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LWF Sunday 2014 Salvation—not for sale

The LWF invites churches and congregations to make use of the draft order of worship prepared for LWF Sunday 2014 in services held on or around Reformation Sunday, either as a whole or by using individual elements of it.

The service makes reference to one of the sub-themes adopted by the LWF Council for the Reformation Anniversary: Salvation – not for sale.



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Opening and call to worship

Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Invocation

In the name of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

Welcome

Psalm 91

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.'

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence;

he will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;

his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
You will not fear the terror of the night,

or the arrow that flies by day,
or the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling-place,

no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder,
**the young lion and the serpent you will trample
under foot.**

“Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.

When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be
with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honour them.

With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.”

**Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy
Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for evermore. Amen.**

Confession of sin

Gracious God
You have shown us the way of life in your Son.
We confess how difficult we find it to learn from him,
and how hesitantly we follow him.
You call us and we do not listen to you.
Your glory has appeared and we have been blind.

You stretch out your hand to us
and we continually draw back from it.
We receive much from you and yet are often ungrateful.

[Kyrie: Sfinte Dumnezeule \(Taizé\)](#)

Assurance of grace

2 Cor 5:19: “in Christ God was reconciling the world
to himself, not counting their trespasses against them,
and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.”

Be reconciled to God, to your fellow human
beings and with yourself. For in Christ God has
made reconciliation incarnate for us all and has
forgiven us our sins.

[Gloria: Gloria a Dios \(Agape 26\)](#)

Prayer for the day

Merciful God, come into our world
Open our hearts and minds to your message.
May we become the living witnesses to the recon-
ciliation and salvation that was brought
about by the cross. Through your love
towards us you have come close to us and
have brought reconciliation into the world.
Salvation is not for sale, you give it to us as
a free gift from the riches of your grace.
Enable us constantly to find ways of coming together and
to bear witness to the message of salvation

Proclamation and creed

Readings:

Epistle: Eph 2, 8-10
Gospel: John 8, 31-36

Creed

Sermon

Hymn: Meine engen Grenzen

Communion

Intercessions

Leader: Eternal God, with the coming of your Son
have you have promised to lead us all out
of darkness into your glorious light.

Congregation: Fulfill your promise in us, O God

L: Fill our hearts with compassion and love

C.: Fulfill your promise in us, O God

L: Fill our lives with meaning and purpose.

C.: Fulfill your promise in us, O God

L: Fill our world with your Spirit and renew the face of
the earth.

C.: Fulfill your promise in us, O God

L: Merciful God, we hear your voice from your throne
saying: whom shall I send? Who will go for us?
Teach us to answer: "Here am I, send me".

C.: Fulfill your promise in us, O God

L: Send us out to restore righteousness to the world

C.: Fulfill your promise in us, O God

L: Send us out to seek justice and to bring an end to
oppression

C.: Fulfill your promise in us, O God

L: Send us out to give, to care, to love and to live.

C.: Fulfill your promise in us, O God AMEN.

*(For services not including communion, go to the
Lord's Prayer followed by the dismissal and blessing)*

Hymn: Let us break bread together (Agape 52)

Preparation

Gracious God, through your son Jesus Christ
salvation is bestowed upon us all.

So now we bring before you bread and wine,
in the knowledge of your redeeming presence.

Make them a sign of salvation,
that we receive our Lord in this meal.

Strengthen our faith and renew our lives
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer of Praise

L: The Lord be with you

C: And with your spirit

L: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them to the Lord

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. For that is fitting and right.

It is truly fitting and right that we should at all times
and in all places give praise to you, eternal
God and give you thanks through Jesus
Christ our Lord;

You sent him for the salvation of the world,
through his death we have the forgiveness of sins
and through his resurrection we have life.
Therefore the angels praise your glory,
the mighty worship you and earthly rulers fear you.
The powers of heaven praise you, united in jubilation;
we join our voices with them
evermore declaring:

[Sanctus: Du är helig \(Agape 16\)](#)

[Words of institution](#)

[Lords' Prayer](#)

[The Peace](#)

[Agnus Dei](#)

[Distribution](#)

[Post-communion prayer of thanksgiving](#)

L: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have
strengthened us through this healing gift.
We pray that you will make it effective in giving us
unshakeable faith in you and love towards
one another.

C: Fulfill your promise in us, O God.

Dismissal and Blessing

[Blessing](#)

Go in the peace of the Lord.
God be with you in all that you do or fail to do.
May he make you living ambassadors of his reconciliation

May God bless you as children of his grace
and give you courage and freedom for life.

[Hymn: A mighty fortress is our God.](#)

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