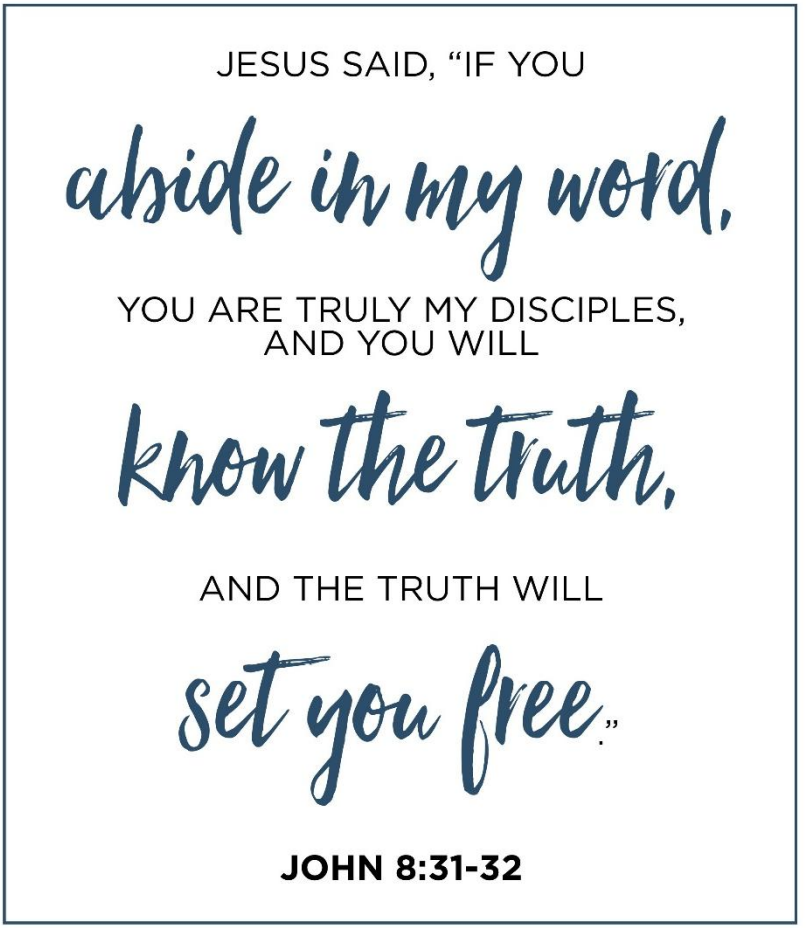

Reformation Day (Observed)
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
October 25, 2026

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Welcome! "Wisdom is justified by her deeds" (Matt. 11:19), and the true wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, in order that we may eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and "remain in the house forever" (John 8:35). He is "a friend of tax collectors and sinners" (Matt. 11:18–19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel "to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people" (Rev. 14:6), "the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law" (Rom. 3:21), "that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus" (Rom. 3:26). And by the hearing of that Gospel of Christ Jesus, "whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith" (Rom. 3:25), "you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31–32).

+ Order of Worship +

Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" 656

Sunday School Children Sing

Invocation

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Opening Versicles

P This is the day that the Lord has made.
C **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised!**

P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere.
C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord,
C **Teach me Your paths.**

P Sanctify us in Your truth.
C **Your Word is truth.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised!**

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.
C **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
C **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P O Almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Introit

(Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46)

P I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.
C **I will bless the Lord at all times;**
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

P My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
C **Come, O children, listen to me;**
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

P The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.**

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.

Hymn "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" 849

First Reading Revelation 14:6-7

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading 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 stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "Thy Word Is a Lamp" 973a

The Holy Gospel John 8:31-36

When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

"'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'?

If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?" And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory

P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

The Ten Commandments

C **You shall have no other gods.**
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or his maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Sermon

Hymn "Christ the Eternal Lord" 829

Sermon

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the renewal of the Church in this and every age, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For us sinners, though we deserve only God's righteous wrath and punishment, that for the sake of His Son, our Father would not remember our transgressions, but defend us from all harm and

danger of body and soul, and be our very present help in time of need, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P In thanksgiving for Martin Luther and those who contended for the Gospel against many and great enemies; and that God would also make us bold to contend for the faith against those who would silence our voices or distract His people from the one true Gospel of the crucified and risen Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the faithful proclamation of Christ's saving name, that God's people may be strengthened in the true faith and His kingdom extended, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our homes and families, that God would keep us in His Word and so make us truly His disciples, freed from errors and at peace; and especially for all fathers, that God would preserve and encourage them for their godly task to bring up children who fear Him, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all people in need, *[especially _____,]* that they would not fear though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea; and that they would trust in God and be comforted by His promise to be with them, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Preserve Your Church, O Lord, and each of us as members of Christ's Body, that we may not surrender the true Gospel for any reason, but be kept in this faith and fear throughout the days of our earthly pilgrimage, until that day when we and all Your people shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the reward You have prepared for us and all who have loved His appearing; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray: Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all

enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger, and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings in life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Blessing

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the ✢ Son and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C **Amen.**

Hymn

"Abide with Me" 878