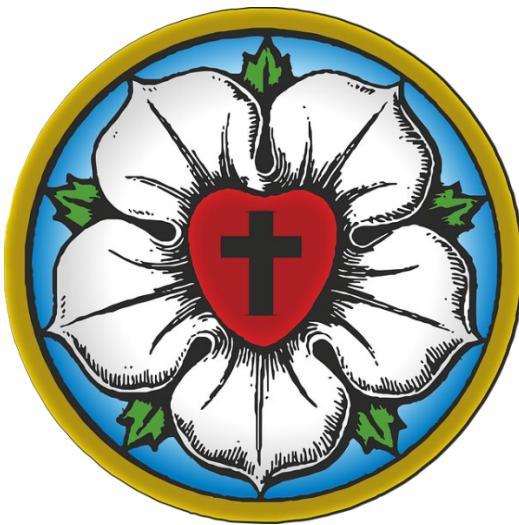


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Reformation Sunday



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SERVICE of WORSHIP

Setting 2 from Lutheran Book of Worship

THE PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection and self examination)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

BAPTISMAL HYMN: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" vs 1,2

All Things Bright and Beautiful

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Refrain

Music score for the first verse. Treble clef, key signature of G major (one sharp). The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: "All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,"

all things wise and won-der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

Music score continuation. Treble clef, key signature of G major (one sharp). The melody continues with eighth and sixteenth notes.

- 1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tains, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Music score continuation. Treble clef, key signature of G major (one sharp). The melody continues with eighth and sixteenth notes.

Refrain

Music score continuation. Treble clef, key signature of G major (one sharp). The melody continues with eighth and sixteenth notes.

God made their glow-ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-en-s up the sky.
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Music score continuation. Treble clef, key signature of G major (one sharp). The melody continues with eighth and sixteenth notes.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM for NOAH STANLEY PITCHKO

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Pitchko Family & Confirmands*)

DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER?

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

DO YOU BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF GOD?

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.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT?

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 WELCOME

Through Baptism God has made Noah Stanley Pitchko the newest member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

Noah, we welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

BAPTISMAL HYMN: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" vs 3,4

THE SALUTATION



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE: *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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. 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. 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. 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 PSALM

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
be toppled into the depths of the sea;

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

4 **The LORD of hosts is with us;**
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

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

6 **God is in the midst of her;**
she shall not be overthrown;
God shall help her at the break of day.

7 The nations make much ado,
and the kingdoms are shaken;
God has spoken,
and the earth shall melt away.

8 **The LORD of hosts is with us;**
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD,
what awesome things he has done on earth.

10 **It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;**
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.

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

12 **The LORD of hosts is with us;**
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 3:19-28

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. For “no human being will be justified

in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

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

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go"

The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. It features a vocal line with a sustained note followed by eighth notes, with lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia." and "Lord, to whom shall we go?". The second staff continues with the same musical pattern and lyrics "You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia."

THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

The musical notation shows a single staff of music in treble clef, one sharp (F#) key signature, and common time. It includes lyrics "Glo - ry to you, O Lord." with corresponding musical notes.

THE GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 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'?"

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

The Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN: "Children of the Heavenly Father" vs 1,2,3,4

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Musical notation for the hymn "Children of the Heavenly Father" with four staves of music. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther Safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, In his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the Lord his chil-dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

Nest-ling bird or star in heav - en Such a ref - uge ne'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, In his might - y arms he bears them.
Un - to them his grace he show - eth, And their sor - rows all he know - eth.
His the lov - ing pur-pose sole - ly To pre-serve them pure and ho - ly.

THE SERMON

HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" vs 1,2,3,4

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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,

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 wrench'd 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!

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION for
DRAKE WILLIAM MEYER and ABIGAIL CHARLENE TUCKER

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

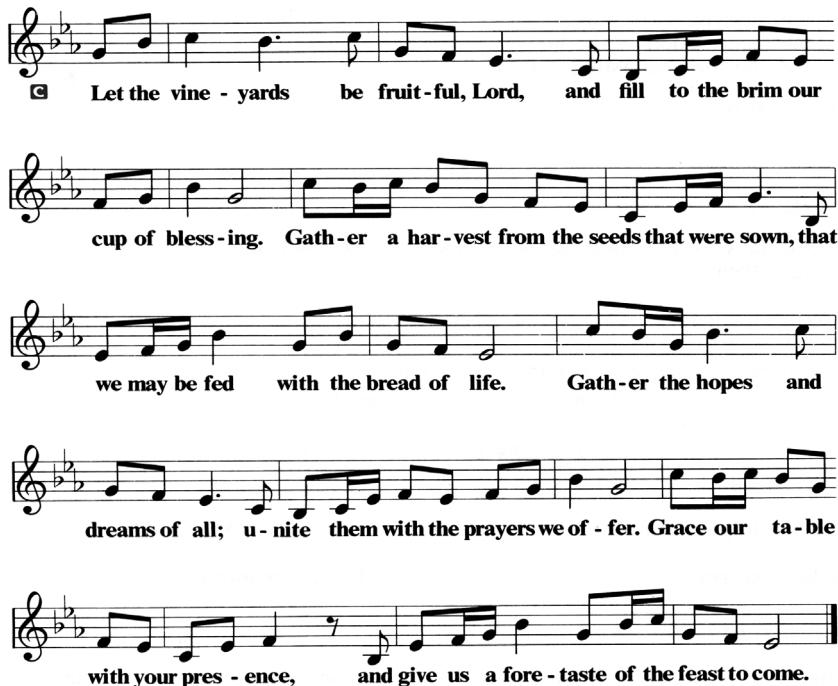
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

Amen

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY: “Let the Vineyards”



The musical notation consists of five staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff. The lyrics are:

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our

cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that

we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and

dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble

with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"



The musical notation consists of five staves of music in G major (indicated by a C-clef) and common time (indicated by a 'C'). The notes are primarily quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below each staff, corresponding to the musical phrases. The lyrics are:

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: “Amazing Grace” vs 1,2,3,4

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 448

F Dm B \flat F

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, That
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And
 3 Through man y dan - gers, to and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; His

Dm F Am F

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re-lieved; How pre - cious did that
 have al - ready come; 'Tis grace brought
 Word my hope se-cures; He will my shield and

B \flat F Dm F C \sharp F

now am found; Was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear The hour first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, And grace me home.
 por - tion As long en - dures.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

THE BENEDICTION

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE