

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Order of Service

Reformation Sunday

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Divine Service 3

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Hymn 657 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

- 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.

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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.
You 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.

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3 Though hordes of devils fill the land
 All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;
 They cannot overpow'r 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.

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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, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
 They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!

Invocation

P I will speak of Your testimonies before
Kings, O Lord, and will not be put to shame.

**C I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise
shall be continuously in my mouth.**

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Confession and Absolution

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit,**

Confession and Absolution

increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name,

Confession and Absolution

He gives power to become the children of God
and has promised them His Holy Spirit.
He that believes and is baptized shall be saved,
Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.

Psalmody (based on Psalm 46)

P Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come, and worship Him who made Heaven and Earth, the sea and the springs of water.

C God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Psalmody (based on Psalm 46)

P There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

C **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the Earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come, behold the works of the Lord, how He has brought desolations on the Earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the Earth;**

Psalmody (based on Psalm 46)

**C He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He
burns the chariots with fire.**

**P “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be
exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in
the Earth!” The Lord of Hosts is with us; the
God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**C (sung) 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.**

Kyrie (sung)

**C Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Gloria in Excelsis (sung)

P Glory be to God on high:

C and on earth peace, good-will toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship
Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to
Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God,
heav'nly King. God the Father Almighty.
Oh Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus
Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of
the Father, that takest away the sin of the
world, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

**Thou that takest away the sin of world,
receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the
right hand of God the Father, have mercy
upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou
only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost, Art most high in the
glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C (sung) **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray: Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth. Protect us and deliver us in times of temptation. Defend us against all of our enemies. Grant to Your Church Your saving peace. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C (sung) **Amen.**

First Reading – Revelation 14: 6-7

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal Gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on Earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come, and worship Him who made Heaven and Earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

P Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

C Walk about in Zion, go around her, number her towers, consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels, that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God, forever and ever.

Second Reading – Romans 3: 19-28

Now, we know that whatever the Law says it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For, by works of the Law, no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the Law comes knowledge of sin. But, now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the Law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it – the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is

Second Reading – Romans 3: 19-28

no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness because, in His divine forbearance, He had passed over former sins. It was to show His righteousness at the present time so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of our boasting?

Second Reading – Romans 3: 19-28

It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the Law of Faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia & Verse

C Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom! Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Holy Gospel John 8: 31-36

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, “If you abide in My Word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered Him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house

Holy Gospel John 8: 31-36

forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And 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 sits at
the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

Apostles' Creed

C From thence 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.**

Hymn (Melody 465 LSB)

- 1 O God, our Lord, Your Holy Word,
Was long an anthem left unheard.
Hidden treasure, without measure.
Until that time it was by grace,
Restored to take its rightful place.
Now we thank You, and we praise You.
Kneel before You, Glorify You, Alleluia!

Hymn (Melody 465 LSB)

- 2 Salvation comes by faith in You,
 Through preaching faithful doctrines true.
We inherit, through the Spirit,
 The heart and core of Scripture's thrust,
In that in Christ we all may trust.
 He's redeemed us, He's embraced us!
He has loved us, He has blessed us! Alleluia!

Hymn (Melody 465 LSB)

- 3 Who loves God's Word His grace receives,
 As Christ's own works their doubts relieve!
Oh, this story, is our glory!
 And try he might, the evil foe,
God's Word could never overthrow.
 Stands forever, by God's favour,
Praising ever, Christ the Saviour. Alleluia.

Sermon

Offertory and Offering

**C Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence,
 and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
 and uphold me with thy free spirit.
Amen.**

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Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Benedicamus

P The Lord redeems the life of His servants.

C None of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and
be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and
† give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Hymn 660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

- 1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Ye soldiers of the cross.
Lift high His royal banner;
It must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry
His army He shall lead
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.

Hymn 660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
The trumpet call obey;
Stand forth in the mighty conflict
In this His glorious day.
Let all His faithful serve Him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger
And strength to strength oppose.

Hymn 660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
Stand in His strength alone.
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor;
Each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there.

Hymn 660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
The strife will not be long;
This day the din of battle,
The next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming,
Their crown of life shall see
And with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally.