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**WELCOME** to the Lord's House today! May God help us to worship Him in spirit and in truth! If you do not have a regular church home, then we invite you to join our family. May this celebration of the mercy of God enrich your spiritual life and be uplifting for each one of you.

**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS** are available on the table in the narthex. These feature a coloring sheet and activities for children based on the Scripture readings of the day. Please help yourself.

**INDIVIDUAL HEARING ASSISTANCE SETS** are available for those with impaired hearing. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available in the narthex.

*Sharing the caring CHRIST,  
...here, there, and everywhere*

### **LIFE THOUGHT**

Scripture highly praises motherhood (1 Thessalonians 2:7-8) and fatherhood (1 Thessalonians 2:11-12). The Holy Spirit inspires the Apostle Paul to use them as words for the love of one Christian for another. We protect each other like fathers and take care of each other like mothers. If this clearly excludes the killing of even a neighbor (Leviticus 19:16), how much more shall we cherish the lives of children, however young, and parents, however old!

### **PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen.

### **THOSE SERVING US TODAY**

Preacher: Pastor Martin Dressler

Liturgist: Fieldworker Eric Larson

Organist/Pianist: Elin Gomez

*(Please silence your cell phones)*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## WELCOME

(Please stand)

### OPENING HYMN: Thy Strong Word (578, stzs 1-3)



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con -



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

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## INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

L: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

L: Today we celebrate Reformation Day.

C: We celebrate God's faithfulness to His Church.

L: That faithfulness continues to this day and among us!

C: He is our Refuge and Strength!

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: So let us go to Him in prayer, confessing our sins and asking for His grace.

C: Lord of all, the demands of Your righteousness are too hard for us to fulfill alone, so we rush off with this excuse and ignore Your law. You forgive our iniquity and remember our sin no more, and we abuse this freedom as if it were a license to selfishness, self-indulgence, and self-righteousness. You give us the gift of grace: atonement in the blood of Your Son, yet we make it cheap without serious repentance. We fail to see the power of Your faithfulness. We are You people, but do we know You as our God? Forgive us, Lord, the sins we know in our heart. Save us, Lord, from the sins we hide.

*Pause for reflection and self-examination*

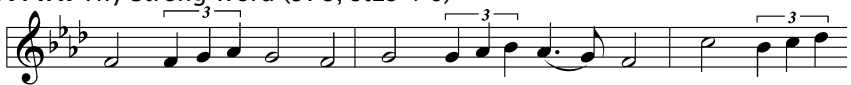
P: God of our refuge and strength,

C: have mercy on us, write on our hearts. Amen.

P: God does give us His own righteousness, and divine forbearance. Through the work of the Holy Spirit given to us, we may come to know the truth and be made free. Jesus Christ the Son of God sets us free from our slavery to sin. Through His death and resurrection, a place is made for you in His household. Therefore, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Lord, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

## HYMN: Thy Strong Word (578, stzs 4-6)



4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth  
5 Give us lips to sing Thy glo - ry, Tongues Thy  
△ 6 God the Fa - ther, light - cre - a - tor, To Thee



forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -  
mer - cy to pro - claim, Throats that shout the  
laud and hon - or be. To Thee, Light of

ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.  
 hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy ho - ly name.  
 Light be - got - ten, Praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! May the  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, light - re - veal - er, Glo - ry,

Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with  
 glo - ry be to Thee. Mor - tals, an - gels,

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ias, Al - le - lu - ias with - out end!  
 now and ev - er Praise the ho - ly Trin - i - ty!

## INTROIT

L: I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]  
 and shall not be put to shame.

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

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

**C: Come, O children, listen to me;  
 I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

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

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
 and to the Holy Spirit;  
 as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

L: I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]  
 and shall not be put to shame.

## KYRIE

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

### OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE

*Refrain*

☐ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.  
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the  
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that  
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,  
make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -  
claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."  
*Refrain*  
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done

glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the

earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -

hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*Refrain*  
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

he for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*  
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

C: **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. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

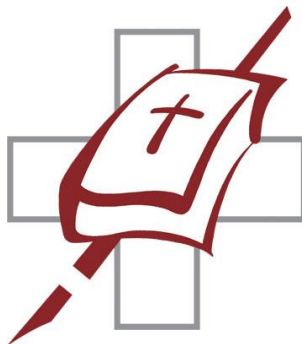
**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*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."

