmas parade. Here are some dates to keep in mind if you are willing to help.

November 12 – Float assembly

November 18 – Float decorating

November 19 – Volunteers to arrive around 4-4:30 pm,  
The Parade starts at 5:30pm

**Church Cleaners:**  
November 5 – Phillip // November 12 – Simon

**DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR**

<b>Su (29)</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b> 11:30 am	<b>Sunday School and Bible Class</b> <b>Reformation / Anniversary Service</b> Reformation / Anniversary Potluck
We (1)	6:30 pm	“Test the Spirits” Bible Information Class.
Th (2)	10:30 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Devotion at Longfield Manor Illuminé (at St. Paul's) Youth Confirmation (W)
Fr (3)	3:00 pm 4:30 pm 6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study Youth Confirmation (D) Friday Fellowship
<b>Su (5)</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b> 11:30 am <b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Sunday School and Bible Class</b> <b>Worship &amp; Communion</b> Coffee Hour <b>Worship and Communion in Poltimore</b>
<p><i>Pastor will be at the WELS-Canada AGM in Edmonton from November 6 – 9<sup>th</sup></i></p>		
Fr (10)	3:00 pm 4:30 pm	Women's Bible Study Youth Confirmation (D)
<b>Su (12)</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b> 11:30 am Afternoon	<b>Sunday School and Bible Class</b> <b>Worship &amp; Communion</b> Coffee Hour Float assembly



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