

October 26th, 2025

Reformation Sunday





Oh, Come Let Us Worship the Lord

GREETING

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN

Christian Worship 199

In Trembling Hands, Lord God, We Hold

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God: Psalm 51

Congregation: (Psalm 51) Have mercy on me, O God, according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Cleanse me and wash me so that I can be clean in your sight.

We sing:

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

Pass me not, O gentle Savior, Hear my humble cry, While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by,

Chorus: Savior, Savior, Hear my humble cry; While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by.

Let me at a throne of mercy Find a sweet relief; Kneeling there in deep contrition, Help my unbelief.

Chorus

Trusting only in Thy merit, Would I seek Thy face; Heal my wounded broken spirit, Save me by Thy grace.

Chorus

Pastor: (Isaiah 53) It is my privilege as a called servant of God to declare to you that Jesus Christ was pierced for your transgressions, he was crushed for your iniquities, the punishment that brought you peace was upon him and by his stripes you are forgiven.

We sing:

It Is Well With My Soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control, That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

Chorus: It is well (It is well), with my soul (with my soul), It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought:
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Chorus

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

"The days are coming," declares the LORD,
when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

It will not be like the covenant

I made with their ancestors

when I took them by the hand

to lead them out of Egypt,

because they broke my covenant,

though I was a husband to them,"

declares the LORD.

"This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the LORD.

"I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,'
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,"
declares the LORD.

"For I will forgive their wickedness"

We sing:

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I Love To Tell The Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love. I love to tell the story because I know it's true. It satisfies my longing as nothing else would do.

and will remember their sins no more."

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

SECOND LESSON

Galatians 5:1-6

5 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

² Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. ³ Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. ⁴ You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵ For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

I Love To Tell The Story

We sing:

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best, Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL LESSON

John 8:31-36

BE SEATED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christian Worship 201

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

SERMON

Be Still and Know That I Am God

Psalm 46

³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

³³ They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

³⁴ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.

³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

¹ God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
- ³ though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.
- ⁵ God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.
- ⁶ Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
- ⁷ The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- ⁸ Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth.
- ⁹ He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

- He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
- ¹¹ The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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

OFFERING HYMN

African-American Heritage Hymnal 396

I Surrender All

PRAYERS

The Lord's Prayer

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Christian Worship 203

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

A place to belong in this world and the next

No matter where Corrina lived, she always felt caught between two worlds. The daughter of a US serviceman and a German mother, she never quite fit in—not in Germany, not in America, not in school, not even in her church. The church she grew up in focused more on what people must do rather than on what Christ has already done for us. Corrina knew her sins and because of them, she never felt she truly belonged. She longed for a place she could call home.

Years later, Corrina moved to Dallas, Texas, to care for her aging mother. Because of her own health needs, she moved into an assisted living complex, the same one where a member of our congregation lived.

I first met Corrina on a follow-up visit after she attended our Saturday evening worship, invited by that member. I still remember her words: "Pastor, it means so much for you to take the time to visit me. I felt so loved at your church." At the time, I didn't realize the weight of her words, but after hearing her story I understood what she was really saying: "I finally know where I belong."

What made her say that after a lifetime of feeling out of place? Jesus did. Jesus' full and free forgiveness gave peace to her soul. Where he is, she wants to be.

Corrina's health often makes it difficult to attend worship, but she refuses to let it stop her. A few months ago, after she fractured a bone in her neck, I told her it was okay to rest and that I would come visit. Her answer was immediate: "If I let this become an excuse to miss church, then anything can be an excuse." Sure enough, she was there the next day. She wanted to be where she belonged —listening to her Savior's voice.

Corrina continues to face health challenges, but nothing can rob her of the peace she has in Christ. After a difficult diagnosis, she told me, "I can't wait to see the room Jesus has prepared for me with my name on it." She knows where she truly belongs—at her Savior's side forever.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, Corrina has learned where she belongs: in the family of God here on earth and eternally with him in heaven. Who in your life is still searching for that place? A simple invitation to worship may be the way God shows that person, "You belong with me."

Written by Pastor Ben Schone, home missionary at Calvary Lutheran Church in Dallas, Texas.

Serving at CoL:	Today	Next Sunday	
Music	Karis, Elijah	Katherine, Elijah	
Ushers	Keith, Gary	Seth	
Reader	Seth	Mike	
Altar			
Streaming	Noah	Noah	
Refreshments	Family Day		
Cleaning			
Mowing			
Reader Altar Streaming Refreshments Cleaning	Seth	Mike	

CALENDAR

Wednesday	7:00 PM Online Bible Class <i>meet.google.com/dpk-rmfe-atx</i>				
Thursday	10:30 AM, Timeless Grace, Carriere, MS				
Thursday	12:00 PM, Confirmation Class, Picayune, MS				
Sunday	10:00 AM Bible Class, Sunday School				
Sunday	11:00 AM Worship				
Nov 9	Council, Ladies Guild				

OFFERING	Total	Budget	%Budget	Projected
Last Week	\$1,685.00	\$2,710.40	62.2%	
October	\$8,882.00	\$11,745.08	75.6%	\$11,698.88
Qtr-to-Date	\$8,882.00	\$35,235.25	25.2%	\$34,719.26
Year-to-Date	\$129,417.07	\$140,941.00	91.8%	\$158,761.53



"...give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." II Corinthians 9:7





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