

A CELEBRATION OF THE REFORMATION

October 30, 2022 – 6:30 PM

A combined Reformation Service of various
Christian Reformed Churches in Classis Pacific Northwest

*** Most of tonight's service will proceed unannounced.**

We Enter into Worship (Led by Pastor John Knoester)

Prelude

* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #776 v. 1-4
"A Mighty Fortress is our God"

ALL

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

WOMEN ONLY

2. Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same;
and he must win the battle.

MEN ONLY

3. And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

ALL

4. That Word above all earthly powers—
no thanks to them—abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever!

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* Welcome / Announcements

* Call to Worship/God's Greeting (Based on Psalm 29)

Leader: In holy splendor, we worship the Lord.
In God is glory and strength.

People: The Lord is almighty. God is with us.

Leader: In torrents and storms, God's peace pervades.
In rumbling thunder, God's mighty voice soothes.

People: The Lord is majestic. God is with us.

Leader: The whisper of the Lord snaps silence.
The unwavering sound persists.

People: The Lord is awesome. God is with us.

Leader: As flames being fanned, the presence grows.
In its shadow the wilderness pleads

People: The Lord is powerful. God is with us.

Leader: Enthroned, God rules the universe.
The peaceful scepter prevails.

People: God reigns. God is with us.

Leader: In whirling winds, nature acknowledges glory.
The people in the temple rejoice.

People: It is certain. God is with us.

Leader: Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of our help?

**People: Our help is in the Lord, who made heaven
and earth.**

Leader: Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

* Opening Hymn: LUYH #565 v. 1-3 *“God Himself Is With Us”*

1. God himself is with us; let us now adore him,
and with awe appear before him.
God is in his temple; all within keep silence,
prostrate lie with deepest reverence.
Him alone do we own as our God and Savior;
praise his name forever.
2. God himself is with us; hear the harps resounding!
See the crowds the throne surrounding!
“Holy, holy, holy,” hear the hymn ascending,
angels, saints, their voices blending!
Bow your ear to us here; hear, O Christ, the praises
that your church now raises.

3. Fount of every blessing, purify my spirit,
trusting only in your merit.
Like the holy angels who behold your glory,
may I ceaselessly adore you,
and in all, great and small, seek to do most nearly
what you love so dearly.

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GRACE ALONE **(Led by Pastor Matt Borst)**

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

Responsive Reading:

Leader: People of God, it is by **grace** you have been saved,
through faith – and this is not from yourselves,
it is the gift of God. (Ephesians 2:8)

**People: Without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace,
God grants and credits to me, the perfect
righteousness, and holiness of God.**

(Heidelberg Catechism A 60)

Leader: Let us come before God confessing our sins,
and the need for his grace.

Prayer of Confession

Awesome and compassionate God,
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have not loved you.

You constantly call us, but we do not listen.

You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.

We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,

we repent in spirit and in truth,

admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

* Song of Response: LUYH #7 v. 1,2,4

“Sing Praise to the Lord, You People of Grace”

1. Sing praise to the Lord, you people of grace;
fill heaven with the songs that sound from this place;
since you are God’s servants and meet in his name,
his wonders declare and his glory proclaim.

Refrain

Halle! Hallelujah!

Halle! Halle! Hallelujah!

Halle! Hallelujah!

Halle! Halle! Hallelujah!

2. His greatness exceeds what words can explain,
and his is the power no force can restrain;
with fanfares of horns and crescendos of strings
raise anthems to honor the King of all kings.

Refrain

3. Yield all that you are to worship the Lord—
see life as a psalm, each moment a chord;
let harmonies flourish and melodies soar—
let all that has breath praise the Lord evermore.

Refrain

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FAITH ALONE

(Led by Pastor Matt Borst and Pastor Rob Jansons)

* We Confess our Faith:

Leader: What is truth faith?

People: **True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in His Word is true; it is also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.**

(Heidelberg Catechism A. 21)

Leader: Why do you say that by faith alone
you are right with God?

