Prelude:

Theme:

Today is Reformation Sunday and we celebrate Martin Luther and the Reformation. Luther grew up being afraid of God's judgment fearing that he wasn't meeting God's requirements. It was when he became a professor of theology that he had time to study the Bible. When he came across Ephesians 2:8-9 he realized that he was saved by God's grace and not by anything he could do himself. On October 31, 1517 he posted his 95 Thesis—95 points he thought needed to be discussed. Little did he know the impact that act would have on the world!

Invocation:

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Opening Hymn:

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (LSB 576, 4 verses)

(Please stand)

Confession & Absolution:

"Kyrie" (LSB 186)

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

"Gloria in Excelsis" (LSB 187)

P: Glory be to God on high:

C: and on earth peace, good-will toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
Art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

"Salutation" (LSB 189)

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And with thy spirit.
P: We pray together

Collect Of The Day:

(Please be seated)

First Lesson Reading
Revelation 14:6-7

John sees an angel who proclaims a gospel to the people on earth and it will last forever: Praise and worship God who created the world and everything in it because the judgment day is at hand.

Psalm 46
God Is Our Fortress

Epistle Lesson Reading
Romans 3:19-28

This is the culmination and conclusion previous verses showing that, without exception, everyone is a sinner; but God's saving righteousness has been made known in the death of Jesus Christ, so that God's justice and love are reconciled in the cross.

"Alleluia" (LSB 190)

C: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

(Please stand)

Gospel Lesson Reading

P: The Holy Gospel according to ***John 8:31-36***

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord. *(sing)*

Jesus tells the Jews that if they believe, have faith, trust in him they will be set free. They apparently forgot about that 400 years in Egypt because they claim to have never been slaves to anyone. But Jesus explains that they are slaves to sin and only though him can they be freed from it, not by their heritage or works.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ (sing)

"Living together in trust and hope,
we confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:"
Apostles' Creed (LSB inside back cover)

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn:
"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (LSB 657, 4 verses)

Sermon

Post Sermon Hymn:
"The Church's One Foundation" (LSB 644, 5 verses)

Offering:
We offer our gifts to God in humble gratitude acknowledging that all we have comes from Him.

"Offertory"
" Create in me a clean heart" (LSB 192)

(Please stand)

Prayers of the Church:

"Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:"
The Lord's Prayer: (LSB inside back cover)

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: Amen, amen, amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Closing Hymn:
"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" (LSB 660, 4 verses)

P: Go in Peace,
Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God