

REFORMATION SUNDAY

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING BLESSING

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

BEING HONEST ABOUT OURSELVES...

P: It is important as we begin our worship to be honest about ourselves to God. God's grace gives us forgiveness and life. Although we have been given this free gift of grace, we too often live as if nothing has been given to us. We have failed to recognize and cherish this gift for ourselves and then, pass on this gift to others. During this time of silence we reflect on the ways in which we have misused our freedom.

(Silence for personal reflection)

P: We confess our sins.

C: **Lord, we need Your mercy. In this hour, help us to see our sin and pain and pray for a fresh start. Help us to see the shortcomings in our lives and look to You for the answers to our problems. Give us a new vision of what life can be like. Teach us to hope, to love, to give and to have faith. Lord, we need Your mercy.**

SONG OF FORGIVENESS "Red Book" 157 [Open Our Eyes](#)

Open our eyes, Lord,
We want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him
And say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord,
Help us to listen
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YOU ARE FORGIVEN

P: Our God has heard the cries and felt your pain and has had mercy on us. God has seen our need and provided for our salvation; seen our condition and provided the solution; seen our heart and given us a Savior. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our sin is no longer the weight that holds us down. We are free to live in victory, free from the sin of our self deceit and free from Satan's power. Praise God for goodness.

C: Amen

SONG OF PRAISE

Lord I Lift Your Name On High

Lord I lift your name on high
Lord I love to sing your praises
I'm so glad you're in my life
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth, to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift your name on high.
(Repeat whole song)

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together:

C: Almighty God, You commanded Joshua to be bold and courageous. Forgive us when we run away with fear. Give us a deeper love for reading and hearing Your Word so that we might experience Your presence and strength. Give us a love for praying so that You might fill us with courage to step into bold service for all those in need. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

The First Lesson: Joshua 1: 1-9

The Lord encourages Joshua for the journey

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 12: 27-34

Jesus' promise not to fret about what we need

Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

CHOIR ANTHEM

In Christ Alone

By Keith Getty

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG "Green Book" 229 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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 over pow'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.

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!

SERMON

"Ready to Serve"

AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH Luther's Explanation of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father in eternity, and also a true human being, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned human being. He has purchased and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and his innocent suffering and death. He has done all this in order that I may belong to him, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

OFFERINGS

The offerings gathered are a sign of our whole lives offered to God in humble gratitude for his greatest of all offerings, his Son offered for our salvation.

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God, and for all people according to their needs:
(after each prayer)

P: Lord in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.....

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

THE 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 glory forever and ever. Amen.**

CLOSING BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG "Green Book" 365 [Built on a Rock](#)

Built on a rock the Church shall stand, Even when steeples are
Falling; Crumbled have spires in every land, Bells still are
Chiming and calling, Calling the young and old to rest, Calling the
Souls of those distressed, Longing for life everlasting.

Not in our temples made with hands God, the Almighty, is
Dwelling; High in the heavens his temple stands, All earthly
Temples excelling. Yet he who dwells in heaven above deigns to
Abide with us in love, Making our bodies his temple.

We are God's house of living stones, Built for his own
Habitation; He fills our hearts, his humble thrones, Granting us
Life and salvation. Were two or three to seek his face, He in their
Midst would show his grace, Blessings upon them bestowing.

Yet in this house, an earthly frame, Jesus the children is
Blessing; Hither we come to praise his name, Faith in our
Savior confessing. Jesus to us his Spirit sent, Making with
Us his covenant, Granting his children the kingdom.

Through all the passing years, O Lord, Grant that, when church
Bells are ringing, Many may come to hear God's Word
Where he this promise is bringing; I know my own, my own know me;
You, not the world, my face shall see; My peace I leave with you. Amen

FMSC Presentation

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

POST-SERVICE MUSIC