

# THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION

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**PRELUDE** *(Please stand and face the Processional Cross)*

**HYMN OF INVOCATION**    “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”                      *LSB 656*  
*arr. B. Wayne Bisbee*

*(Introduction by Timpani, Brass & Organ)*

*(Our Redeemer Lutheran School Students)*

1. *A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from every need that hath us now  
o’ertaken. The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.*

*(All)*

**2. With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss  
effected; But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God  
Himself elected. Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,  
Of Sabbath Lord, And there’s none other God;  
He holds the field forever.**

*(choir only)*

3. *Though devils all the world should fill, all eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill, They shall not overpower us,  
This world’s prince may still Scowl fierce as he will, He can  
harm us none, He’s judged; the deed is done, One little word  
can fell him.*

*(Interlude by Timpani, Brass & Organ)*

*(All)*

**4. The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for  
it; He’s by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and  
Spirit. And take they our life, goods, fame, child, and wife,  
Let these all be gone, They yet have nothing won; The  
Kingdom ours remaineth.**

## INVOCATION AND PSALM *(from Psalm 46)*

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

**C** Amen.

**P** God is our refuge and strength;

**C** a very present help in trouble.

**P** Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

**C** though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

**P** though its water roar and foam,

**C** though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

**P** God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

**C** God will help her when morning dawns.

**P** The Lord of hosts is with us;

**C** the God of Jacob is our fortress.

*(sit)*

**ANTHEM**                      “Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing”                      Dale Wood

*Choir: Lift up your hearts, rejoice! Be glad, give thanks and sing! The glorious standard raise on high, the cross of Christ our King. Let bells ring loud and clear as voices echo praise! Sing out majestic hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Rejoice, give thanks and sing! With all the angel choirs With all the saints on earth Unite in songs of endless joy, and anthems filled with mirth. Lift up the banner high. March on in firm array. As pilgrims through the darkness go, till dawns the golden day! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest; The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. March on and onward still; sing out the joyful song! Your alleluias raise on high, rejoicing with the throng! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!*

**(Please stand)**

**Congregation: Praise God who reigns on high, The Lord whom we adore: The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One God forevermore. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

Choir: Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

## PRAYER

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, Your Church belongs to You. By Your might and power, cause it to overcome errors, persecution, disputes, and indifference. In love and mercy, strengthen it with faithful pastors, reformers, educators, directors, elders, and laity. Through Your Holy Spirit, enliven Your Church with renewed, deepened, and increased faith in the hearts of Your people. Let Your people shout with joy and take heart in believing that the Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**C** Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING

*John 1:1-3*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(Please be seated)*

## ANTHEM

“The Whole Armor of God”

K. Lee Scott

*(The Adult Choir)*

*Give me, O Christ, the strength that is in Thee, that I may stand in every evil hour; Faints my poor heart except to Thee I flee, resting my weakness in Thy perfect power. Give me to see the foes that I must fight, powers of the darkness throned where Thou shouldst reign; Read the directings of Thy wrath aright, lest, striking flesh and blood, I strike in vain. Give me to wear the armor that can guard over my breast Thy blood bought righteousness; Faith for my shield, when fiery darts rain hard, girded with truth, and shod with zeal to bless. Give me to wield the weapon that is sure, taking through prayer Thy sword into my hand, Word of Thy wisdom, peaceable and pure, so, Christ my Conqueror, I shall conqueror stand. Yes, having all things done, O Christ my conqueror, having all things done, I shall stand!*

## PRAYER

**P** Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams

of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and at length attain the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

*Revelation 14:6-7*

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE** (*sung to the tune of "A Mighty Fortress"*)

***God's Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure  
Throughout all generations.***

## **PRAYER**

**P** O Holy Spirit, You direct the Church in every age. Guide us in our generation to be bold in our witness to the Gospel and faithful and clear in our confession of the faith entrusted to us, freely and joyfully sharing the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ, whom with You and the Father we worship, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

*Romans 3:19-28*

<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN**                    “The Church of Our Redeemer”                    Rev. L. A. Burgdorf

- 1. The Church of Our Redeemer gives thanks to You, O Lord, for multitudes of blessings which from your hand have poured. For many years, You Father, whom Heav’n cannot contain, have dwelt among these people who call upon your name.**
- 2. We thank You for the blessings of fellowship and love, which by Your mighty Spirit You give us from above; Let nothing now or ever destroy our unity; but let it grow and increase into eternity.**
- 3. Here we have brought our children where You the gift conferred; To be Your sons and daughters by water and the Word. Drawn closer to the Savior as branch is to the Vine; Here we have known forgiveness through gifts of bread and wine.**
- 4. For years that lie before us we ask Your blessing too, Stir us, Lord, by Your Spirit to greater things for You. And this we ask, dear Father, that all within these walls; May in Your book be written to live in heavens walls.**

## PRAYER

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, of Your tender love towards us sinners You have given us Your Son that, believing in Him, we might have everlasting life. Continue to defend us from all enemies of Your Word, and bestow on the Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 8:31-36*

