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## Order of Worship

*Reformation Day*

*(Please stand, as you are able)*

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| <p>1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand<br/>Even when steeples are falling.<br/>Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;<br/>Bells still are chiming and calling,<br/>Calling the young and old to rest,<br/>But above all the souls distressed,<br/>Longing for rest everlasting.</p> | <p>2 Surely in temples made with hands<br/>God, the Most High, is not dwelling;<br/>High above earth His temple stands,<br/>All earthly temples excelling.<br/>Yet He who dwells in heav'n above<br/>Chooses to live with us in love,<br/>Making our bodies His temple.</p>            |
| <p>3 We are God's house of living stones,<br/>Built for His own habitation.<br/>He through baptismal grace us owns<br/>Heirs of His wondrous salvation.<br/>Were we but two His name to tell,<br/>Yet He would deign with us to dwell<br/>With all His grace and His favor.</p>         | <p>4 Here stands the font before our eyes,<br/>Telling how God has received us.<br/>The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice<br/>And what His Supper here gives us.<br/>Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim<br/>Christ yesterday, today, the same,<br/>And evermore, our Redeemer.</p> |
- 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the church bells are ringing,  
Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing:  
"I know My own; My own know Me. You, not the world, My face shall see.  
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

### Reformation Dialog (based on Psalm 46):

- P** God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.
- C** **We will not fear, even if earthquakes come, and the mountains crumble into the sea.**
- P** Let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!
- C** **The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our fortress.**
- P** The nations rage, the kingdoms are shaken;
- C** **The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**P** Come, behold the works of the Lord;

**C** **The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**P** Be still and know the Lord. Exalt our God among the nations, exalt the Lord in the earth!

**C** (Shouted) **The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**C** **Amen**

## Gloria in Excelsis



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you

**C** **And also with you**

**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**

*(Please be seated)*

## First Reading, Revelations 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. <sup>7</sup>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."

**L** 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. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>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.

<sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## 952 Alleluia — II



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## The Holy Gospel, John 8:31-36

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John

### **G** Glory to You, O Lord

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,<sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord

### **C** Praise to You, O Christ!

*(Please be seated)*

## Sermon

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1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
A sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
And wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe  
Has sworn to work us woe.  
With craft and dreadful might  
He arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.

3 Though hordes of devils fill the land  
All threat'ning to devour us,  
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
They cannot overpower us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage;  
In battle we'll engage.  
His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.

2 No strength of ours can match his might.  
We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
Whom God Himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is He,  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.

4 God's Word forever shall abide,  
No thanks to foes, who fear it;  
For God Himself fights by our side  
With weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
Though life be wrenched away,  
They cannot win the day.  
The Kingdom's ours forever!

## **Exhortation** (adapted from *Liturgy of God's Word for Reformation Sunday*, Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel)

**P.** The Lord God in his goodness has seen fit to call us together as the Church of Jesus Christ in this place. In our history of being God's people at St. Peter Lutheran Church, God has given us his word of creation, redemption and blessing. He has given us his word of forgiveness and grace. He has given us his word of guidance and mission, and sent his Holy Spirit to empower us for that mission. And when we have strayed from his word, God has called us to return to him that we might continue to be blessed by his grace and favor. We are nothing without our God and his word of hope and promise.

Therefore, people of God, on this day I invite you to commit yourselves and your whole lives to God's holy word and to his loving purpose for you and for us as St. Peter Lutheran Church, so that our lives may be enriched and the work of our hands blessed and prospered.

## **Litany of Commitment to God's Word:**

**P.** Let us pray. Almighty God, by your holy word, all that we know has come into existence: our universe, our world, our lives, our loved ones, and all that we have and hold so dear. By your holy word, you sent forth your Son to bring us salvation through the cross of death and resurrection. By your holy word, you have called us together to be a Church of love and service in the world. By your holy word, we know that we live in grace and hope. Keep us ever close to your word, that it might be written upon our hearts.

