

# AN AFLC REFORMATION JUBILEE

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“This is the LORD’S doing; It is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day which the LORD has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.” **Psalm 118:23-24**

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.” **Romans 1:16**

The 2012 Jubilee Celebration of the AFLC has provided many opportunities to glorify the Lord of the Church, Jesus Christ. From Ambassador articles to the Annual Conference in Thief River Falls, MN, one memory after another has reminded us of His kindnesses and mercy. Great is His faithfulness. The celebration of our Christ-centered, Lutheran heritage of Word and Sacrament has renewed our hearts in the victory of Jesus. In addition, our Fundamental Principles and the witness of those who have gone before us have rekindled our passion to proclaim the Gospel unto the salvation and nurturing of souls. It is the Lord’s doing! Therefore, we invite our church-wide Family to celebrate Reformation Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, as “A Worship Celebration of Remembrance and Renewal “.

Though the order of worship may vary in our congregations, we offer the following suggestions:

**Opening Hymn / Worship Team:** Hymns and/or Praise Songs of Gratefulness (i.e. “Now Thank We All Our God”)

**Confession of Sin and Absolution:** Acknowledging the Word’s authority, consider using Scripture for both. (i.e. Psalm 32:5; Psalm 51:3,4; 1 John 1:9) Following these, consider having the congregation pray the Lord’s Prayer, thus uniting our need for God’s forgiveness with our need to forgive others.

**Scripture Readings:** Consider using readers of different generations. (i.e. senior citizen – Psalm 37:23-26; youth – 2 Timothy 3:14-17; middle age - John 17:13-21

**Confession of Faith:** In addition to one of the Creeds, a personal testimony thanking God for how He has used the AFLC in that person’s life would provide a powerful witness to the .

**Special Music:** If you have a present or former AFLBS student, consider asking them to share in song and testimony.

**Pulpit Hymn:** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

**Declaration of the AFLC’s Theme verse and Mission/Vision Statement:**

**Verse:** 2 Corinthians 3:17 **Statement:** See **TELL** (T-true to the Word of God; E-emphasizing Evangelism; L-Lutheran by conviction; L-living in Christ; (see the “e-info” page under the About tab at [www.aflc.org](http://www.aflc.org) for a copy of **TELL**)

**Sermon:** John 17:13-21 - Christ’s prayer on behalf of His Church continues to inspire and empower the ongoing mission He has entrusted to our AFLC.

**Closing Hymn:** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

**\*Lord’s Prayer** – (if not already prayed in conjunction with the Confession of Sin)

**Benediction:** Romans 15:5, 6

**United in one Spirit and purpose, may Christ be glorified and the work of His Church be furthered unto the salvation of souls through our Association of Free Lutheran Congregations.**