



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Lutheran Church-
Missouri Synod*

1308 Whitley Rd.
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**Sunday School &
Adult Bible Class**
9:30am

Sunday Worship
8:00am, 10:45am

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God is our refuge and strength

Psalm 46:1

FOR OUR VISITORS....

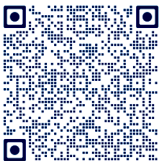
Welcome! We encourage you to follow along with either the printed service, or with the hymnal. The page numbers for the hymnal are posted at the front of the sanctuary and on the next page. We realize it can take a while for newcomers to become familiar with our liturgy, so please feel free to ask someone near you for assistance—he or she would be happy to help.

We love children in our church! But if your little one gets fussy you may use the **cry room** that is located at the north end of the hallway behind the sanctuary on your right. You are able to see and hear the worship service from there. We also have **"Quiet Bags"** available for children to use during the service. Please ask an usher or elder if you need assistance. The Quiet Bags are returned after the service.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in our services today. In this supper, our Lord Jesus Christ graciously feeds the humble sinner with His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Scripture clearly teaches that anyone who eats and drinks the body and blood of Christ without discerning that body and blood receives a judgment rather than a blessing from God (1 Cor. 11:29). Therefore, out of a Christian concern for souls, we require a thorough instruction in the teachings of the Lutheran Church before participating in this Sacrament. Participation at the altar is also a testimony of unity of faith with all others who partake (1 Cor. 10:17). Since unity at the altar presupposes unity in doctrine and confession (Acts 2:42), we kindly request that **only those who are in confessional fellowship** with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod participate. This includes active members in good standing of all sister Missouri-Synod congregations.

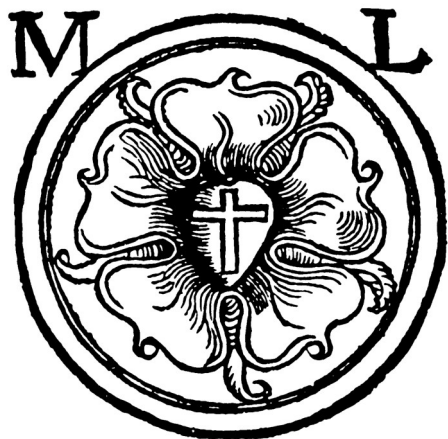


We recognize that **Closed Communion** is a sensitive issue for many and have a brochure to explain it more thoroughly. It is available in the narthex or from an usher. If you have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to speak with our pastor. However, **we welcome** both children and adults who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church to come to the altar during communion for a pastoral blessing. Please indicate the request for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.



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BLESSED REFORMATION DAY!

Today's service is a special occasion, and one of the most important celebrations of the year for Lutherans. Today we commemorate the events of the 16th century that led to the Reformation and the beginning of the Lutheran church! It was on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther nailed his *Ninety-five Theses* to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. This set in motion a series of events that led to a rediscovery of the Gospel and the reforming of the church so that grace, mercy, and forgiveness would be proclaimed as the free gift of God to all people. Today's service will be marked by music written by Martin Luther himself, including his settings of the songs from the communion rite when he first adapted it to the language of the people. The entire service is printed here in this bulletin. May our celebration together proclaim with joyfulness the goodness of God in sending his Son to bear our sin and be our Savior!

Serving in God's House Today

Organist: Miguel Ruiz		8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
Altar Guild: Brenda Thowe Carol McGrath Debbie Goedecke Laurie Ward Sydelle Numsen	Head Elder:	Steven Latham	Jim Ward
	Head Usher:	Randy Burk	Marty Hobson
	Acolytes:	Sam Sifford	Matthias Loeffler Seth Ruiz Cory O'Dell
Counters: Laurie Ward	Crucifer/ Altar Assistant	Ethan Salgado	

The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Randy and Joan Burk in honor of their anniversary.

MARTIN LUTHER

1483-1546



Martin Luther was born on November 10, 1483 in Eisleben, Germany, to Hans and Margarethe Luther. It was his father's wish that Martin become a lawyer, and it was toward this goal that he began his education.

Luther was deeply religious, and the question of his salvation troubled him during this period of his life. On July 17, 1505, he entered the Black Cloister of the Augustinian Order, having taken a vow to become a monk. Still not finding the peace of mind and soul that he sought, Luther became a priest and was ordained on May 2, 1507. One year later he began his career as a professor at the University of Wittenberg. Here, Luther began His studies and lectures on the Bible.

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans presented Luther with a clear understanding of the Gospel - salvation by grace alone! Luther's heart leapt for joy at this revelation, and he searched the Scriptures for further understandings. Luther's insight created a problem, however - the Church taught salvation by works. These two parties were headed for conflict.

