

## GOD RECEIVES OUR OFFERING

We sing a hymn/song as our offering is received

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We pray an offering prayer

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Let us pray.

**Heavenly Father, there is nothing that we could offer to you as a sacrifice for our sin. Yet in your great love, you have offered up your own Son, so that through him we may be put right with you. Accept the gifts we offer here today, as mere tokens of our gratitude for the great gift of salvation which you have given to us. Amen.**

We pray for ourselves and the world

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We pray the Lord's Prayer

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**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## GOD BLESSES US

We go with God

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The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us.

The Lord look upon us with favour, and give us peace.

**Amen**

We sing a hymn/song

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## Sunday Word & Prayer – Reformation

### GOD WELCOMES US

We come to God

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Jesus said: 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; **and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.'**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit  
**Amen.**

We confess our sin and God forgives us

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Friends in Christ: Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins, and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Since we are justified by faith,

**we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,**

through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand;

**and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.**

Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we confess to you that by nature we are sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy and plead for your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit increase our knowledge of you and your will, and make us obedient to your word, so that by your grace we may come to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in his name he has given the right to become children of God, and has given them his Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

**Amen. Thanks be to God!**

We sing a hymn/song

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We pray Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its  
tumult.

**The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.  
God is in the midst of the city, it shall not be moved,  
God will help it when the morning dawns.  
The nations are in uproar, the kingdoms totter,  
He utters his voice, the earth melts.

**The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Come, behold the works of the Lord,  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.  
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth:  
He breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.  
'Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth'.

**The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

We pray the prayer of the day

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Let us pray

Almighty and eternal God, in mercy you give the light of your gospel to  
your church. Keep us in sound teaching, so that we may firmly believe  
and faithfully follow your saving word, and finally, with its holy comfort,  
die in peace and joy; for you live and reign with the Father and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

We listen to God's word

**Old Testament Reading**

Hear the word of the Lord as it is written in ...

*(after the reading)*

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Epistle Reading**

Hear the word of the Lord as it is written in ...

*(after the reading)*

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sanctify us in the truth, Lord, your word is truth.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Reading**

Hear the gospel of the Lord as it is written in ...

*(after the gospel)*

This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise be to you, O Christ**

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for the gift of your word. Keep us faithful to your  
word, so that we may know the truth, and the freedom it brings.

**Amen.**

We sing a hymn/song

We listen to the address

We confess our faith (from Augsburg Confession, articles 4, 5, 7)

It is taught among us that we cannot obtain forgiveness of sin and right-  
eousness before God by our own merits, works or satisfactions,

**but that we receive forgiveness of sin and become righteous before God  
by grace, for Christ's sake, through faith,**

when we believe that Christ suffered for us and that for his sake our sin is  
forgiven and righteousness and eternal life are given to us.

**For God will regard and reckon this faith as righteousness.**

To obtain such faith God instituted the office of the ministry: that is, pro-  
vided the gospel and the sacraments.

**Through these, as through means, he gives the Holy Spirit who works faith,  
when and where he pleases, in those who hear the gospel.**

It is also taught among us that one holy Christian church will be and re-  
main forever.

**This is the assembly of all believers among whom the gospel is preached  
in its purity and the holy sacraments are administered according to the  
gospel.**