Reformation Celebration

Sunday, October 25, 2026 - 11:15am

Pre-service Music

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Exhortation *LSB 151*

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:8-9*

Confession of Sins *LSB 151*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

(Silence for prayerful confession)

Absolution

Song:

"Blessed Be Your Name"
by Matt Redman

Blessed be Your name, In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow, Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name, When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, Blessed be Your name

(Chorus): Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name, When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be, Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name, On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering, Blessed be Your name

(Chorus)

(BRIDGE) You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name (Repeat Bridge)

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name

Song:

"Crown Him (Majesty)"
by Chris Tomlin

Verse 1
Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns, All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing. Of Him who died for me
And hail Him as thy matchless King, Through all eternity

Chorus
Majesty Lord of all, Let ev'ry throne before Him fall
The King of kings, O come adore
Our God who reigns forevermore

Verse 2
Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife. For those He came to save
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die

(Chorus)

Bridge
All hail Redeemer hail, For He has died for me

His praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity
(REPEAT)

(Chorus), (Chorus)

Tag
Praise God who reigns forevermore
You're the God who reigns forevermore

Prayer Time & Blessing of the Mission Quilts
Concluded with Our Lord's Prayer

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.**

Song:

"Breathe"
by Marie Barnett

Verse: **This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe;**
Your holy presence, living in me.
This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread; Your very Word, spoken to me.

Chorus: **And I, I'm desperate for You; and I, I'm lost without You.**

(Verse, Chorus, Chorus)

Tag: **This is the air I breathe.** ***(4 times)***

Welcome — *Pastor Randy Bard*

Children's Time — *Pastor Tim Eden*

First Reading — *Revelation 14:6–7*

6 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. 7 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."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 48:1, 12-14

A Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised

C **In the city of our God!**

A Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,

C **Consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,**

A That you may tell the next generation

C T**hat this is God, our God forever and ever. Amen.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 3:19–31

19 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.
20 For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law
comes knowledge of sin.

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

27 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. 28 For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from
works of the law. 29 Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes,
of Gentiles also, 30 since God is one. He will justify the circumcised by faith and the
uncircumcised through faith. 31 Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On
the contrary, we uphold the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel Reading

John 8:31–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are
truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." 33 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’?”

34 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,**
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon: Righteousness Apart from the Law . . . That Then Fulfills the Law

Pastor Tim Eden

Our Offerings to the Lord

(Members & guests please fill out the attendance card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate. E-Giving available online at www.blcbcs.org)

LWML MITE Gathering—When the Offering Plate has passed by, please bring your Mites forward. If you do not have a Mite Box but wish to contribute to this Mission Offering, please come forward and put it in the Big Mite Box.

Benediction

Closing Song:

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

By Chris Tomlin

Verse 1
Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus
My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3
The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

(Chorus), (Chorus)

Verse 4
The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine

(Tag): Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

Announcements

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