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Reformation Sunday

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Welcome, and thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

Holy Communion happens at every service and is open to all
baptized.

The restroom is located in the gym; exit the sanctuary through
the left door behind the altar and follow the hallway down the
stairs.

Prelude

“Festvorspiel” by Mortiz Brosig

Opening Hymn

ELW 504 “A Mighty Fortress is our God”



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

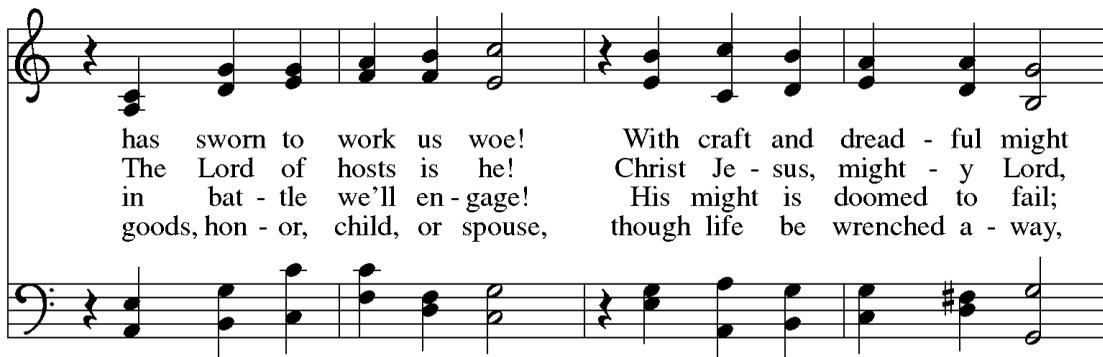


wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

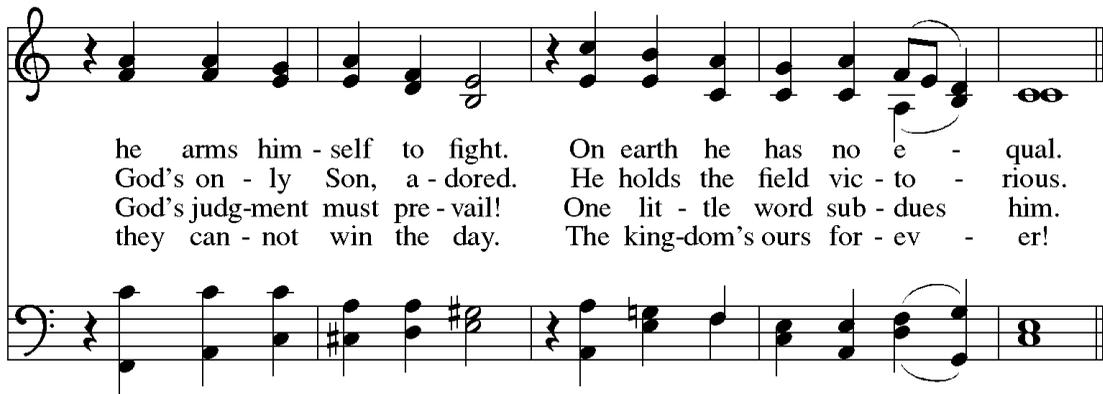


Opening Hymn con't

ELW 504 "A Mighty Fortress is our God"



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!



Greeting

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.

Hymn of Praise

“Send us Your Spirit”

Congregation sings refrain & choir sings verses



Come Lord Je-sus, send us Your Sp-irit, re- new the face of the Earth



Come Lord Je-sus, send us Your Spirit, re- new the face of the Earth

Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

C: Amen.

First Reading**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46**Sung by Choir****Second Reading****Romans 3:19-28**

¹⁹Now 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. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Congregation stands and sings the acclamation

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

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

P: The Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

John 8:31-36

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ 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?’”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (repeat acclamation)

Hymn of the Day

ELW "Salvation Unto us has Come"



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come by God's free grace and fa - vor;
 2 What God did in the law de - mand no one could keep un - fail - ing;
 3 Since Christ has full a - tone - ment made and brought to us sal - va - tion,
 4 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone and rests in him un - ceas - ing;



good works can - not a - vert our doom, they help and save us
 great woe a - rose on ev - 'ry hand, and sin grew all - pre -
 we will re - joice, we will be glad and build on this foun -
 and by its fruits true faith is known, with love and hope in -



nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, who did for
 vail - ing. Be - cause the law must be ful - filled, Christ came as
 da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear Lord, I plead; bap - tized in -
 ceas - ing. For faith a - lone can jus - ti - fy; works serve our



all the world a - tone, our on - ly me - di - a - tor.
 God in mer - cy willed, for us the law o - bey - ing.
 to your death, I'm freed; your life is mine for - ev - er.
 neigh - bor and sup - ply the proof that faith is liv - ing.