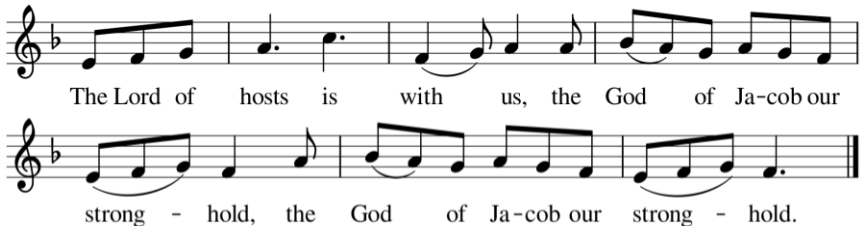
L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**





## PSALM 46



God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea,  
though its waters rage and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its tumult.  
The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

### C - Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.  
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;  
God shall help her at the break of day.  
The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.  
The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

### C - Refrain

Come now and look upon the works of the LORD,  
what awesome things he has done on earth.  
It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
and burns the shields with fire.  
"Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth!"  
The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

### C - Refrain

## 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 8:31-36*

L: 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."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



## NICENE CREED

C: I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from  
heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living  
and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



**SERMON HYMN: In Christ Alone (Keith Getty and Stuart Townend)**



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my  
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, ful - ness of  
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the  
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
 God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -  
 world by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and  
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to  
 Day, up from the grave He rose a -  
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are  
 save. 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of  
 gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has  
 ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in  
 God was sat - is - fied, For ev - 'ry sin on Him was  
 lost its grip on me; For I am His and He is  
 pluck me from His hand; 'Til He re - turns or calls me



All, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.  
 mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

**SERMON: "The Golden Days" Psalm 46:10-11**

Pastor Dressler

*(Please stand)*

**PRAYERS** - Each petition concludes with "Lord, in Your mercy."  
 Congregation responds with verse below.

*p*  
 Sing prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing  
 prais - es to the Lord. Sing prais - es, all you  
 peo - ples, sing prais - es to the Lord! Sing

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## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*Follow the direction of the usher to approach the altar. Distribution of the elements will be by wafers placed into your hands and individual cups.*

### PREFACE

LSB 160

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS

LSB 161

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

**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.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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.

**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:

**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.

**PAX DOMINI**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C: Amen.

**AGNUS DEI**

LSB 163

**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*(Please be seated)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Built on the Rock (LSB 645)



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



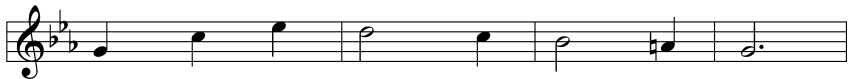
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in  
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His  
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal  
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's  
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



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."



Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses (LSB 667)



1 Saints, see the cloud of wit - ness - es sur - round us;  
 2 These saints of old re - ceived God's com - men - da - tion;  
 3 They call to us, "Your tim - id foot - steps length - en;  
 4 Come, let us fix our sight on Christ who suf - fered,



Their lives of faith en - cour - age and as - tound us.  
 They lived as pil - grim - heirs of His sal - va - tion.  
 Throw off sin's weight, your halt - ing weak - ness strength - en.  
 He faced the cross, His sin - less life He of - fered;



Hear how the Mas - ter praised their faith so  
 Through faith they con - quered flame and sword and  
 We kept the faith, we shed our blood, were  
 He scorned the shame, He died, our death en -



fer - vent: "Well done, My ser - vant!"  
 gal - lows, God's name to hal - low.  
 mar - tyred; Our lives we bar - tered."  
 dur - ing, Our hope se - cur - ing.

- 5 Lord, give us faith to walk where You are sending,  
 On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to their ending;  
 Not knowing where we go, but that You lead us—  
 With grace precede us.
- 6 You, Jesus, You alone deserve all glory!  
 Our lives unfold, embraced within Your story;  
 Past, present, future—You, the same forever—  
 You fail us never!

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Let Us Break Bread Together



1. Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_ let us  
2. Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_ let us



break bread to - geth-er on our knees. \_\_\_\_\_  
drink wine to - geth-er on our knees. \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. \_\_\_\_\_



3. Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_ let us



praise God to - geth-er on our knees. \_\_\_\_\_

*to Refrain*

*(Please stand)*



**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: Thank the Lord**

*LSB 164*



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

P: 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.**

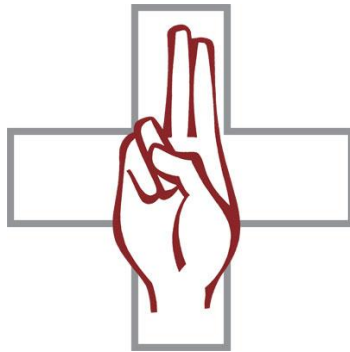
**BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**



