

Reformation Sunday



October 31, 2021 | 10:30 a.m.

*Kviteseid Lutheran Church
308 North Third Street
Milan, Minnesota*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord’s table.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN “The Church of Christ, in Every Age” (vs. 1-3, 5) ELW #729

MARTIN LUTHER’S MORNING PRAYER: In unison

All “I give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected me through the night from all harm and danger. I ask that you would also protect me today from sin and all evil, so that my life and actions may please you. Into your hands I commend myself: my body, my soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.”

REFORMATION LITANY AND CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P “Unless I am convinced by Holy Scripture,
my conscience is captive to the Word of God. Here I stand.
I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen.”

P All of us have sinned and fallen short of God’s glory.

C **This is most certainly true.**

P But God is truly merciful, and because of Jesus Christ,
He freely accepts us and sets us free from our sins.

C **Here we stand; God help us! Amen.**

P From the bondage of Satan, sin and death, Christ has set us free.

C **This is most certainly true.**

P Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

C **Here we stand; God help us! Amen.**

P God sent Jesus Christ to be our sacrifice. Christ offered his life’s blood,
so that by faith in him we could come to God.

C **This is most certainly true.**

P For we hold that a person is justified by faith
apart from works prescribed by the law.

C **Here we stand; God help us! Amen.**

P God gave Christ to die for our sins, and he raised him to life,
so that we would be made acceptable to God.

C **This is most certainly true.**

P And now, because of our Lord Jesus Christ, we live at peace with God.

C **Here we stand; God help us! Amen.**

P You have been saved by faith in God's grace.
This is not of your own doing; it is the gift of God.

C **This is most certainly true.**

P This is the true grace of God; stand fast in it.

C **Here we stand; God help us! Amen.**

HYMN #504 AND PSALM 46

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

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

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

Verse 1 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

ELW #504

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

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

Verse 2 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

ELW #504

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

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

L ⁸Come now, regard the works of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

C 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.**

Verse 3 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

ELW #504

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

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

Verse 4 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” ELW #504

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

LESSON: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy. The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

LESSON: Romans 3:19-28

Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ’s death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

HYMN “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage” ELW #509

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” ELW #517

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Martin Luther's explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed from the Small Catechism.

C I believe that by my own understanding or strength
I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him,
but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel,
enlightened me with his gifts,
made me holy, and kept me in the true faith,
just as he calls, gathers, enlightens,
and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth
and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith.
Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins –
mine and those of all believers.
On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead
and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life.
This is most certainly true.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands;
through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

C Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord, be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE “We Give Thee But Thine Own” (vs. 1 & 2) ELW #686

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Giver of Life, prosper the work of our hands in faith. Prosper the work of our
gifts offered in gratitude. Prosper the joy of our life in following Christ.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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 the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

P The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

C **This is most certainly true.**

P God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Let us hold fast to the confession of our faith without wavering,
for he who promised is faithful.**

P This is most certainly true.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

ELW #779






DISMISSAL

P We are called to continue in the Word.
Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

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Black Cross		Symbolizes Jesus' death and pain and reminds us that faith in Jesus is what saves us. "For one who believes from the heart will be justified" –Rom 10:10
Red Heart		Even though the cross is black, it does not kill our hearts, but makes us alive. "The just shall live by faith" – Rom 1:17
White Rose		Faith in Jesus brings true joy, consolation and peace, not worldly joy and peace – John 14:27. White is the color of angels and blessed spirits.
Blue Sky		Symbolizes our hope for the coming joys of heaven, though not yet revealed.
Gold Rim		As a circle is unending, so the joys of heaven will be unending. Its gold color reminds us that the joys of heaven are more precious than any other treasure.