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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

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

### Welcome

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### 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

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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

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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

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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

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## Readings:

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

## Creed

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## Sermon

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Hymn: Meine engen Grenzen

# Communion

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## Intercessions

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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

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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

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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](#)

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[Post-communion prayer of thanksgiving](#)

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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

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[Blessing](#)

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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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