

# Reformation Sunday

## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### With Confirmation & Communion

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**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING SONG**

**ELW 660**

**Lift High the Cross**

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
- 2 All newborn servants of the Crucified  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain*
- 3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*
- 4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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**GREETING (ELW p. 138)**

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**

## KYRIE, pp.138-139

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 defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## CANTICLE, pp.139-140

Assisting minister  
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.  
All  
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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray together.

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

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

*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.**

## PSALM: Psalm 46

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away. R**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup>**“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

A reading from Romans.

*Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ’s death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.*

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is

attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L The word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, p. 142**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*GOSPEL: John 8:31-36**

P The holy gospel according to John.

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

<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."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW 732**

**Borning Cry**

1. "I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell."
2. "When you heard the wonder of the Word  
I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living Lord,

to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk till rising sun."

3 "In the middle ages of your life,  
not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in  
and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been,  
with just one more surprise."

4 "I was there to hear your boding cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold."

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### PRESENTATION (ELW p. 234)

J Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in  
the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism.

K I present Kayla Bachleitner, Kallie Beito, Cooper Flaig, Lauren Hedlund, Jeron Hulst,  
Owen Jaenicke, Teagan, LaPlante, Andrew Olson, Kolin Schumacher, Aydon Severson,  
Braxton Spilde, Max Wilson, Morgan Zencius, who *desire* to make public affirmation of  
*their* baptism.

J Let us pray.

J Merciful God, we thank you for *these sisters and brothers*,  
whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.  
You have called *them* to yourself,  
enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit,  
and nourished *them* in the community of faith.  
Uphold your *servants* in the gifts and promises of baptism,  
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.  
We ask this in the name of Christ.

C **Amen.**

### Profession of Faith (ELW p. 235)

J I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of  
the church.

J Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C **I renounce them.**

J Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C **I renounce them.**

J Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C **I renounce them.**

J Do you believe in God the Father?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

J Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

J Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

#### **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (ELW p. 236)**

J You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:  
to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Each person responds:*

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

J People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brothers* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

C **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

J Let us pray.

J We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

J Stir up in Kayla Bachleitner, Kallie Beito, Cooper Flaig, Lauren Hedlund, Jeron Hulst, Owen Jaenicke, Teagan, LaPlante, Andrew Olson, Kolin Schumacher, Aydon Severson, Braxton Spilde, Max Wilson, Morgan Zencius, the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

K Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

C **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

#### **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Petitions conclude saying "Lord, in your mercy," and the congregation is invited to respond, "**hear our prayer.**"

#### **\*PEACE**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

#### **OFFERING (ELW p.144) / SPECIAL MUSIC: Bell Choir**

#### **OFFERATORY PRAYER (ELW p.144)**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**DIALOGUE (ELW p. 144)**

**J** The Lord be with you.

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

**J** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**J** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 145)**

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.

**\*LORD'S PRAYER (p. 145)**

**L** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION (ELW p. 146)**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**COMMUNION (ELW p. 146)**

**SONG AFTER COMMUNION**

*Just As I Am, without One Plea*

(ELW 592)

1. Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2. Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,

4. Just as I am; thy love unknown  
has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 146)**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **\*BLESSING**

L       The Lord bless you and keep you.  
          The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
          The Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace.

**C       Sung Three-fold Amen**

### **\*SENDING SONG**

*I Love To Tell the Story*

**(ELW 661)**

1. I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story,  
because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else would do.

### **Refrain**

I love to tell the story;  
'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story:  
how pleasant to repeat

what seems, each time I tell it,  
more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story,  
for some have never heard  
the message of salvation  
from God's own holy word. **Refrain**

3. I love to tell the story,  
for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story  
that I have loved so long. **Refrain**

### **DISMISSAL**

**L** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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