**CLOSING HYMN: A Mighty Fortress (LSB 656)**



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



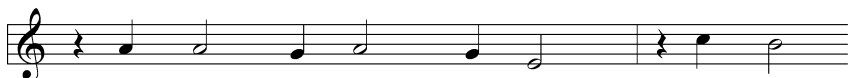
That hath us now o'er - tak - en.  
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.  
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.  
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



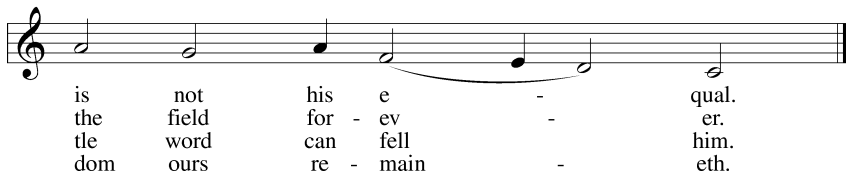
The old e - vil foe Now means  
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus  
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce  
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,



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.  
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**OFFERING**

*OFFERING VERSE - "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth gives way..." Psalm 46:1-2a*

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK** - "Since then your imperial Majesty and your Lordships seek a simple answer, I will give it in this manner, neither horned nor toothed. Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason (for I do not trust either in the pope or in councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. May God help me. Amen." — Martin Luther, *Reply to the Diet of Worms*, April 18, 1521, Luther’s Works, 33: Career of the Reformer III

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**OUR FATHER’S BUSINESS**

**For the week of October 25 through November 1, 2020**

- TODAY:**            **Reformation Sunday**  
 Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45 AM  
 DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 10:00 AM
- MONDAY:**        Sewing Circle (Quilters) 8:30 AM  
 DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 7:00 PM
- WEDNESDAY:**    Newsletter Mailing 9:00 AM
- THURSDAY:**     Sewing Circle (Quilters) 8:30 AM
- NEXT SUNDAY:** **All Saints Sunday**  
 Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45 AM  
 DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 10:00 AM

**A MEASURE OF LOVE FOR OUR LORD**  
**For the week of October 18, 2020**  
Sunday School 3 students 3 teachers/helpers  
Sunday Bible Class 25  
Worship Service Attendance 71+17=88  
Tithes and Offerings October 18 \$5,046.00  
Weekly Offerings Budget \$8,100.00

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**1. ALTAR FLOWERS** are placed by Bob and Donna Dieckmann in honor of Bob's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and Donna's 81<sup>st</sup> birthday.

**2. BIBLE STUDY** Starting NEXT SUNDAY, November 1 at 8:45am, we will join together to hear God's Word speak to the sin of racism. During a time in which racial tensions are escalating, Christians are searching for ways to tear down the racial walls dividing our country. This six-session study charts a pathway to begin that healing process. Forgiveness is not something humans can do on their own; it requires God changing human hearts as His people search through His Word. Join us for this important study!

<b>ONE</b>	<b>NATION UNDER GOD</b>
<b>HEALING RACIAL DIVIDES</b>	<b>IN AMERICA</b>
<b>B. KEITH</b>	<b>HANEY</b>
	<b>Join Us for a New Bible Study Beginning November 1, 2020</b>

To access by phone: 415-762-9988 or 646-568-7788. Follow the prompts once you dial in to enter the Meeting ID when asked (798 4070 1280#). When asked to enter participant code hit the # key, and then it will ask for the password (5180#).

To access online: Go to Zoom.com. Click "join a meeting" at the top of the page, and enter 798 4070 1280 in meeting ID box. The passcode is 5180. If you've not used Zoom on your computer before, it will ask you if you want to download and install it. You do, and it's okay to allow it to make changes to your computer; that is giving it permission to do its thing. NOTE: You can do this part ahead of time, so you're all ready to go before Sunday morning. Questions? Call the office! 314-741-6781.

**3. THIS WEEK ON KFYO AM850**, continue studying 1 Timothy on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), hear a heartwarming adoption story on The Coffee Hour (10/28 at 9:00 a.m.), and continue in 2 Samuel on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.). Find these programs and more on demand at [kfyo.org](http://kfyo.org) or wherever you get your podcasts!

**4. LHM LEARN—Face2Face: Building Relationships with People with Disabilities**” This course, in partnership with Bethesda Lutheran Communities, equips the learner in communicating and building relationships with people with disabilities. To learn more, visit [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org) and click on Resources. Scroll down to “Cultural Concepts,” and there you will find the course. New users will need to register, but once you do, there are a multitude of courses available to you.