<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” <sup>33</sup>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’?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** *(sung)* **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

## ANTHEM

“Christ the Sure Foundation” Joseph M. Martin

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone; chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one. Holy Zion’s help forever, and her confidence alone. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Rock, the head and cornerstone.*

*Laud and honor be to the Father. Laud and honor be to the Son. Laud and honor be to the Spirit; Blessed Trinity ever Three, ever One. Alleluia.*

*To this temple where we call Thee come, O Lord of Hosts, today. With Thy faithful loving kindness hear Thy people as they pray, and Thy fullest benediction, shed within its walls always. To Christ be all glory and praise.*

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone; chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one. Holy Zion’s help forever, and her*

*confidence alone. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Rock, the head and cornerstone.*

*Laud and honor be to the Father. Laud and honor be to the Son. Laud and honor be to the Spirit; Blessed Trinity ever Three, ever One. Alleluia.*

## **PRAYER**

**P** O God, our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble, help us to stand firm against the temptations of the devil, the world and our flesh. Root us firmly in Your Word, that Your Spirit may keep reforming our hearts by His power. We thank You for reformers like Martin Luther who took a stand to defend the truth of Your Word. We celebrate Your goodness to the Church. Lord, You invite us to be still and know that You are God. In the midst of many troubles, we pray for such stillness. Bless those who mourn with Your comfort and peace. Bless with healing those who are ill, who are recovering from hospitalizations, and who suffer pain. Be for them an ever-present help in trouble. Lord, we will not fear though the earth give way, though the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.

**C** **The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Amen.**

## **HYMN**

“Lift High the Cross”

LSB 837

arr. Michael Burkhardt

**Refrain: (ALL) Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His holy name.**

**1 (ALL) Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (All sing Refrain)**

**2 (Men) Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine. (All sing Refrain)**

3 **(Women)** All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. (Choir sings  
Refrain)

4 (Choir) O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. (All sing Refrain)

5 **(ALL)** So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! (All sing Refrain)

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**SERMON** "The Eternal Gospel" *(based on Rev 14:6-7)*

*(stand)*

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*(sung to the tune of "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise")*

**In God we believe: the Creator whose pow'r  
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.  
He graciously grants us our years and our days  
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.**

**In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured.  
True God and true man once the cross He endured  
To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.  
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.**

**God's Spirit at work in our lives we confess;  
With power and truth the church now He does bless.  
As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall then  
Be living in glory forever. Amen.**

*(sit)*

## **OFFERING**

*(Please stand)*

# THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## ABSOLUTION AND THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

**P** The Lord our God is with us!

**C** **The God of Jacob is our fortress!**

**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** Our Lord has blessed His Church with the gift of Holy Communion. In this Sacrament we receive the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in, with, and under the bread and wine. Scripture teaches us to prepare ourselves for a right reception of this holy and precious gift. Paul says in his first epistle to the Corinthians:

**C** **“A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.”**

**P** We kneel to confess our sins.

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **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** Scripture also teaches us that the Sacrament is given that we might have the forgiveness of sins and that we might be strengthened in our faith. Jesus Himself said:

**C** **“Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”**

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

**SANCTUS** (Tune: “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word”)

*Sing to the holy, holy God, Lord of the heav’nly hosts, most high:  
“Hosanna to the Coming One.” “How blest is He! Hosanna,” cry.*

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you. *(spoken)*

*(Please share the peace of Christ with those around you. Sharing Christ’s peace is a sign that you “forgive those who trespass against you,” as prayed in the Lord’s Prayer and are thus ready to receive the Sacrament in a worthy manner. See Matthew 5:23-24)*

*(Please be seated)*

### DISTRIBUTION

“Amazing Grace” LSB 744

“On Eagles’ Wings” LSB 727

“Have No Fear, Little Flock” LSB 735

*(stand)*

## PRAYER

Luther’s Morning Prayer

**P** Let us pray:

**©** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## **BENEDICTION**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

“O God Our Help in Ages Past”      LSB 733

arr. Carl Schalk

- 1 O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:**
- 2 Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.**
- 3 *(Choir) Before the hills in order stood Or earth received her frame, From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.***
- 4 A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone, Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.**
- 5 *(Choir) Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away; We fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.***

### **Interlude**

- 6 O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be Thou our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!**

***Choir: And our eternal home! Amen!***

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **POSTLUDE**

Those serving in worship today:

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor James Hageman

Special Music: Oreon Wesche, Timpani; The Adult Choir;

The Dayschool children

Altar Guild: (8:00 a.m. Ann Sable; 10:45 a.m. Stephanie Hageman;

6:30 p.m. Elaine Fortner; 9:30 a.m. Both servers)

Attendance: 10/18/15 (8:00 a.m.53; 10:45 a.m.204) 10/18/15 (6:30 p.m.15)

Sunday School Attendance: 18