



## The 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation 1517 - 2017

Today we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation of the Church. What does that mean?

The effect of the Lutheran Reformation of the Church on the history of the world can hardly be overstated. Quite simply, it caused one of the most profound changes in history. In fact, when US News and World Report some years ago ranked the most important events of the last 1000 years, the Lutheran Reformation placed second, right behind Gutenberg's moveable type printing press. Now consider that for a minute.... That means that they considered the Lutheran Reformation to be of

greater significance than the discovery of the New World (number 3 on the list).

Why? Who was this man called Martin Luther? He was a monk, a priest, and a professor at a little university in Wittenberg, Germany. In another study, why was this man listed as the third most influential person of the last 1,000 years? More important than Einstein, Edison or even George Washington?

During the dark days of the Middle Ages, the truth of God's Word was hidden away in monasteries. The Church of that day was not teaching that we are saved by Jesus' death and resurrection. Instead, people were told that they needed to try and earn their way to heaven. The truth of God's Grace had become lost.

Martin Luther changed all that on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 1517, when he nailed his 95 Statements for Debate on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. He said that the Bible should be our only source of teaching, not man-made traditions. He showed that God saved us by grace alone, by faith alone. He returned the Bible into the hands of the people and quite literally changed the world.

Today, we are not here to celebrate a man. We're here to celebrate the Grace of God who reformed his Church, and brought back the pure and simple teaching that had been lost: Jesus Christ died and rose for me, so I will be in heaven forever. Period.

## The Opening Hymn

## "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"<sup>1</sup> Christian Worship #200



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y shield  
2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss  
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger to  
4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant one  
de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
have for it; He's by our side up - on the plain



That has us now o'er-tak - en. The old  
Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,  
They shall not o - ver-pow'r us. This world's  
With his good gifts and Spir - it. And do



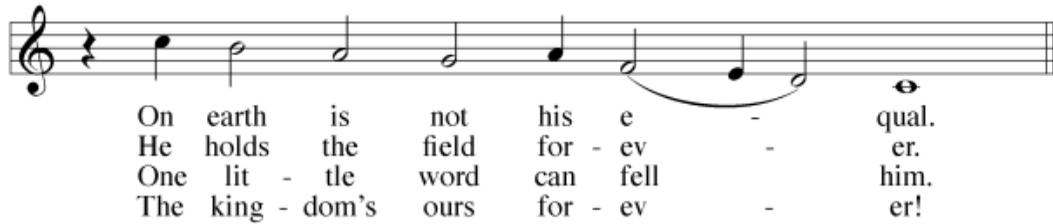
e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;  
"Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,  
prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—



Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;  
The al - might - y Lord. And there's no oth - er God;  
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!  
Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is won;

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<sup>1</sup> This hymn was written by Martin Luther. His famous hymn is based on Psalm 46. When he was discouraged he would often invite those with him to sing it, saying, "Come, let us sing Psalm 46."



*Please Stand*

### The Invocation

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation:** *(Spoken)* Amen.

### The Confession of Sins

**P:** If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C:** **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.** 1 John 1:8-9

**P:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P:** Holy and merciful Father,

**C:** **I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

### The Absolution of Sins

**P:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** *(Spoken)* Amen.

### Dialogue

**P:** I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." (Psalm 122:1)

**C:** **One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.** (Psalm 27:4)

**P:** Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? (Psalm 24:3)

**C:** **The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.** (Psalm 24:4)

**P:** God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea. (Psalm 46:1-2)

**C:** **The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.** (Psalm 46:7)

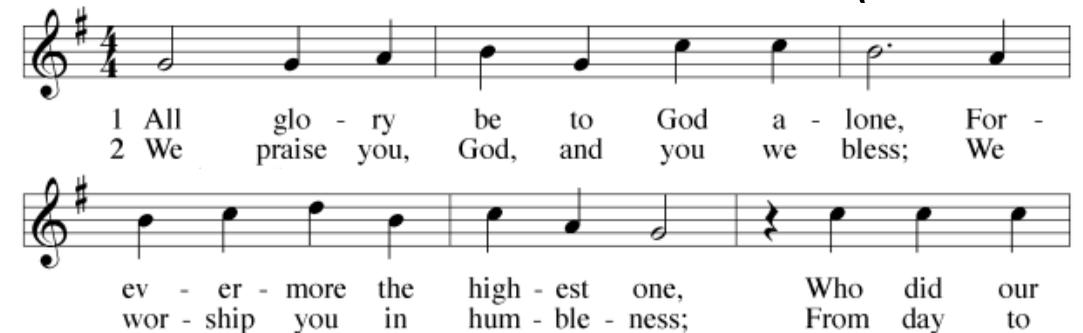
**P:** Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people; praise his holy name. For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; (Psalm 30:4-5)