On October 31, 1517, Luther nailed a list of Ninety-five Theses for Debate to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg. *Out of love for the elucidation of the truth, the following theses will be debated...in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.* Luther's Ninety-five Theses were designed to clear up doctrinal questions, but church leaders were not interested in these questions. The end result was Luther found his views, which the Bible clearly supported, were not welcome. He was asked to appear before the Emperor Charles V and the Diet of Worms to answer the charges against him. His reply to the Emperor is historic: *"Unless I am convinced of error by the testimony of Scripture or by clear reason...I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not retract anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against one's conscience. God help me. Amen."*

Luther died on February 17, 1546, but the legacy of hymns, lectures, and theology that form the rich heritage of the Lutheran Church live on after him.

✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY 10/26 - 8:00AM - DIVINE SERVICE—STREAMING LIVE
 - 9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL—STREAMING LIVE
 - 10:45AM - DIVINE SERVICE
 - 12:15PM - VOTERS' MEETING—FELLOWSHIP HALL

MONDAY 10/27 - 9:30AM - OPEN BRAILLE WORKSHOP—MAC BUILDING
 - 6:30PM - PASTOR'S CLASS 2—RECEPTION ROOM

TUESDAY 10/28 - 9:30AM - JOY BIBLE STUDY—FELLOWSHIP HALL
 - 6:00PM - CONFIRMATION 3—RECEPTION ROOM

WEDNESDAY 10/29 - 6:00 PM - BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

THURSDAY 10/30 - 6:00PM - PASTOR'S CLASS—RECEPTION ROOM

FRIDAY 10/31 - -

SATURDAY 11/01 - 7:00AM - MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY—ROSA'S CAFÉ ON 377

Catechesis for the week of October 26

Scripture: Matthew 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

What is the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed?

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; Not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent

suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

WEEKLY READINGS:

Mon: The Lord Calls to the Boy Samuel – 1 Samuel 2:12, 18-21; 3:1-20

Tue: The Ark of God is Captured – 1 Samuel 3:21-4:18 (19-22)

Wed: All Saints' Day - The Multitude in White - Revelation 7:9-17

Thu: The Ark of God Brings Judgment upon the Philistines – 1 Samuel 5:1-6:1

Fri: Revelation 14:6-7, Romans 3:19-28

Sat: John 8:31-36

HYMNS:

656 "A Mighty Fortress"

555 1, 3, 9 "Salvation unto Us Has Come"

954 1, 2 "We All Believe in One True God"

DAILY BIBLE READINGS: October 26—November 08

26: Deut. 28:1-22
 Matt. 18:1-20
 27: Deut. 29:1-29
 Matt. 18:21-35
 28: Deut. 30:1-20
 Matt. 19:1-15
 29: Deut. 31:1-29
 Matt. 19:16-30

30: Deut. 31:30-32:27
 Matt. 20:1-16
 31: Deut. 32:28-52
Deut. 33:1-29
 Matt. 20:17-34
 1: Deut. 34:1-12
 Matt. 21:1-22

2: Jer. 1:1-19
 Matt. 21:23-46
 3: Jer. 3:6-4:2
 Matt. 21:23-46
 4: Jer. 5:1-19
 Matt. 22:23-46
 5: Jer. 7:1-29
 Matt. 23:1-12

6: Jer. 8:18-9:12
 Matt. 23:13-39
 7: Jer. 11:1-23
Jer. 12:1-19:15
 Matt. 24:1-28
 8: Jer. 20:1-18
 Matt. 24:29-51

Please keep in your prayers...

Lisa Preston, health concerns; Matt Hinde, friend of Durand Crutchfield, injured in motorcycle wreck; Bruce Lage & Family on anniversary of Sherry's death; Linda Pinkston, health concerns.

We continue to pray for our members and loved ones battling cancer: Tim Speight, Randy Gay, Denny Knutson, Joan Beach, Linda Pancake, Rick Swender, Wayne Kirkland, Ken Blume, Carolyn Blume, Gaelina Strader, Sarah Jarrett, Mike Vandergriff, Rev. Ernie Bernet, Janie Peter.

...also those with other illnesses and trials: Lee Masoian, Ali Burk, Amy Lyon, Grover & Patty Dowling, Jaana Phillips, the Lewis family, Bruce Lage, Jaden Chisholm, Chelsea Lage, Grant Smith, William Johnstone, Marlene Eaton, Kris Carter, Wes Liles, Mary Lowry, Patsy Smith, Shelby Renfro, Connie Worley Ramsey, Brooke Lage, The Lowry Family, Sandy McDougal, Jacob Brewer.

...and those who are unable to worship with us regularly: Carolyn Blume, Susan Copen, Don & Marilyn Curry, Rudi Milbitz, LaVina Goedecke, Janet Hazelhurst, Ron and Barbara Busse, Ron Klingbeil, Sandra Hyden, Ronald and Brenda Patterson, Marvin Wilken.

