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# October 25, 2020 AD | Reformation Day | 8:00 am & 1:30 pm



Martin Luther's great hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" is based on Psalm 46. When the psalm was first written, it gave courage to God's Old Testament people. Centuries later, when Luther wrote the hymn, the world was filled with plagues and death, and the devil was recognized as active in the lives of everyday people. Further, neither the Roman Catholic Church nor the government accepted the teachings of the reformers. Now, in our day, we face cyber warfare, pandemics, terrorists, political polarization, and ecclesiastical division. Because of our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ, we need not fear. Our gracious God is a very present help in this time of trouble. He is our refuge against the powers of the created world around us and the forces of evil from every source. From His throne flow streams of mercy to give us confident joy. We know that in the end "the kingdom ours remaineth."

Divine Service 1 LSB pgs. 151-166

# To Our Congregation and Guests about the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is Jesus' meal of forgiveness and strength. However, because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because we also believe that receiving the Lord's Supper together is an outward profession of unity with one another in faith and doctrine, we would therefore only invite communicant members of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to receive this gift with us. If you still desire to receive the sacrament, please first speak with the pastor.

Guests are still encouraged to come to the altar, cross their arms over their chests, and receive a special blessing.

Preparation for the Lord's Supper can be made by reading the front inside cover and pp. 326-327 of the hymnal along with reaffirming the following statements:

- I am baptized.
- I repent of my sins, trusting in Jesus' atoning sacrifice for forgiveness and eternal life.
- I believe that I will eat Jesus' actual flesh and blood in, with, and under bread and wine.
- As Jesus has forgiven and loved me, I do not refuse to forgive and love.
- By God's grace I will continue to frequently receive Word and Sacrament, and I will strive to lead a Godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus' holy name.

# Prelude

# Welcome and Announcements

#### Service of Preparation

Hymn of Invocation LSB 644" The Church's One Foundation" AURELIA 1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord; 2 E lect from ev - 'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth; op-pressed. 3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war 5 Yet on earth has u - nion With God, the Three she in One. She His new cre - a - tion is By wa - ter and the Word. of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth. Her char - ter schisms rent her - e - sies dis-tressed, By a - sun - der, By peace for - ev - er - more She waits the con-sum-ma - tion Of And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won. From heav'n He came and sought her То His ho - lv bride: be name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly One ho - ly food. Their cry goes up, "How long?" Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Till vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest, with the bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save 0 us by Your grace life With His own blood He bought her, And for her He died. And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued. And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the of song. morn And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest. That we, like saints be - fore May see You us, face to face.

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#### $oldsymbol{\mathbb{H}}$ Confession and Absolution $oldsymbol{\mathbb{H}}$

- L In the name of the Father and the 🕆 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

L If we say that 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

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

- L 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.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\oplus$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

John 20:19-23

Matthew 28:19b

#### $\mathbf{H}$ ¥ Service of the Word



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#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- L The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- L Let us pray.

O God, You have commanded us to love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves.

- C Grant us the Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in Your sight, that our faith in You may never waver and our love for one another may not falter
- L through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### 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."

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### Epistle Reading 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.

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



# Gospel Reading John 8:31–36

LSB pg. 157

R 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."

- R This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

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Sermon	"Captive and Delivered" based on John 8:31-36	Vicar Caleb Worral
LSB 357 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL   1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, Here   And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Here   Until the Son of God appear. Refrain Text: Public domain		
Apostles' Creed LSB pg. 159   L Christian, what do you believe?   C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.		
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.		
I believe in the Holy S the holy Christian the communion the forgiveness of the resurrection of	Church, of saints, sins,	

and the life 🕆 everlasting. Amen.

# **Prayer of the Church**

Psalm 46, 1 Timothy 2:1-4, LSB pg. 159

L Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their varied circumstances.

O God, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, strengthen the Church here and wherever it gathers around Your Word and celebrates the blessed Sacraments.

- C Grant confident faith to clergy and laity, pastors in congregations and missionaries in distant lands, elders in the faith and newly baptized alike. Help us to put all our trust in Your protection and power.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L Strong Creator, wherever people call out to You as the earth gives way, mountains move into the heart of the sea, and mountains tremble, hear their cries and keep them safe.
- C Awaken courage and wisdom in those who search and rescue, those who provide physical and spiritual counsel, and those who offer long-term support of body and life.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L O Holy Spirit, when nations rage and kingdoms totter, use the earthly powers that be to move the nations and their leaders to seek ways toward peace with their neighbors and stability within their borders.
- C You, who make wars cease to the end of the earth, provide courage and compassion to all who work for peace and protection as they are deployed abroad and all who maintain concord and order within our communities.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L Gracious God, stream joy and gladness to those who wait for the dawning of a new day, those dealing with long-term ills, unemployment, discrimination, unjust imprisonment, strife in their families, and the loss of loved ones, [*especially*...].

Assure them that You are with them, even now a very present help in trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

- L Lord of hosts, worthy to be exalted among the nations, into Your almighty hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray. Hear our prayer for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

**Offering** -the offering is being collected at the Narthex-Sanctuary door.



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

# $oldsymbol{\Phi}$ Service of the Sacrament $oldsymbol{\Phi}$



#### **Proper Preface**

- L It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people.
- C Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



# **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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.

# Words of our Lord

#### LSB pg. 162

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My <sup>+</sup>/<sub>2</sub> body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament

in My  $\oplus$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### **Proclamation of Christ**

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. 1 Corinthians 11:26
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

#### The Lord's Prayer

LSB pg. 162 C Our Father who art in heaven, Matthew 6:9-13 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.

#### Pax Domini

"The Peace of the Lord"

John 20:19

- Ρ The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- С Amen.

Revelation 22:20



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- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart 🕆 in peace.
- C Amen.



- We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,
- C 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;
- P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

# Benediction

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LSB pg. 166

- 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  $\oplus$  give you peace.
- C Amen.



5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim, Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name. Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end! igtriangledown6God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be. To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally. Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee. Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

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#### Dismissal

- P Go in peace, and serve the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

#### Postlude

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