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Many, many thanks! Thank you…

… to *all of you* who traveled [especially from distances] to be with us at Faith Medford today for this joyous event.

… to our Ladies and others for planning and serving our wonderful [Oktoberfest] meal following this service.

… to Brad Hall for masterfully accompanying us on organ today.

… to preacher Rev. Obenberger and all participating pastors.

'Food' for Thought

God's purpose for us never changes, but we are peculiarly adept at confusing His purposes and persuading ourselves that our bent purpose is identical with God's. Boasting *"we are the heirs of Luther"* is not necessarily far removed from the Scribes and Pharisees who said, *"We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone."* We may remain slaves to sin even as we gather to praise God for our freedom in the Gospel. Reformation is not a one time thing that spreads its mantle inevitably over those who celebrate it; reformation is a daily necessity for the church's life with God. God is never faithless, but we have been faithless again and again. Reformation is not a time for boasting of our superiority but of giving thanks that God ever and again invites His people to repent, rely on grace, and be renewed in our mission and sanctified life of faith.

At the Festival of the Reformation, we give thanks that by God's grace alone and through His Word alone we have been rescued from the false ways of salvation that could only lead us to ruin and doom. At the same time we remember that, apart from unqualified commitment to His Word, grace can be lost and with it the saving faith in the One and only Christ, our One and only Savior. Therefore let us hear the Word of the LORD! Prompted by His grace let us recommit ourselves to purity of doctrine that comes alone from the Word, and to a life that reflects our devotion to the Savior who gives Himself for us and then to us in His pure Word.

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Icons for the Festival of the Reformation: Eternal Gospel ✠ ***St. John 8:31-36***
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✞ *In Nomine Iesu* ✠ In the Name of Jesus ✞

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: O LORD, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. **Amen.**

Lutheran Chorale Service *ELH p.107* ***No Holy Communion***

Prelude Music & Candle Lighting

Opening Hymn ***250*** **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God** *4 verses*



1. **A Mighty Fortress is our God, A trusty Shield and Weapon;**
He helps us free from every need That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

2. **With might of ours can naught be done,**
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is. Of Sabaoth LORD,
And there's none other God; He holds the field forever.

3. **Though devils all the world should fill,**
All eager to devour us.
We tremble not, we fear no ill, They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none, He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

Congregation, please rise.

4. **The Word they still shall let remain**
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child and wife,
Let these all be gone, They yet have nothing won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

Invocation & Confession of Sin *from Rite One Form* ***III*** *p.88*

At the Invocation all may make the sign of the ✠ in remembrance of their Baptism.

P: ♪ In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ♪ Amen.

that we might always keep our eyes focused on You and be with us so that when we die we may do so confidently in our LORD and Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose Name we pray. **C: Amen.**

Pastor Choir ***383*** **Our Father, Thou in Heav'n Above** *verse 1*

Prayer Hymn ***384*** **Our Father Throned in Heav'n Above** *3 verses*



1. **Our Father, throned in Heav'n above,**
All glory to Thy Name of love. Thy Kingdom come;
Thy Holy Will May earth as well as Heav'n fulfill.

2. **Give us this day our daily food With all we need of promised good; And freely all our sins remit As we our debtors freely quit.**

3. **Defend us from the tempter's ways Uphold when tried,**
when fallen raise: For pow'r is Thine, and boundless reign,
In glory evermore, Amen.

The *Trinitarian* Benediction

P: ♪ The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His Face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The LORD lift up His Countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C: ♪ A-men, a-men, a--men. *Congregation may be seated.*

Closing Hymn ***589*** **LORD, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word** *3 verses*



1. **LORD, keep us steadfast in Thy Word;**
Curb those who fain by craft and sword
Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son
And set at naught all He hath done.

2. **LORD Jesus Christ, Thy pow'r make known,**
For Thou art LORD of lords alone;
Defend Thy Christendom that we
May evermore sing praise to Thee.

3. **O Comforter of priceless worth.**
Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP: O LORD, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ; to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. **Amen.**

6. **As Christ hath full atonement made And brought to us salvation,**
So may each Christian now be glad And build on this foundation;
Thy grace alone, dear LORD, I plead,
Thy death is now my life indeed, For Thou hast paid my ransom.

7. **Not doubting this, I trust in Thee, Thy Word cannot be broken,**
Thou all dost call, 'Come unto Me!' No falsehood hast Thou spoken;
'He who believes and is Baptized, He shall be saved,'
say'st Thou, O Christ, And he shall never perish.

Reformation Exordium *After Exordium, congregation please rise & sing.*

Exordium Hymn ***583*** **God's Word Is Our Great Heritage** *1 verse*

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.

Sermon **St. John 8:31-36** *Congregation please remain standing for the text.*

Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My Word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." 33 They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can you say, 'You will be made free'?" 34 Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. 35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."

THEME: **THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL IS THE REVEALED TRUTH THAT SETS YOU FREE.**

The Offering *Today's offering will offset expenses and go to Missions.*

Prayer for Reformation

P: Dear Heavenly Father, through an unlikely candidate for honors in Your church, a struggling fearful man, Martin Luther, You restored to our world the great truth of the Gospel.

By faith we now see Heaven's door open to us through the perfection of Your Son Jesus who died to set us free forever from the tyranny of sin.