.....all of our college students in and out of state: Christian Boniek, Ashley Brewer, Jacob Brewer, Colby Carter, Seminarian David Christensen, Maranda Crutchfield, Dorian Crutchfield, Paul Hedman, Ethan Johnson, Cole O'Dell, Ryan O'Dell, Clara O'Neil, Daniella Osorio, Helena Phillips, Aidan Richmond, Davis Richmond, Mia Salgado, Max Tonniges, Charlie Umayam, Audrey Weber, Emily Weber, Morgan Chryst, Matthew Palmer.

We remember all those serving our country, particularly our members and loved ones in the military: Carly Schwarzenburg, Jesus

Aranda, Hannah Kajer, Nicolas Towers, Tony Bourassa, Tyler Burk, David Cantrell, Cassie Gessling, Joseph Kajer, Seth Kirch, Andrew Latham, Andrew Lowry, Hannah Pinkston, Brandon Towers, Frank Wilde, Chaplain Peter J. Williams.

We also pray for...

- Our Braille ministry, that the Word will continue to reach the blind or visually impaired around the world.
- Our educational ministry, especially our Academy, Sunday School, and Catechumens.
- Fellow Messiah members, married couples and children, young couples, singles, and Pastor Chryst.
- The voters, church council, and leaders of Messiah Church and School as they deliberate on the work the Lord has given His people to do.
- Our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world being persecuted for their faith.
- The spread of the Gospel around our nation and world and the work of our missionaries and relief workers.
- Rev. Solomon Yadessa and his work with the Multi-Ethnic Ministry of North Texas.
- Rev. Dr. Michael Paul and his work in Taiwan.
- The Swaddling Clothes ministry and those who come seeking assistance.
- Those studying at seminary, including David Christensen (4th Year), Tanner Sawall (4th Year), Abram Eggers (1st Year), and Vicar Peter Williams, as they prepare to serve in the Holy Ministry.
- Prayers for peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.

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MLCA Hours: Mon-Fri, 7:30am—3:30pm.
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The Quarterly Voters' Meeting is TODAY, October 26, immediately following the late service, in the Fellowship Hall at 12pm. All members of Messiah are encouraged to attend. As a reminder, men of the congregation are eligible voters only after attending their first meeting.



ALL SAINTS DAY (OBSERVED) CHILI COOK-OFF Make plans now to join your fellow saints at Messiah **next Sunday, November 2,** after the late service for a Chili Cook-Off! This will be a great time of fun and fellowship, and there will be prizes for best chili! Follow the link below for more details and to sign-up to compete and/or to bring items to go with the chili! <https://tinyurl.com/488e95vw>



Angel Tree 2025 is coming soon! Angel Tree provides Christmas gifts to help strengthen relationships between incarcerated parents and their children by sponsoring gifts for the children. How can you help? **On November 16th,** Jinell and Elaine Munoz will hand out Angel Tags after both Sunday morning services at the table in the Narthex. Once you receive a tag, simply purchase a gift for under \$25, wrap it, and place it under the Christmas tree in the Narthex by **Sunday, November 30th** (the date will be printed on the tag you receive). For more information, contact Wiley Smith at wiley.smithv@gmail.com or 909-327-5784.



Election Cycle Begins — This Sunday, Oct 26 Luke Palmer has agreed to serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee.

The constitution requires six members, plus the Pastor, to serve on the committee. This is a short-term team to gather nominees for boards with terms ending Feb 1, 2026. There will be a few meetings and clear guidance will be provided. Please pray about serving, and contact Luke at lbamm53@gmail.com or Marty Hobson at marty.hobson@gmail.com if you are willing.



Stewards Under the Cross for Reformation Day—Revelation 14:6 – “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.” During the Reformation, this text was used to refer to Luther's ministry and the Lutheran message. We have an eternal Gospel to proclaim. Christ has freed us from our sins without any works on our part. We are saved by grace alone! And, ironically enough, Luther said this should make him the “apostle of works.” Once we are freed by grace, we are truly free to serve God in works that flow from thankfulness and praise.



GENESIS BIBLE STUDY...The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon begins a study this week on the Book of Genesis, chapters 37-50. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.



A Life Thought in the Church Year for October 26 – (Proper 25): Defending the lives that God created, redeemed, and called by the Gospel is a good thing! But we must be careful not to become like the

Pharisee in Jesus' parable, who became so proud of his good works that he mistreated those who didn't think like him (Luke 18:11-12). Affirming the sanctity of every life also means caring about those who disagree with us, treating them with compassion and sharing the forgiveness of Christ with them, that they, too, might receive the “crown of righteousness” on the Last Day (2 Timothy 4:8).



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday: 8:00am: 97 10:45am: 118 (215 Total)
Sunday School: 93 OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: \$21,594.73 (Including online giving to Gen. Fund)

WEEKLY OFFERINGS NEEDED TO FUND THE CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: \$19,549

You may use this QR code for your convenience if you would like to give to Messiah. It will direct you to our Vanco System for electronic giving.