**People: It is not because of any value my faith has
that God is pleased with me.
Only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness,
and holiness make me right with God.
And I can receive this righteousness
and make it mine in no other way
than by faith alone.**

(Heidelberg Catechism A 61)

* We Profess our Faith: Sing! #175 v. 1-3 *"I Believe in God Almighty"*

1. I believe in God Almighty, Father of all things that be,
Maker of the earth, and heavens, Keeper of the sky and sea.
I believe in God's Son, Jesus, now for us both Lord and Christ,
of the Spirit and of Mary born to bring abundant life.
2. I believe that Jesus suffered, scourged and scorned and crucified,
taken from the cross, was buried-True Life there had truly died.
I believe that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave,
then ascended to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
3. I believe in God's own Spirit, bonding all the saints within
one Church, catholic and holy, where forgiveness frees from sin,
in the body's resurrection, for the breaking of death's chain
gives the life that's everlasting. This the faith that I have claimed.
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Ministry of Music: "O Lord, How Majestic Is Your Name!"
- Reformation Sunday Choir

Introduction to our next two speakers – Pastor Rob Jansons

Ministry Update – Didachem Ministries – Pastor Gilbert Kim

Offering: Didachem Ministries

Offertory Video: Didachem Ministries

SCRIPTURE ALONE
(Led by Pastor Nick Rosas)

We Confess Our Faith:

Leader: What are the means by which we know God?

People: We know him by two means:
First, by the creation, preservation,
and government of the universe ...
Second, he makes himself known to us
more openly by his holy and divine Word,
as much as we need in this life,
for his glory and for the salvation of his own.
(Belgic Confession Art. 2)

Leader: As we prepare to open God's Word let us ask for the Spirit's guidance.

Prayer of Illumination:

Our Lord and our God,
now as we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit.
Soften our hearts that we may delight in your presence.
Sharpen our minds that we may discern your truth.
Shape our wills that we may desire your ways.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

* Song of Preparation: LUYH #844 v. 1, 2, 3, 5
"Lift Up Your Hearts Unto the Lord" (v. 5 – accappella)

1. Lift up your hearts unto the Lord,
lift up your hearts unto the Lord.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
lift up your hearts unto the Lord!
2. In Christ the world has been redeemed,
in Christ the world has been redeemed.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
in Christ the world has been redeemed.
3. His resurrection sets us free,
his resurrection sets us free.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
his resurrection sets us free.

Acapella

5. Sing alleluia to the Lord,
Sing alleluia to the Lord.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
Sing alleluia to the Lord.

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Scripture Reading: John 21:22

Message: ***“You Follow Me”*** – Pastor Nick Rosas

Prayer of Application

CHRIST ALONE (Led by Pastor Doug Fakkema)

Responsive Reading:

Leader: The angel said to Joseph, “Give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” (Matt. 1:21)

People: **Jesus saves us from our sins. Salvation cannot be found in anyone else; it is futile to look for salvation elsewhere.**
(Heidelberg Catechism A 30)

Leader: Let us thank God for Jesus.

People: **We thank you, God, for Jesus.
We thank you that we have in Jesus all
that we need for our salvation.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Song of Thanksgiving: LUYH #770 v. 1-4 *“In Christ Alone”*

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on the cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground His body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
then, bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no human plan,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
'til He returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY
(Led by Pastor Doug Fakkema)

* We Proclaim God's Grace

Leader: For it is by grace you have been saved,
through faith- and this not from yourselves,
it is the gift of God – not by works so that no one
can boast. (Eph. 2:8-9)

People: **For we are God's workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do.**
(Eph. 2:10)

Leader: What then is the purpose of our lives?

People: To glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.
(Westminster Shorter Catechism A 1)

Leader: Let us, then, glorify God.

**All: Let us glorify God for Scripture, for grace, for faith,
for Jesus.**

* God's Blessing

* Closing Song: "All Glory Be to Christ" v. 1-3

1. Should nothing of our efforts stand,
no legacy survive;
unless the Lord does raise the house,
in vain its builders strive.
To you who boast tomorrow's gain,
tell me what is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn;
all glory be to Christ.

Chorus

*All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
all glory be to Christ!*

2. His will be done, His kingdom come,
on earth as is above,
who is Himself our daily bread;
praise Him, the Lord of love.
Let living water satisfy
the thirsty without price;
we'll take a cup of kindness yet;
all glory be to Christ.

Chorus

3. When on the day the great I Am,
the faithful and the true,
the Lamb who was for sinners slain,
is making all things new.
Behold our God shall live with us
and be our steadfast light.
And we shall e're his people be;
all glory be to Christ.

Chorus

*All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
all glory be to Christ!*

Chorus: Sing acapella

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Postlude

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Pastor Doug Fakkema, Pastor Rob Jansons,
Pastor Gilbert Kim,**

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**Vocalists: Greg Boon, Beth Boon, Mandi Dykstra,
Kayla Van Hofwegen, Ella Van Hofwegen**

Soloist: Henry Van Zanten