

October 31, 2021
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Day

Prelude

Welcome

Leader: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

Community: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Call to Worship:

“Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD. ² Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart- ³ they do no wrong but follow his ways. ⁴ You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed. ⁵ Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees! ⁶ Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all your commands. ⁷ I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws. ⁸ I will obey your decrees; do not utterly forsake me.”

—Psalm 119: 1-8 NIV

HYMN “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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Prayer of Confession: *(Let us pray together)*

Loving Lord, you taught us compassion. You took a servant’s role and knelt at the feet of your friends. You gave us a meal to remind us of your life-giving love. You called us to love one another too. Forgive us, Lord, for not practicing the compassion you modeled. Forgive us, Lord, for wanting to be served rather than to serve. Forgive us, Lord, for not loving as you called us to love. **Amen.**

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Assurance of Pardon

Law of God

Gloria Patri: *(Sung)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Scripture Lesson: Mark 12:28-34

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord

Community: Thanks be to God

Prayer for the Blessing of the Word

Sermon **“To Know and to Love- that is the Answer”**

Choir Anthem

The Apostles’ Creed *(Please stand as you are able)*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

Announcements and the Lord’s Prayer

HYMN **“Now Thank We All Our God”**

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Benediction

Organ Postlude

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