Reformation Day

(OBSERVED)

October 26, 2025

Based on Luther's German Mass
Divine Service Setting Five—LSB 213

Prelude

Stand

Opening Hymn: 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Choir only st.3



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
2 With might of ours can naught be done,
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
All ea - ger to de - vour us,
Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
But for us fights the val - iant One,
We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
He's by our side up - on the plain



That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
With His good gifts and Spir - it.

The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,
 dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,
 Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -
 is not his e - qual.
 the field for - ev - er.
 tle word can fell him.
 dom ours re - main eth.

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Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

Psalms 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Psalms 32:5

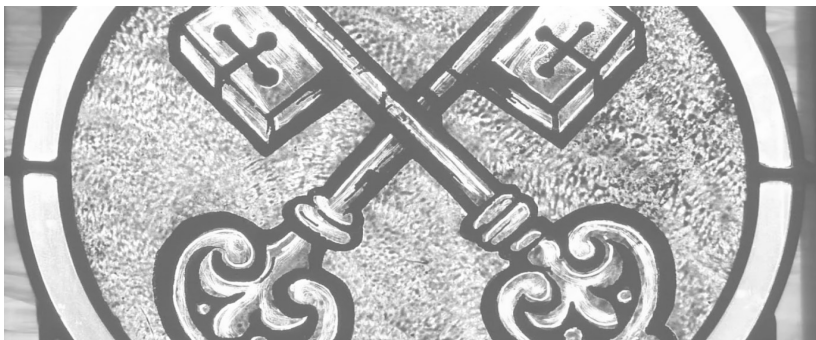
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 34:1–5, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46



*I will speak of your testimonies before kings, O Lord,
and shall not be put to shame.*

I will bless the LORD at | all times;*
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;*
let the humble hear | and be glad.**

Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;*

I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.

**The LORD redeems the life of his | servants;*
none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

*I will speak of your testimonies before kings, O Lord,
and shall not be put to shame.*

Kyrie: 942 Kyrie! God, Father

Women



Ky-ri - e! God, Fa-ther in heav'n a-bove, You a-bound in gra-cious love,

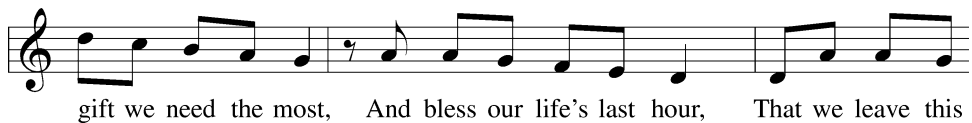


Of all things the mak-er and pre-serv - er. E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!

Men:



ALL



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Gloria In Excelsis: 947 All Glory Be to God on High

Stanza 3, choir only



1 All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks for all His
2 We praise and laud and wor - ship You; We give You thanks for -
3 O Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son Be - got - ten of the
4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, our de - light And source of con - so -



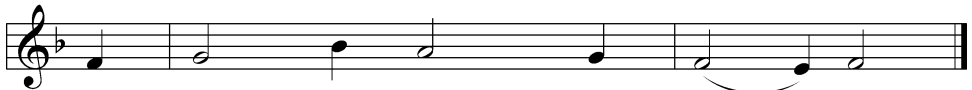
fa - vor; No harm can touch or ter - ri - fy A
ev - er, O Fa - ther, for Your rule is true And
Fa - ther, Your sav - ing death has made us one With
la - tion, Pro - tect us from the dev - il's might Through



child of God for - ev - er. God shows His good and
just and chang - es nev - er. With bound - less pow'r, Your
God and with each oth - er. O Lamb of God, to
Je - sus, our sal - va - tion, Who by His death up -



gra - cious will And grants His peace, the world to fill—
might - y reign Ful - fills what - ev - er You or - dain.
You on high In our dis - tress we sin - ners cry,
on a tree Has res - cued us from mis - er - y:



All strife at last has end - ed.
Lord, grant us ev - 'ry bless - ing!
Have mer - cy on us, a - men!
To this we hold for - ev - er.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Anthem: “Salvation unto Us Has Come,” by Johann Walter

LSB 555, stanzas 1 & 6

The original musical arrangement of 1524, how Luther initially heard it sung

First Reading

Revelation 14:6–7

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. 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.

Psalm: “God is Our Refuge and Strength,” music by John A. Behnke

Psalms 46

Choir: Antiphon

God is our refuge and our strength, our only help in trouble.

Choir and congregation:

Antiphon



Choir:

We will not fear, though the earth give way
And the mountains fall into the sea
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells. **Antiphon**

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
He lifts His voice, the earth melts.
The Lord Almighty is with us,
the God of Jacob is our fortress. **Antiphon**

He makes wars cease
He breaks the bow and burns the shields with fire.
Be still, be still, be still and know that I am God.
The Lord Almighty is with us,
the God of Jacob is our fortress. **Antiphon.**

God is our refuge and our strength,
our only help in trouble.