**5. BETHESDA LUTHERAN COMMUNITIES** -Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to the “Top 10 Needs” of the Bethesda homes. The numerous items will be delivered to homes in the St. Louis area where people with intellectual and developmental disabilities reside.

**6. BREW IN THE LOU** - Like everything else, this event will look a little different this year. For a one-time purchase of \$30, you receive a passport good for an entire year (October 10, 2020-October 9, 2021—it’s already begun!) for more than \$300 worth of beer, wine, spirits, and menu items. By purchasing a passport (they make great gifts!), you can support local businesses as well as the 34 Lutheran schools that are a part of LESA (Lutheran Elementary School Association).

**Brew in the Lou** is one of their largest and most important fundraisers, and the revenue it raises provides much-needed services and scholarships to the **8,300 children** and **500 educators** they serve. Last year’s Brew raised **\$120,000** and allowed them to provide **critical assistance** to the children, families and schools affected by the economic shut-down. And as this crisis continues, many more will need help.

To purchase your passport, visit <https://lesastl.org/brew-in-the-lou/>

**7. E-GIVING IS POSSIBLE** for making your gifts to Salem! You can download the Abundant app on your smart device and search for Salem Lutheran Church, you can text SALEMBJ to 73256 to receive a link to make your donation, or you can go to: <https://abundant.co/salemlutheranchurch>  
If you have any questions, please call Lisa Briggs (314) 330-2674.

**8. 70<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SAUSAGE SUPPER** at Trinity Lutheran Church in Orchard Farm IS happening next Sunday, November 8. Carryout only, curbside pickup at the school (4689 N Hwy 94) from noon-7pm. \$11, includes smoked sausage, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, and cranberry salad. If you’re missing Salem’s sausage supper this year, this might be a good substitute!

## CONGREGATION AT PRAYER: Week of October 25, 2020

- OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES: Sophia Bradley, Ja'lei Britton, Christian Brooks
- OUR MEMBERS: Thomas and Michelle Jenkins, Megan, Taylor; Daniel Joersz, Danielle, Joseph; Jerald and Pearl Joersz
- OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: LaVerne Schnelle, Alice Schroeder, Joyce Steinrauf
- OUR ILL / HOSPITALIZED: Todd Fuller, Cliff Fuller, Jan Altevogt, Inge Hainke, Jennifer (niece of Cindy and Dale Schulz), Bill and Kate Allen (parents of Richard Brower), Debi (Wiese) and Dennis Kiely, Alicia Waller, Marilyn Patterson, Leo Russavage, Anthony Mueller (grandson of Larry and Loretta Riedisser), Bernie Pikal (son-in-law of the Gronemeiers), Karen Becker, Christina Brower, and Steve Ziegler.
- OUR SISTER CONGREGATIONS: St. Paul Lutheran Church in Independence, MO; St. Paul Lutheran Church in Texhoma, Oklahoma; and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Medora, Indiana.
- ANNIVERSARIES: Rev and Jane Thur (10/28)
- BIRTHDAYS: Nancy Marasa (10/25), Donna Dieckmann (10/26), Steve Poggemoeller (10/26), Roger Buenger (10/26), Charlie Heislen (10/26), Kamilah Collins (10/26), LeAyna Patton (10/26), Layla Jones (10/26), Teddy Smith (10/27), Steven Snyder (10/27), Matthew Snyder (20/29), Keith McLin, Jr (10/29), Marlene Heislen (10/30), Carol Heinemann (10/30), Caitlyn Waller (10/30), Kameron Bowdry (10/30), Lillian Meer (10/30), Bob Dieckmann (10/31)
- GUIDANCE and PATIENCE for all as we navigate ever-changing procedures with COVID-19
- EMPATHY, PATIENCE, MERCY, and an END to racism and violence in our nation

**DEVOTION:** *Portals of Prayer*

**LEARN BY HEART:** Psalm 139:13

**DAILY READINGS:**

- Sun: Deuteronomy 27:1-26; Matthew 17:14-27
- Mon: Deuteronomy 28:1-22; Matthew 18:1-20
- Tues: Deuteronomy 29:1-29; Matthew 18:21-35
- Wed: Deuteronomy 30:1-20; Matthew 19:1-15
- Thurs: Deuteronomy 31:1-29; Matthew 19:16-30
- Fri: Deuteronomy 31:30-32:27; Matthew 20:1-16
- Sat: Deuteronomy 32:28-52; Matthew 20:17-34