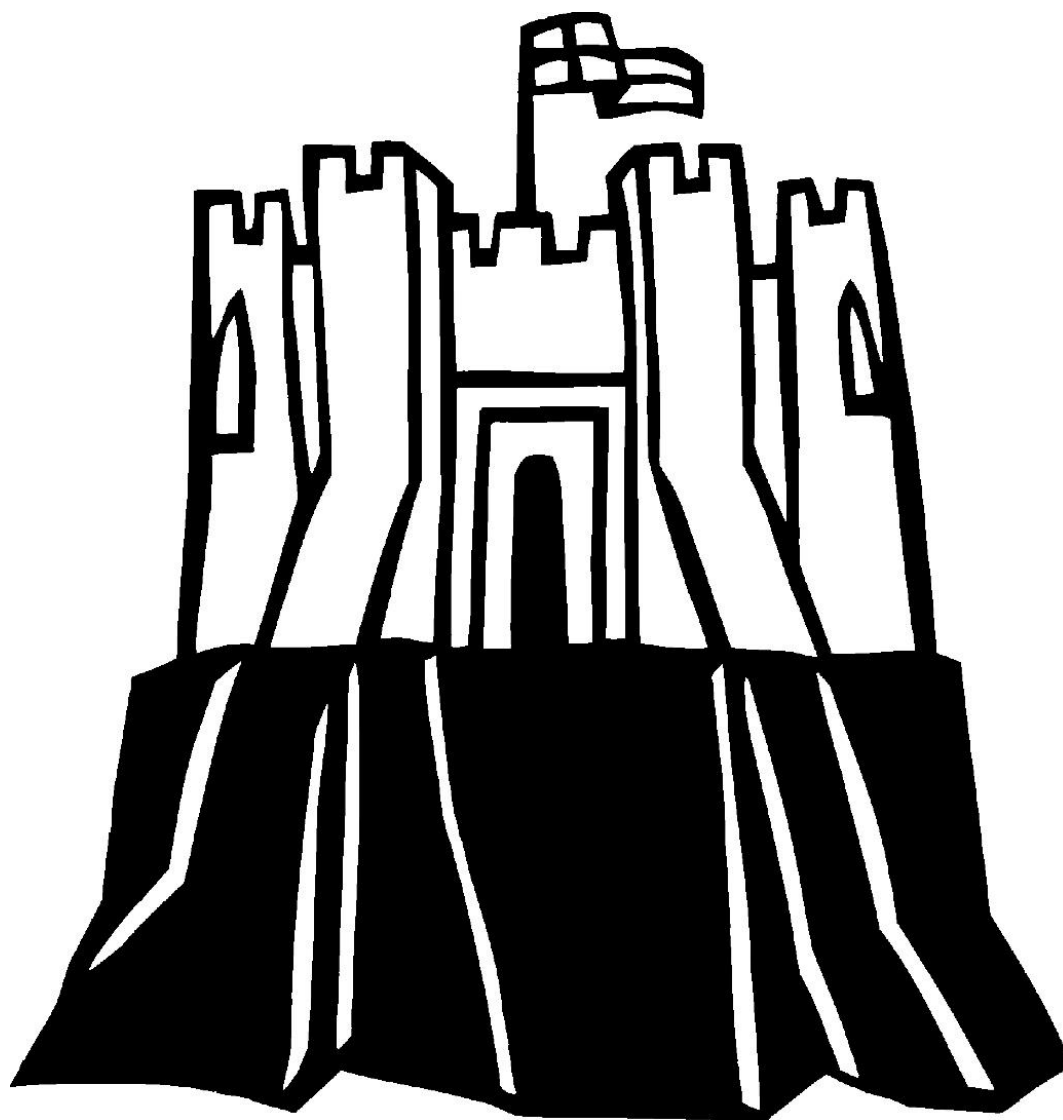


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REFORMATION SUNDAY

SETTING EIGHT WITH HOLY COMMUNION

OCTOBER 25, 2026

GATHERING

Prelude: Eighteenth Variation on a Theme of Paganini

– Sergi Rachmaninoff

- Nancy Jackman & Ross McDonald

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us pray...

Jesus Christ, Lord of the church,
send your Holy Spirit!
Illumine our hearts and heal our memories.
O Holy Spirit: help us to rejoice in the gifts
that have come to the Church
through the Reformation,
prepare us to repent for the dividing walls that we,
and our forebears, have built,
and equip us for common witness
and service in the world.

Amen

O God of mercy, we lament
that even good actions of reform and renewal
had often unintended negative consequences.

Lord have mercy

We bring before you the burdens
of the guilt of the past
when our forebears did not follow your will
that all be one in the truth of the Gospel.

Christ have mercy

We confess our own ways of thinking and acting
that perpetuate the divisions of the past.
As communities and as individuals,
we build many walls around us:
mental, spiritual, physical, political walls
that result in discrimination and violence.
Forgive us, Lord.

Lord have mercy

Christ is the way, the truth and the life.
He is our peace,
who breaks down the walls that divide,
who gives us, through the Holy Spirit,
ever-new beginnings.
In Christ, we receive forgiveness and reconciliation,
and we are strengthened for a faithful
and common witness in our time.