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Epistle

Romans 3:19–28

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

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

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. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day: 503 O Day Full of Grace

St.2 & 4 choir only



1 O day full of grace that now we see Ap - pear - ing on
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, Our Lord on the
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not His own, When He on the
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, His Spir - it new
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go That Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, Bring light from our God that we may be
earth ar - riv - ing; Then came to the world that light sub - lime,
cross was hang - ing; And then He a - rose and moved the stone
life re - veal - ing, That we might no more from Him be lost,
us pre - par - ing, We'll gath - er in song, our hearts a - glow,



Re - plete in His joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
Great joy for us all re - triev - ing; For Je - sus all
That we, un - to Him be - long - ing, Might join with an -
All dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. His flame will the
All joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, And walk in the



now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
mor - tals did em - brace, All dark - ness and shame re - mov - ing.
gel - ic hosts to raise Our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
mark of sin ef - face And bring to us all His heal - ing.
light of God's own place, With an - gels His name a - dor - ing.

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Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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

Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. 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.**



Creedal Hymn: 954 We All Believe in One True God

St.2 choir only



1 We all be - lieve in one true God, Who cre - at - ed
2 We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, His own Son, our
3 We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who, in high - est



earth and heav - en, The Fa - ther, who to us in love
Lord, pos - sess - ing An e - qual God - head, throne, and might,
heav - en dwell - ing With God the Fa - ther and the Son,



Has the right of chil - dren giv - en. He in soul and
Source of ev - 'ry grace and bless - ing; Born of Mar - y,
Com - forts us be - yond all tell - ing; Who the Church, His



bod - y feeds us; All we need His hand pro - vides us;
vir - gin moth - er, By the pow - er of the Spir - it,
own cre - a - tion, Keeps in u - ni - ty of spir - it.



Through all snares and per - ils leads us, Watch - ing that no
Word made flesh, our el - der broth - er; That the lost might
Here for - give - ness and sal - va - tion Dai - ly come through



harm be - tide us. He cares for us by
life in - her - it, Was cru - ci - fied for
Je - sus mer - it. All flesh shall rise, and



day and night;
all our sin
we shall be
All things are gov - erned by His might.
And raised by God to life a - gain.
In bliss with God e - ter - nal - ly.



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Sit

Sermon

Anthem: “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word,” by John A. Behnke

from LSB 655

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- P** Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil’s kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend /name (s)/ and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

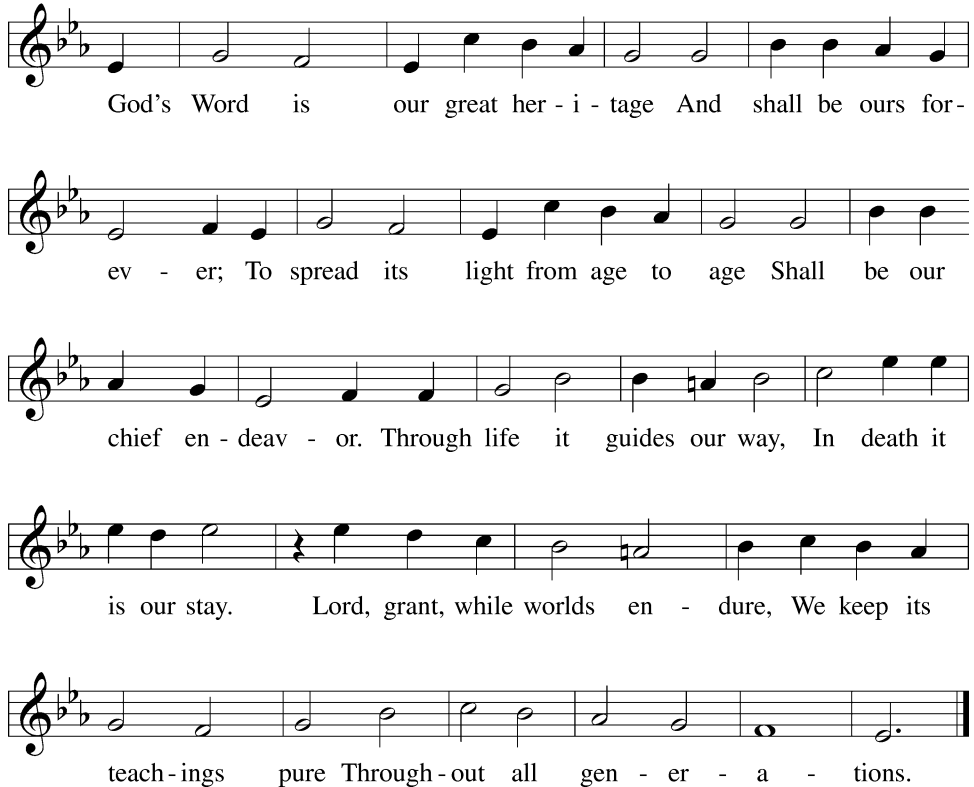
- P** And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Offertory Hymn: 582 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage



God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -

ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our

chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it

is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its

teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

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Reception of the Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

