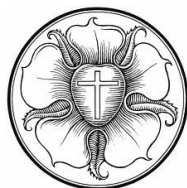


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The Festival of the Reformation

Sola Gratia - Sola Fide - Sola Scriptura

Pre-Service Music

The Bells Ring out our Lutheran Heritage

Sunday School Anthem – #203 *“Lord, Keep Us
Steadfast in Your Word”*

The Invocation

Dialogue of Remembrance

P: It was in Eden that Satan destroyed the relationship that existed between God and the crown of his creation. It was in Eden that first began the tragic cry from the human heart:

C: Lord, have mercy on us. Show us your face, O Lord. Remove us from Satan’s power.

P: When the time was right, God acted. He sent his one and only Son into the world to do for his creatures what his creatures could not do for themselves. Jesus Christ lived and died and rose again to restore the unity and to renew the image that was lost in Eden. The Church was born to carry the message of restoration and renewal into all the world.

C: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth! We shall not die but live and declare the praises of God.

P: Satan was not finished. He challenged the Church’s faith and mission with his nefarious influence. God preserved his Church, often quietly, sometimes with only a whisper. But even in the

depths of darkness the light of grace flickered...In the fourth century as Satan attacked the deity of Christ the Church confessed:

C: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God.

P: In the fifth century, as the doctrine of the Trinity was attacked, the Church confessed:

C: Now this is the true Christian faith:

We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being. For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct, but the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

P: Through the centuries the battle continued. Often Satan seemed to be the Victor. The cry of God's people continued:

C: Lord, have mercy on us. Show us your face, O Lord. Remove us from Satan's power.

P: When his time was right, God acted in history. He raised up a man, yes only a man, a man with weaknesses and failures, but God used that man to be a messenger of the everlasting gospel. That man was Martin Luther. We do not praise him, but we praise God for him, that as his instrument God restored to his Church the good news about Jesus Christ.

C: Lord Jesus, you are my righteousness, and I am your sin. You became what you were not and made me to be what I was not.

P: This is a service of thanksgiving on the Festival of the Reformation of the Church. Come, let us worship the Lord!

(Please be seated)

Hymn: #201 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Introduction – Handchimes Please stand for v. 4

Prayer of the Day – Luther's Morning Prayer (in unison)

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings

and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

All: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved 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 unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Choir Anthem – *“By Faith”*

The Foundation on Which We Build Grace - Faith - Scripture

**First Lesson: "Sola Gratia"
By Grace Alone!**

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:1-9

Response: #377 *“Dear Christians, One And All, Rejoice”*
Sung as printed

Cong: Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,
With exultation springing,
And, with united heart and voice
And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done,
How his right arm the vict'ry won.
How dearly it has cost him!

*Choir: Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay;
Death brooded darkly o'er me.
Sin was my torment night and day;
In sin my mother bore me.
Yet deep and deeper still I fell;
Life had become a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.*

Cong: My own good works availed me naught,
No merit they attaining;
My will against God's judgment fought,
No hope for me remaining.
My fears increased till sheer despair
Left naught but death to be my share
And hell to be my sentence.

Second Lesson: "Sola Fide" By Faith Alone!

Scripture Reading: Romans 1:16-17

Response:

*Selected voices: But God beheld my wretched state
Before the world's foundation,
And, mindful of his mercies great,
He planned my soul's salvation.
A Father's heart he turned to me,
Sought my redemption fervently;
He gave his dearest treasure.*

Cong: He spoke to his beloved Son:
"Tis time to have compassion.
Then go, bright Jewel of my crown,
And bring mankind salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free;
Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with you forever."

Cong: The Son obeyed his Father's will,
Was born of virgin mother,
And, God's good pleasure to fulfill,
He came to be my brother.
No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore;
A servant's form like mine he bore
To lead the devil captive.

Third Lesson: "Sola Scriptura" By Scripture Alone!

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Response:

Cong: To me he spoke, " Hold fast to me
I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I myself will be;
For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, your friend divine,
And evermore you shall be mine;
The foe shall not divide us.

*Selected voices: "The foe shall shed my precious blood,
Me of my life bereaving.
All this I suffer for your good;
Be steadfast and believing.
Life shall from death the vict'ry win;
My innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.*

*Choir: "Now to my Father I depart,
The Holy Spirit sending
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,
My help to you extending.
He will a source of comfort be,
Teach you to know and follow me,
And in all truth will guide you.*

Cong: "What I on earth have lived and taught
Be all your life and teaching;
So shall my kingdom's work be wrought
And honored in your preaching.
Take care that no one's man-made laws
Should e'er destroy the gospel's cause.
This final word I leave you."

The Sermon – 1 Kings 8:57-60

*Theme: "May God continue to bless us with his grace
and mercy."*

Response – (Sung)

God's Word is our great heritage and shall be ours
forever; to spread its light from age to age shall be our
chief endeavor. Through life it guides our way; in death
it is our stay. Lord, grant while worlds endure, we keep
its teachings pure throughout all generations.

The Offering of Thanks

The Prayer of the Church for Reformation and the
Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

*Because receiving the Lord's Supper together is an
expression of unity of faith this side of heaven, it is proper
that those of the same confession commune together. Since
church membership is an individual's expression of
confession, it is proper that members of congregations in
fellowship with each other commune together. Therefore
we invite those of sister WELS/ELS congregations to join us
for communion today. On the same basis we cordially ask
that those of other fellowships refrain.*

The Distribution of the Lord's Body and Blood

The Distribution Hymn: #199 *“In Trembling Hands,
Lord God, We Hold”*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Benediction

The Closing Hymn: # 204 *“O God, Our Lord, Your
Holy Word”*

O God, our Lord, Your holy Word
was long a hidden treasure
Till to its place it was by grace
restored in fullest measure.
For this today our thanks we say
and gladly glorify you.
Your mercy show and grace bestow
on all who still deny you.

Lord, you alone this work have done
by your free grace and favor.
All who believe will grace receive
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
And though the foe would overthrow
your Word with grim endeavor,
All he has wrought must come to naught
your Word will stand forever!