In an age in which the church might seem helpless amid rapid moral decline, rampant materialism, and in which anti authoritarianism has eroded people's respect and trust in God fearing pastors and lay leaders, help us to maintain an uncompromising loyalty to Your Word and to live our faith in this blessed Redeemer in such a way that it will glorify Your name. Daily reform what needs correction in our lives, strengthen us

P: Let us confess our sins to God and pray:

C: Almighty God, Father of our LORD Jesus Christ,
Maker of all things, Judge of the world:
We confess that we have sinned against Your divine
majesty by thought, word, and deed,
provoking Your wrath against us.
We earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for our sins.
We grieve to think of them. Their burden is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us, gracious Father!
Forgive us our sins for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ.
Grant that we may serve You in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of Your holy name,
through Jesus Christ ✠ our LORD. Amen.

Kyrie Hymn ***34*** **Kyrie God Father in Heaven Above** *1 verse*

Kyrie, God Father in Heav'n above, Great art Thou in grace and love, Of all things the Maker and Preserver. *Eleison, eleison!*

Kyrie, O Christ, our King, Salvation for sinners Thou didst bring. O LORD Jesus, God's own Son, Our Mediator at the Heav'nly throne, Hear our cry and grant our supplication. *Eleison, eleison!*

Kyrie, O God the Holy Ghost, Guard our faith, the gift we need the most; Do Thou our last hour bless; Let us leave this sinful world with gladness. *Eleison, eleison!*

The Absolution

P:Lift up your hearts. The LORD God, according to His promise, is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. By the command of Christ and the authority of my holy office I forgive your sins, in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Gloria Hymn ***36*** **All Glory Be to God Alone** ***Sing verses 1&6***

1. **All glory be to God alone, Forevermore the highest One,**
Who doth our sinful race befriend
And grace and peace to us extend.
Among mankind may His good Will
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

...

6. **Amen, this ever true shall be, As angels sing adoringly.**
By all creation far and wide, Thou LORD art ever glorified;
And Thee all Christendom doth praise
Now and through everlasting days.

Collect for Reformation Day

O LORD God, Heavenly Father, pour out, we beseech You, Your Holy Spirit upon Your faithful people: keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptations, defend us against all enemies of Your Word, and bestow upon Christ's Church Militant Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One True God, now and forever. **C: ♪ A-men.**

Introit Tone 1  Psalm 46:7,2;1 Antiphon

P♪ The LORD of `hosts is with us:/ The God of Jacob `is our ref-uge.
Therefore we will not fear, even though the `earth be re-moved:/
And though the mountains be carried into the `midst of the sea.

Psalm **C: ♪ God is Our `Re-fuge and Strength: / A very present `Help in troub-le.**

Glory be to the Father `and to the Son: / And to `the Holy Ghost. | As it was in the be`gin-ning, is now: / And ever shall be, forever`more. *A*-men.

The Lection Old Testament ***2 Chronicles 29:12-19*** *NKJ*

In those days these Levites arose: Mahath the son of Amasai and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites; of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi and Azariah the son of Jahellelel; of the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimmah and Eden the son of Joah; 13 of the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and Jeiel; of the sons of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah; 14 of the sons of Heman, Jehiel and Shimei; and of the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaiah and Uzziel. 15 And they gathered their brethren, sanctified themselves, and went according to the commandment of the king, at the Words of the LORD, to cleanse the House of the LORD. 16 Then the priests went into the inner part of the House of the LORD to cleanse it, and brought out all the debris that they found in the Temple of the LORD to the court of the House of the LORD. And the Levites took it out and carried it to the Brook Kidron. 17 Now they began to sanctify on the first day of the first month, and on the eighth day of the month they came to the vestibule of the LORD. So they sanctified the House of the LORD in eight days, and on the sixteenth day of the first month they finished. 18 Then they went in to King Hezekiah and said, "We have cleansed all the House of the LORD, the Altar of burnt offerings with all its articles, and the table of the showbread with all its articles. 19 Moreover all the articles which King Ahaz in his reign had cast aside in his transgression we have prepared and sanctified; and there they are, before the Altar of the LORD.

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

Epistle ***Revelation 14:6-7***

Then I [John] saw another angel flying in the midst of Heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth – to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people – 7 saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him Who made Heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

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

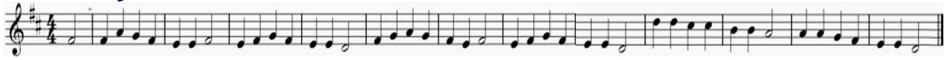
Congregation please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

The Holy Gospel according to ✠ **Matthew, the 11th Chapter**:12-15

Jesus said "From the days of John the Baptist until now the Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. 13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. 14 And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come. 15 He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Pastor Choir ***38*** **We All Believe in One True God** ***verse 1***

Creed Hymn ***37*** **We All Believe in One True God** *3 verses*



1. **We all believe in One True God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present Help in need, Praised by all the Heav'nly Host,
By Whose mighty pow'r alone All is made and wrought and done.**

2. **We all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's Son,
Who descended from His throne And for us salvation won,
By Whose Cross and death are we Rescued from all misery.**

3. **We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who from both fore'er proceeds,
Who upholds and comforts us In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blest and Holy Trinity, Praise forever be to Thee!**

Congregation may be seated for the next hymn.

Chief Hymn ***227*** **Salvation Unto Us Is Come** ***verses 1-2,6-7***



1. **Salvation unto us is come By God's free grace and favor.
Good works cannot avert our doom They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;
He is our one Redeemer.**

2. **What God did in His Law demand No man to Him could render.
Before this Judge all guilty stand; His law speaks curse in thunder.
The law demands a perfect heart; We were defiled in ev'ry part,
And lost was our condition.**