P In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25



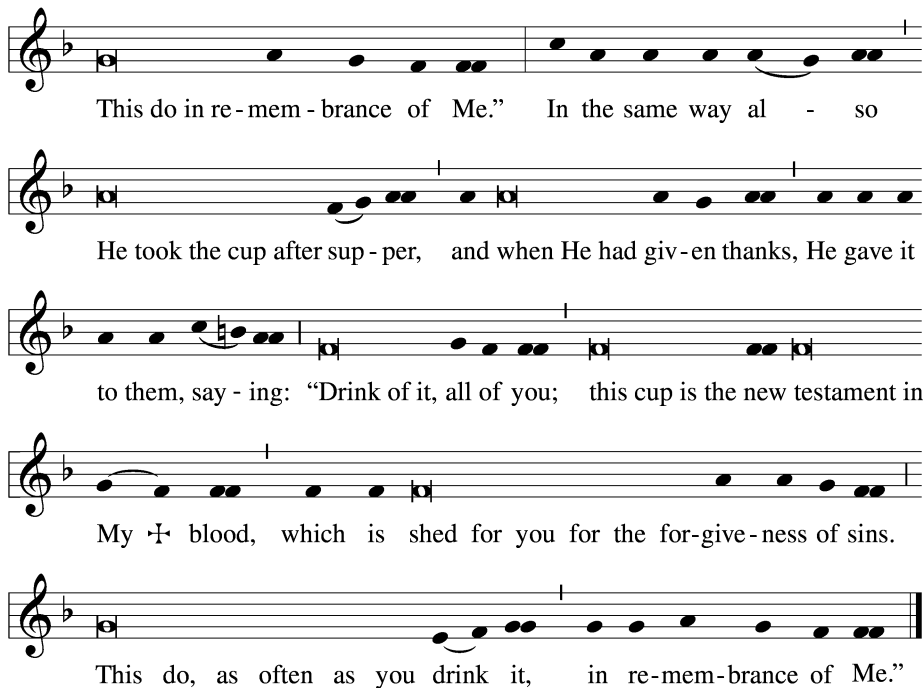
P Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,



and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



dis-ci-ples and said: “Take, eat; this is My **✠** bod-y, which is giv-en for you.



This do in re-mem-brance of Me.” In the same way al - so

He took the cup after sup-per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it

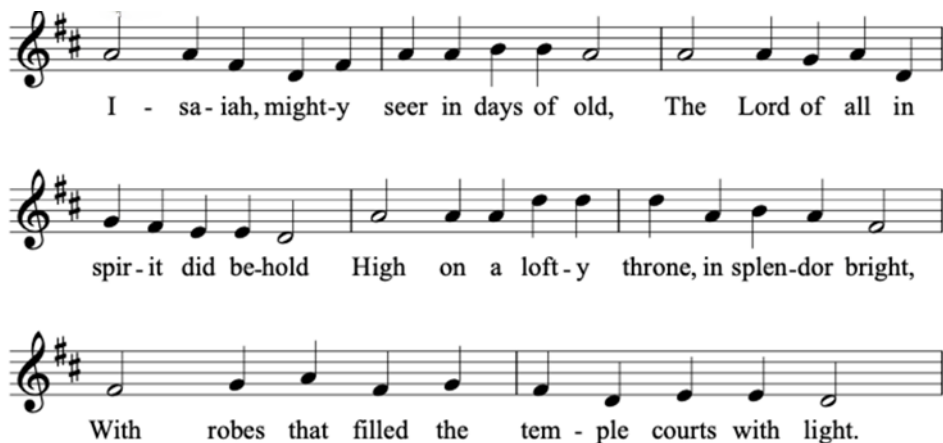
to them, say-ing: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in

My blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.

This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me.”

960 Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old

Women

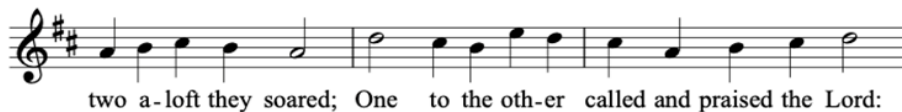
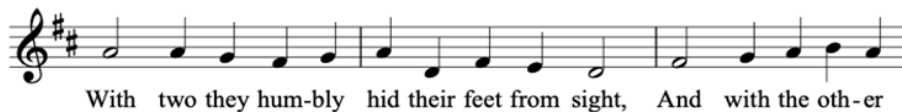
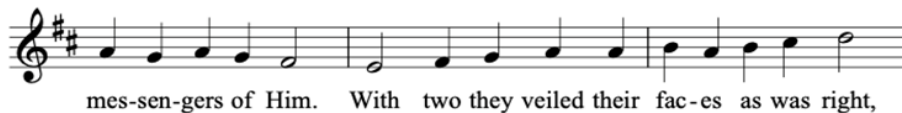
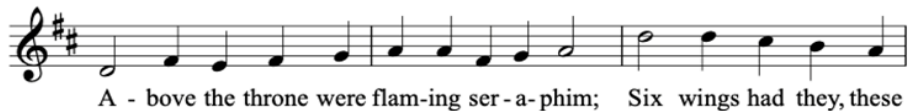


I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in

spir-it did be-hold High on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright,

With robes that filled the tem-ple courts with light.

