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*Reformation Sunday*

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## *Today's Hymns*

Gathering Hymn	665	Rise, Shine, You People!
Hymn of the Day	504	A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Sending Hymn	654	The Church's One Foundation

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## **First Reading:**

## **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup> The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God**

## **Psalms 46 (read responsively)**

- <sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup> **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**
- <sup>3</sup> though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- <sup>4</sup> **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- <sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.
- <sup>6</sup> **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**
- <sup>7</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- <sup>8</sup> **Come now, regard the works of the Lord,  
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**
- <sup>9</sup> behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- <sup>10</sup> **“Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**
- <sup>11</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## **Second Reading:**

## **Romans 3:19-28**

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup> But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup> since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup> they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup> it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



## Gospel

## John 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to John, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

### Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>31</sup> Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup> They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

### Praise to you, O Christ

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