

A CELEBRATION OF THE REFORMATION

October 27, 2024 – 6:30 PM

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

****Most of the service this evening will proceed unannounced.**

We Enter into Worship (Led Pastor John Knoester)

Prelude

* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #538 v. 1-4

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

1. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
who wert and art and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye made blind by sin Thy glory may not see,
only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Sing acapella

4. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,
in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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*Welcome/Announcements

* Call to Worship/God's Greeting (Based on Psalm 150)

Leader: Praise the Lord.

Praise God in his sanctuary.

Praise him in his mighty heavens.

**People: Praise him for his acts of power;
praise for his surpassing greatness.**

Leader: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,

**People: Praise him with tambourine and dancing,
praise him with the strings and flute,**

Leader: Praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.

**People: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord!**

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 #575 v. 1-4 *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul praise him, for he is your help and salvation!
Come, all who hear; brothers and sisters, draw near.
Join me in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
is wondrously reigning,
sheltering you under his wings, oh, so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?
3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper
your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
as with his love he befriends you.

4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

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GRACE ALONE **(Led by Pastor Doug Fakkema)**

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

* Song of Response: LUYH #691 v. 1-5 “*Amazing Grace*”

1. Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
3. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

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FAITH ALONE **(Led by Pastor Jon Westra)**

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 my 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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Offering Introduction – Pastor Jon Westra

*(Immediately following the introduction to the offering
the Reformation Choir is invited forward and the offering is received)*

Offering: Didachem Ministries

Offertory: *"Great is the Lord"* by Jay Althouse
- Reformation Sunday Choir

SCRIPTURE ALONE
(Led by Pastor Matt Borst)

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

* Song of Preparation: LUYH #844 v. 1,2,3,5

"Lift Up Your Hearts Unto the Lord"

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.
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: II Timothy 3:14-17

Message: ***“A Recipe for Faithfulness”***

Prayer of Application

* Song of Application: *“Christ Our Wisdom” v. 1-4*

1. Christ our wisdom we are humbled
When You hide Your ways from us
You have purposes unnumbered
Each one good and glorious
Help us trust when we grow weary
Free us from our anxious thoughts
Give us grace to see more clearly
You are God and we are not
2. Christ our wisdom be our gladness
When we fail to understand
You ordain all joy and sadness
To fulfill Your perfect plan
Help us know You rule with power
Over every raging flood
In our most uncertain hour
You are God and we are loved
3. Christ our wisdom we will follow
Though the way ahead is veiled
As we journey through the shadows
Grant us faith where sight has failed
Help us cling to Your commandments
Strengthened by Your faithful Word
We will never be abandoned
You are God and we are Yours
4. Christ our wisdom we adore You
For the beauty of the cross
Once in foolishness we scorned You
But Your blood has ransomed us
Help us sing the endless mercies
Of Your humble heart to save
Christ our wisdom Christ our glory
You are God forever praised

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CHRIST ALONE **(Led by Pastor Brad Diekema)**

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.

* 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 (Pastor Aaron Gonzalez)

*** 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 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.**

* Benediction

* Closing Hymn: LUYH #776 v. 1-4 *“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”*

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.
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.
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.

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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Postlude

*** Please Stand If Able**

Service Participants

Readers: John Knoester, Doug Fakkema, Jon Westra,
Matt Borst, Brad Diekema, Aaron Gonzalez

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