Men



All



Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

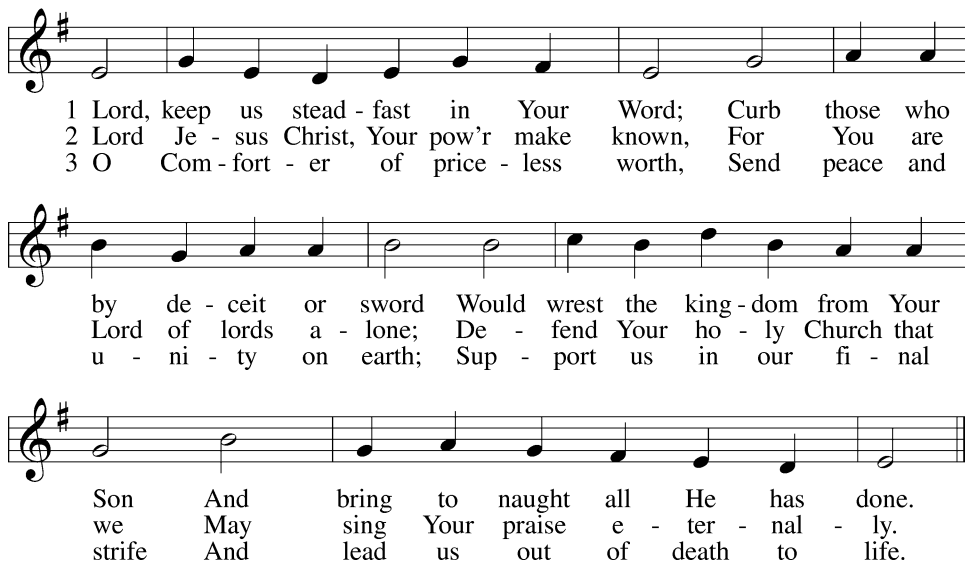
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit



Distribution

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



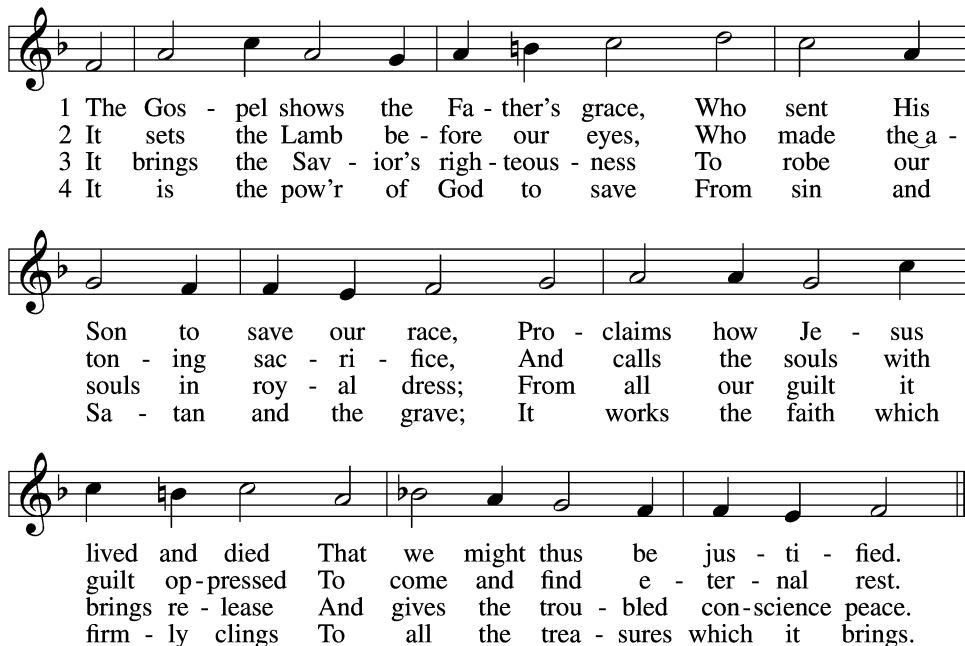
1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.
 we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

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580 The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace



1 The Gos - pel shows the Fa - ther's grace, Who sent His
 2 It sets the Lamb be - fore our eyes, Who made the a -
 3 It brings the Sav - ior's righ - teous - ness To robe our
 4 It is the pow'r of God to save From sin and

Son to save our race, Pro - claims how Je - sus
 ton - ing sac - ri - fice, And calls the souls with
 souls in roy - al dress; From all our guilt it
 Sa - tan and the grave; It works the faith which

lived and died That we might thus be jus - ti - fied.
 guilt op - pressed To come and find e - ter - nal rest.
 brings re - lease And gives the trou - bled con - science peace.
 firm - ly clings To all the trea - sures which it brings.