Apostle's Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen.

The Prayers

A: God our Father blesses us daily with gifts that renew our lives. Trusting in God's goodness, we remember and pray for the world, the Church, and all those in need.

Let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, we pray for our world. Bring an end to all war, violence, injustice and suffering, that all people may know the peace and joy of Christ's rule your coming kingdom will bring.

Let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, we pray for your Church throughout the world. You gather people from every nation and place into communities of faith. Make every faith community a place where your people live out their calling to witness to your saving grace through Christ our Lord.

Let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, we pray for Concordia's ministries. As Christ's presence in our community, you call us to love and serve our neighbors. Bless the ministries of Concordia Church and Concordia Place and bless the members, staff and leaders who work in our ministries to share your love with all we serve.

Let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, we pray for all who suffer. Your grace and healing presence is never far from any who call upon you. Bring healing to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and comfort those who seek your presence. We remember especially those we name before you... *Carol, Nancy, Pastor Steve Swanson, Jean, Guy, Perry, Rose, Cindy, Corie, Sandy, Gary, Michael, Will, Gerry, Bob & Sue, Jennifer, Dave, Barbara, Susie, David, Betty, Pastor Zook, Lola Zook, all those diagnosed with COVID-19, and those we carry with us in our hearts.*

Let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, we give you thanks. You have blessed us abundantly with gifts to serve you and one another. Open our eyes to see your blessings in our lives, and open our hearts to share them, that all may be blessed with your redeeming presence in their lives.

Let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers, bless our hopes, and fill us with your grace, peace, and love.

C: Amen.

Offertory

*We encourage you to use this time for reflection & gratitude
as we prepare for communion.*

Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

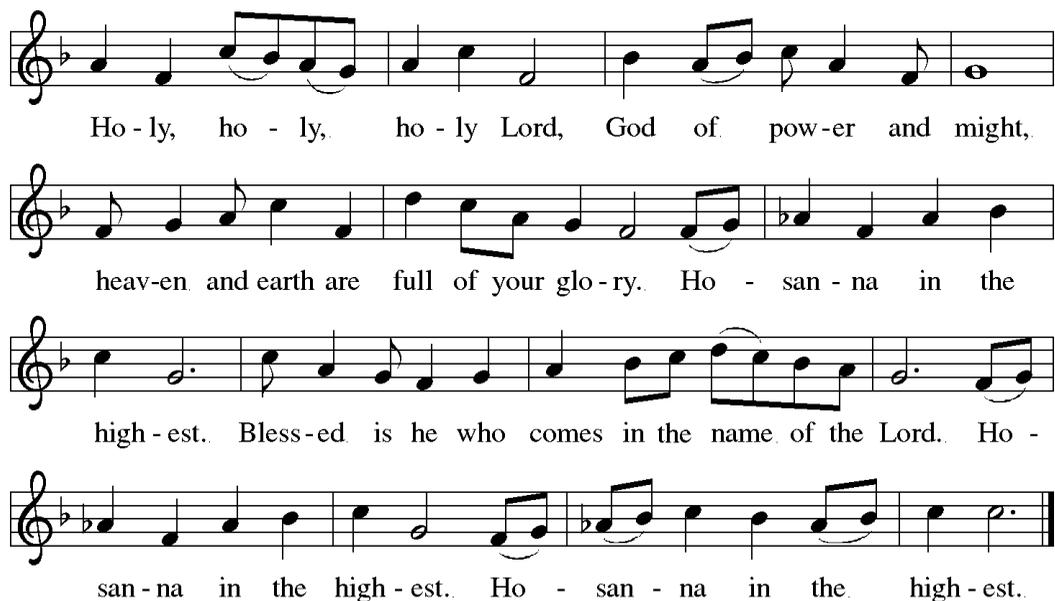
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Eucharistic Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks...

...with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God.
 Your abundant grace fills our lives with blessings.
 All of Heaven and earth sing of your glory.
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
 Who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
 Who preached good news to the poor,
 And who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

By our baptism, you have united us into one body in Christ.
 You have set us free from bondage to sin and
 You have redeemed our lives from the grave
 so that as Christ was raised from the dead
 we too might walk in newness of life.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

We give you thanks and praise for
your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**C: Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

P: Send your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of your Son.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
And one in witness to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and gather us all in your everlasting kingdom.

May your saving acts be proclaimed
and your name forever be praised, Almighty Father.
We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ,
with your Holy Spirit in your holy church throughout the world.