**C. We commit our lives to your word, O God.**

*Assistants from the midst of the congregation offer petitions:*

**A.** Help us to grow in faith and love toward you, so that we might always live in trust and hope.

**C. We commit our lives to your word, O God.**

**A.** Center us in routines that keep us close to you, O Lord. Center us in weekly worship.

**C. We commit our lives to your word, O God.**

**A.** Center us in daily prayer.

**C. We commit our lives to your word, O God.**

**A.** Center us in knowledge of holy scripture.

**C. We commit our lives to your word, O God.**

**A.** Center us in the mission of the church.

**C. We commit our lives to your word, O God.**

**A.** Center us in lives of thankful giving and loving for all the blessings which you have bestowed upon us.

**C. We commit our lives to your word, O God.**

**P.** By your word, O Lord, guide our lives, forgive our sins, inspire our thoughts, shape our attitudes, lighten our darkness, give us eternal hope, and fill our hearts with joy, assuring us of your constant presence, until you bring us at last into the glories of your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C. Amen**

**Peace of the Lord** (Please greet the people in your family group with God's peace, and extend to those near to you the peace with a wave.)

## **Preface**

**P.** The Lord be with you.

**C. And also with you.**

**P.** Lift up your hearts.

**C. We lift them to the Lord.**

**P.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P.** Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In these last days, You have poured out Your Holy Spirit on Your Church that Your sons and daughters might proclaim the wonders of Your salvation in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon Your gathered people that, faithfully eating and drinking the body and blood of Your Son, we may go forth to proclaim His salvation to the ends of the earth. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross

## **Lord's Prayer**

**P.** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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.**

## The Word of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

*(Please be seated)*

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Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb.

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb.

**Chorus:** For He is glorious and worthy to be praised,  
The Lamb upon the throne;  
And unto Him we lift our voice in praise,  
The Lamb upon the throne.

Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb.

Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb.

**Chorus**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

**Chorus 2X**

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper: "This Holy Place"** (words reprinted by permission of Don Wharton)

1) Joy surrounds this holy place  
For our sins are washed away  
By the blood of God's own Son,  
Jesus Christ, the chosen One.  
If Christ has set us free,  
Then we are free indeed  
To worship Him with joy  
In this holy place.

2) Love unites this holy place  
As we seek the Savior's face.  
Hearts are gathered here as one,  
Sinners saved by God's own Son.  
The Lord is present here.  
His love is what we share.  
And everyone is welcome  
In this holy place.

3) As we leave this holy place  
Filled with God's abundant grace,  
May the gentle spirit of  
Jesus sacrificial love  
Be manifest anew  
In all we say and do  
Until we meet again

In this holy place.

**Final Tag:**

His love be manifest anew  
In all we say and do  
Until we meet again  
In this holy place.

# “I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light”

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## Verse 1

I want to walk as a child of the light  
I want to follow Jesus  
God set the stars to give light to the world  
The star of my life is Jesus (Chorus)

## Verse 2

I want to see the brightness of God  
I want to look at Jesus  
Clear Sun of righteousness shine on my path  
And show me the way to the Father (Chorus)

*(Please Stand, as you are able)*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C Amen**

## Post-Communion Collect

Loving God, in this meal you sustain the weary and heal the broken. May the gift of your word made flesh, the body and blood of Christ, inspire our tongues to praise you and proclaim to the entire world the Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

## Benedicamus and Benediction

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## Announcements

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## Chorus

**In Him there is no darkness at all  
The night and the day are both alike  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God  
Shine in my heart Lord Jesus**

## Verse 3

I'm looking for the coming of Christ  
I want to follow Jesus  
When we have run with patience the race  
We shall know the joy of Jesus (Chorus)

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- 1 The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation:  
One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
With ev'ry grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder  
The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Through toil and tribulation  
And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.  
O blessèd heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

**P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**