- 5 It bears to all the tidings glad
And bids their hearts no more be sad;
The weary, burdened souls it cheers
And banishes their guilty fears.
- 6 May we in faith its message learn
Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
May we in faith its truth confess
And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

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Stand

617 O Lord, We Praise Thee



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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Post-Communion Collect:

- A** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.



Closing Hymn: 645 Built on the Rock



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how
 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



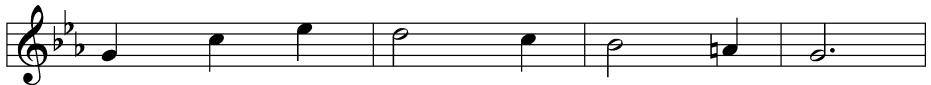
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives
 faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
 ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
 Choos - es to live with us in love,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
 You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

Postlude

Service Music:

Prelude:

EIN FESTE BURG (“A Mighty Fortress”) – Wilbur Held
ERHALT UNS, HERR – Johann Gottfried Walther
DEN SIGNEDE DAG – Wilbur Held

Postlude:

EIN FESTE BURG – Jan Bender

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To the choirmaster. Of the Sons of Korah. According to Alamoth. A Song - Psalm 46

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
- ³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling. *Selah*
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
- ⁶ The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- ⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*
- ⁸ Come, behold the works of the Lord,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
- ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.
- ¹⁰ “Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”
- ¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*

From a Sermon on John 1:29, Martin Luther writes:

May you ever cherish and treasure this thought. Christ is made a servant of sin, yea, a bearer of sin, and the lowliest and most despised person. He destroys all sin by Himself and says: "I came not to be served but to serve" (Matt. 20:28). There is no greater bondage than that of sin; and there is no greater service than that displayed by the Son of God, who becomes the servant of all, no matter how poor, wretched, or despised they may be, and bears their sins. It would be spectacular and amazing, prompting all the world to open ears and eyes, mouth and nose in uncomprehending wonderment, if some king's son were to appear in a beggar's home to nurse him in his illness, wash off his filth, and do everything else the beggar would have to do. Would this not be profound humility? Any spectator or any beneficiary of this honor would feel impelled to admit that he had seen or experienced something unusual and extraordinary, something magnificent. But what is a king or an emperor compared with the Son of God? Furthermore, what is a beggar's filth or stench compared with the filth of sin which is ours by nature, stinking a hundred thousand times worse and looking infinitely more repulsive to God than any foul matter found in a hospital? And yet the love of the Son of God for us is of such magnitude that the greater the filth and stench of our sins, the more He befriends us, the more He cleanses us, relieving us of all our misery and of the burden of all our sins and placing them upon His own back. All the holiness of the monks stinks in comparison with this service of Christ, the fact that the beloved Lamb, the great Man, yes, the Son of the Exalted Majesty, descends from heaven to serve me.

Such benefactions of God might well provoke us to love and to laud God and to celebrate this service in song and sermon and speech. It should also induce us to die willingly and to remain cheerful in all suffering. For how amazing it is that the Son of God becomes my servant, that He humbles Himself so, that He cumpers Himself with my misery and sin, yes, with the sin and the death of the entire world! He says to me: "You are no longer a sinner, but I am. I am your substitute. You have not sinned, but I have. The entire world is in sin. However, you are not in sin; but I am. All your sins are to rest on Me and not on you." No one can comprehend this. In yonder life our eyes will feast forever on this love of God. And who would not gladly die for Christ's sake? The Son of Man performs the basest and filthiest work. He does not don some beggar's torn garment or old trousers, nor does He wash us as a mother washes a child; but He bears our sin, death, and hell, our misery of body and soul. Whenever the devil declares: "You are a sinner!" Christ interposes: "I will reverse the order; I will be a sinner, and you are to go scotfree." Who can thank our God enough for this mercy?



"Liturgical Vestment: Chasuble"

You may have noticed the special vestment worn by one of the pastors today, known as the chasuble. The word chasuble comes from the Latin *casula*, which means "little house". The ancient Romans wore the *casula*, a thick poncho-like cloak, when they travelled because it provided a "little house" for them in bad weather. In the middle ages, clergymen likewise wore the *casula* while travelling. Over time, as travel became easier, these garments became more ornate in the church and took on a symbolic function.

Today, the chasuble serves various purposes. First, it identifies the wearer as the presiding minister, i.e. the minister who presides over the Lord's Supper, often called the "celebrant." Second, it highlights the importance of Holy Communion. If the Lord's Supper is the high-point of the Divine Service, it's fitting that the presiding minister should be vested in the finest the church can provide him. Finally, it serves to reinforce the liturgical color of the day (much like a pastor's stole) and may also be used particularly on high feasts and special occasions.

First Reading: Revelation 14:6–7

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. 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."

Epistle: Romans 3:19–28

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

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

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. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Holy Gospel: John 8:31–36

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

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