C: Amen. Your Kingdom come.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Communion Invitation

We invite all who are baptized in Christ to come forward for communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table. Parents of young children are asked to let the pastor know if they want their child to receive communion or a blessing.

Communion is served by continuous table around the altar, and you are asked to take a place as openings appear.

Communion

Anthem

"A New Commandment" by Richard Hubbard

Post Communion Blessing

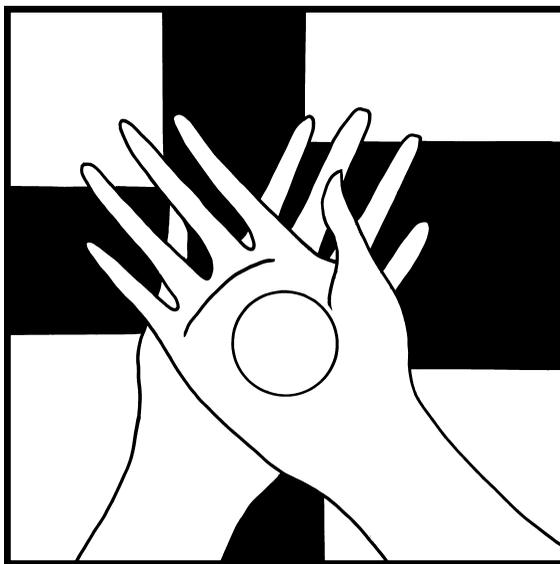
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A: Holy and gracious God, you have blessed us at this holy meal and united us in the fellowship of our savior, Jesus Christ. Your generous blessings renew us to go forth to serve as your faithful people until your kingdom comes and your rule is established throughout the whole world.

C: **Amen. Come Lord Jesus, Come.**



Closing Hymn

ELW #729 "The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to with -
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Announcements

Blessing

Dismissal

A: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

**“Moderato Maestoso in C from A Concert Suite”
by Charles Villiers Stanford**

The Postlude continues the feeling of our time together as we leave worship and go share God's love with our family, friends, and the community.

Upcoming Events:

November 21st: Community Thanksgiving Service

Fellowship meal to follow

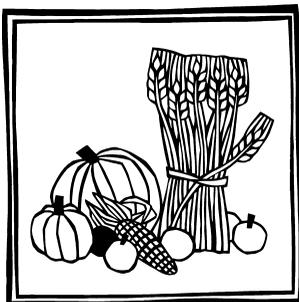
November 28th: Baptism of Dakota Six

December 1st: Advent mid-week music releases begin

December 24th: Christmas Eve Concert at 4:30pm

Christmas Eve Worship at 5:00pm

December 25th: Christmas Day Worship at 10:00am





Daylight Savings Time ends on November 7th! Turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday evening!



We continue to ask for help in supporting our neighbors facing food insecurity – either via donations of (shelf-stable) food and toiletry items or through financial contributions. **Concordia Church is partnering with the Common Pantry**, to support a ‘Take What You Need’ food pantry in the lobby of Swedish Covenant hospital for patients on their day of discharge. Our neighbors (and their immediate families) who are utilizing this food pantry are often facing a double challenge of (1) already experiencing food insecurity and (2) being sidelined from work and the ability to care for themselves/families while being in the hospital. This food pantry aims to lessen the stress for these patients leaving the hospital.

We have a scheduled delivery the first Tuesday of every month. Please bring shelf-stable groceries (examples are: canned goods, pasta, jarred sauces, rice, boxed mixes, etc.) and/or new toiletry items (examples: shampoo, toothpaste, lotion, etc.) to the marked container in the church’s main entrance *on or before Sunday, November 7th*. Donations received after this will be included in a future delivery. **Concordia, We are looking for 10 more sponsor families to commit to providing \$30 a month (in donations or equivalent items) to this ministry. If you are unable to commit monthly, but you’d still like to give, simply Text the word "CONCORDIA" to 73256 to give using your mobile device** and use the drop down list to choose our ‘social impact’ fund. All donations to this fund benefit our neighbors in need and is a tangible way we express our faith and gratitude for the blessings we’ve received. Please connect with Jen Phillips if you have any questions.

Are you interested in all of our new tech gadgets and how to use them? Matt is ready and willing to train volunteers who can step in when Matt and/or David need to be away on a Sunday. Please let Matt (emflanagan@gmail.com) or Desirae (ddiehl@concordiafaith.org) know if you are interested!

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Hymn of Praise

"Send us Your Spirit"

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Gospel Acclamation

Setting Two

Hymn of the Day

ELW #590 "Salvation Unto us has Come"

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Music: ES IST DAS HEIL, *Ellich christlich Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1524
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Anthem

"A New Commandment" by Richard Hubbard

Closing Hymn

ELW #729 "The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

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Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768
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