Amen

Gathering Song

A Mighty Fortress is our God

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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.

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.

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.

(continued...)

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!

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Opening Litany

“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.”
(Jeremiah 31:31)

Come Holy Spirit and lead us.

Lead us in the Way. The Way Christ walked:

**The Way of change and testing,
the Way of the desert and the wilderness.**

“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.” (Jeremiah 31:33)

Come Holy Spirit and make us your own.

Lead us in the Way. The Way Christ walked:
embodying forgiveness, granting us grace, setting us free,

You came as Jesus, our wisdom, our guide,

**The Way of new learning and questioning,
the Way of the River Jordan and the Upper Room.**

“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.” (Jeremiah 31:34)

Come Holy Spirit and shape us anew.

Lead us in the Way. The Way Christ walked:

**The Way of joy in life and sacrifice,
the Way of the Creation and the Cross.**

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Refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
Refrain
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of
vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -
le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Amen.

WORD

FIRST LESSON: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

- Redeemer

³¹ 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. ³² 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. ³³ 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.

³⁴ 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

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

³ though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

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

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

⁶ **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸ **Come now, regard the works of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought up on the earth;**

⁹ 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.

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

¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND LESSON FROM ROMANS 3:19-28

- Redeemer

¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed;

²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: The Holy Gospel according to John 8:31-36 Pastor Nadine

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Built On A Rock

Joel Raney

Redeemer Lutheran Choir

Dan Luong

Sermon

Please stand

We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service,
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent;
our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others
with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation
may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united,
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.

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Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith in an affirmation of unity

Affirmation of Unity

**We share one faith,
have one calling,
are of one soul and one mind;
have one God,
are filled with one Spirit,
are baptized with one baptism,
eat of one bread and drink of one cup,
confess one Name,
are obedient to one Lord,
work for one cause,
and share one hope.**

**Together we come to know
the height and the breadth
and the depth of the love of Christ;**

**are built up to the stature of Christ,
to the new humanity;
know and bear one another's burdens,
thereby fulfilling the law of Christ
that we need one another and up build one another,
admonishing and comforting one another;
that we suffer with one another
for the sake of righteousness.
Together we pray;
together we serve God in this world.**

Prayers of Intercession

St. Ansgar

L: Hear us, O God, C: **Your mercy is great.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

Offering Song To God Our Thanks We Give #682

Offering Prayer

Sanctus Holy, Holy, Holy pg. 190

O God before time, O God at the end,
we delight in the splendor of your universe.
Daily we laud your continuing creation,
and we give thanks
for all the homelands of your Reformation people.
We glorify you, now and forever.

We glorify you, now and forever.

(continued...)

O God of the covenant, O God of the church,
we hear you speaking to centuries of your people.
We come as your children to this table,
and we give thanks for your presence
among Lutheran congregations around the world.
We praise you, now and forever.

We praise you, now and forever.

You gave us Mary and Magdalene,
Peter and Paul,
Luther and Melanchthon,
Katharina Luther the homemaker,
Bach the musician,
Nicolai the hymnwriter,
Bonhoeffer the martyr,
and countless other servants of the Reformation.
We bless you, now and forever.

We bless you, now and forever.

dying for sin, and alive for the life of the world.
We worship you, now and forever.

We worship you, now and forever.

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.

(continued...)

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.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

Amen.

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

Amen.

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

Amen.

Come, Holy Spirit, and make here the body of Christ.
Breathe onto this food, that it bring us your life.
Empower your Reformation people throughout the world

to preach and teach, baptize and feed,
pray and sing, comfort and heal.
By your Spirit,
preserve what is faithful;
reform what we treasure;
create in us what is vital and new.
We honor you, now and forever.

We honor you, now and forever.

O God before time, O God at the end,
Father, Son, and Spirit,
we laud you,
Covenant Lord, our Redeemer, the Strength of truth.
Glory and praise, blessing and worship,
honor and power and might be to you, our God,
forever and ever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei Lamb of God

pg. 191

Communion Hymn Come, Let Us Eat

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[The words in parentheses may be sung by a leader or by all.]

- 1 (Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,) come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
(Our Lord's body let us take together,) our Lord's body let us take together.
- 2 (Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,) come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
(Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,) Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

(continued...)

- 3 (In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,
in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.
(In the presence of our Lord we gather,
in the presence of our Lord we gather.
- 4 (Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,
rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.
(Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

Text: Billema Kwillia, b. c. 1925, sts. 1-3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1-3, alt.
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SENDING

Blessing

For all that God can do within us,
for all that God can do without us,

Thanks be to God!

For all in whom Christ lived before us,
for all in whom Christ lives beside us,

Thanks be to God!

For all the Spirit wants to bring us,
for where the Spirit wants to send us,

Thanks be to God!

The blessing of God, Father, ✝ Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you and on your way together, now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song

Christ is made the Sure Foundation

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Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, our head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever
and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your lovingkindness,
hear your people as they pray;
and your fullest benediction
shed within these walls today.

Here bestow on all your servants
what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, forever
with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.

(continued...)

Praise and honor to the Father,
praise and honor to the Son,
praise and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Sinfonia (From “Solomon”) – G. F. Handel
- Nancy Jackman & Ross McDonald