**C:** **Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.** (Psalm 149:1)

**P:** Glory to God on high!

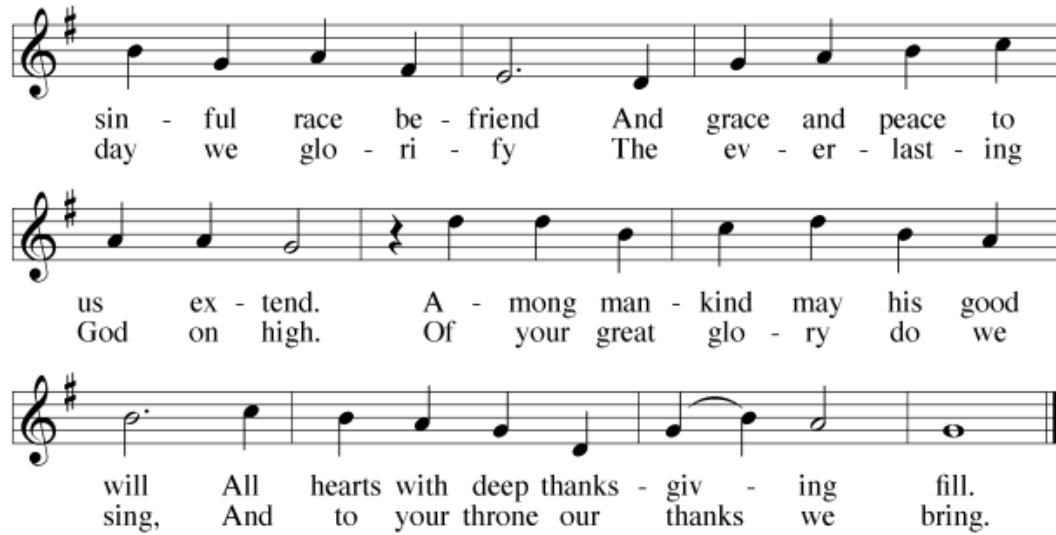
### Glory in Excelsis Deo

**"All Glory Be to God Alone"<sup>2</sup>**  
**Christian Worship 262, verses 1-2**



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<sup>2</sup> Hymn by Martin Luther. Luther found music to be a great way to teach the truths of Scripture.



sin - ful race be - friend And grace and peace to  
day we glo - ri - fy The ev - er - last - ing

us ex - tend. A - mong man - kind may his good  
God on high. Of your great glo - ry do we

will sing, All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.  
And to your throne our thanks we bring.

### Prayer

**P:** Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** *(Spoken)* Amen.

*Please be Seated*

### The First Lesson

### Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23<sup>3</sup>

<sup>10</sup> Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. <sup>11</sup> Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. <sup>12</sup> So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: “Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any

<sup>3</sup> Faithfulness to God’s Word in the face of persecution requires trust. God shut the lions’ mouths to answer the king’s question: Is your God able to rescue you? Yes, he is. God shut the lions’ mouths to show his Church of all the ages that God is able to guard and keep his own.

god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions’ den?”

The king answered, “The decree stands—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.”

<sup>15</sup> Then the men went as a group to King Darius and said to him, “Remember, Your Majesty, that according to the law of the Medes and Persians no decree or edict that the king issues can be changed.”

<sup>16</sup> So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!”

<sup>17</sup> A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel’s situation might not be changed. <sup>18</sup> Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

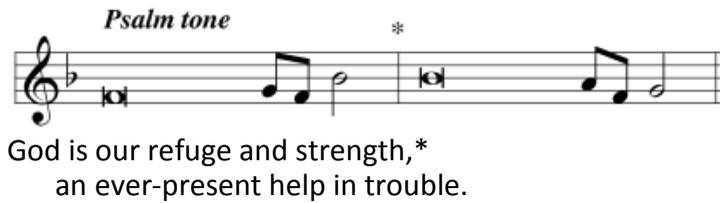
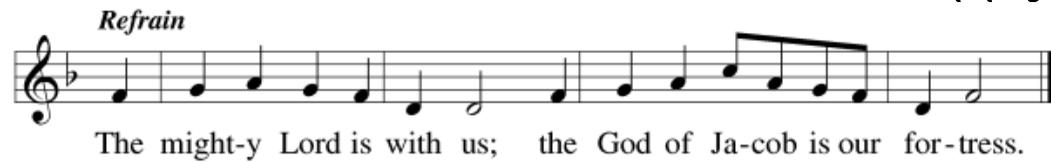
<sup>19</sup> At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den. <sup>20</sup> When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?”

<sup>21</sup> Daniel answered, “May the king live forever! <sup>22</sup> My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.”

<sup>23</sup> The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

## The Psalm of the Day

## Psalm 46 Christian Worship page 84



Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way\*  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

though its waters roar and foam\*  
and the mountains quake with their surging.

### Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,\*  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall;\*  
God will help her at break of day.

“Be still, and know that I am God;\*  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth.”

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.

### Refrain

## The Second Lesson

## Galatians 5:1-6<sup>4</sup>

<sup>5:1</sup> It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

<sup>2</sup> Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. <sup>3</sup> Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. <sup>4</sup> You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.

<sup>5</sup> For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. <sup>6</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

## The Verse of the Day

Alleluia. If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples,  
and you will know the truth,  
and the truth will make you free. Alleluia. (John 8:31,32 cf. RSV)

*Please stand*

## The Gospel Lesson

## Matthew 10:16-23<sup>5</sup>

<sup>16</sup> “I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup> Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. <sup>18</sup> On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup> But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you

<sup>4</sup> Martin Luther called the book of Galatians, “My Katie von Bora—I am wedded to it.” Paul’s letter speaks clearly against work righteousness and plainly about grace. That meant much to Luther who had staked his life on both topics. Why would anyone risk so much over words? Because the very freedom of the Gospel was at stake. Either we are free by grace or slaves under the law; there is no middle ground. Paul says, stand firm and be faithful to the Word of God that sets us free.

<sup>5</sup> Throughout the history of the Church, the story of faithfulness to the Word of God has always been the story of persecution. And rightly so, because Jesus promised it! Yet, he also promises us the strength to hold tight to his Word.

will be given what to say, <sup>20</sup> for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

<sup>21</sup> “Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. <sup>22</sup> You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup> When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

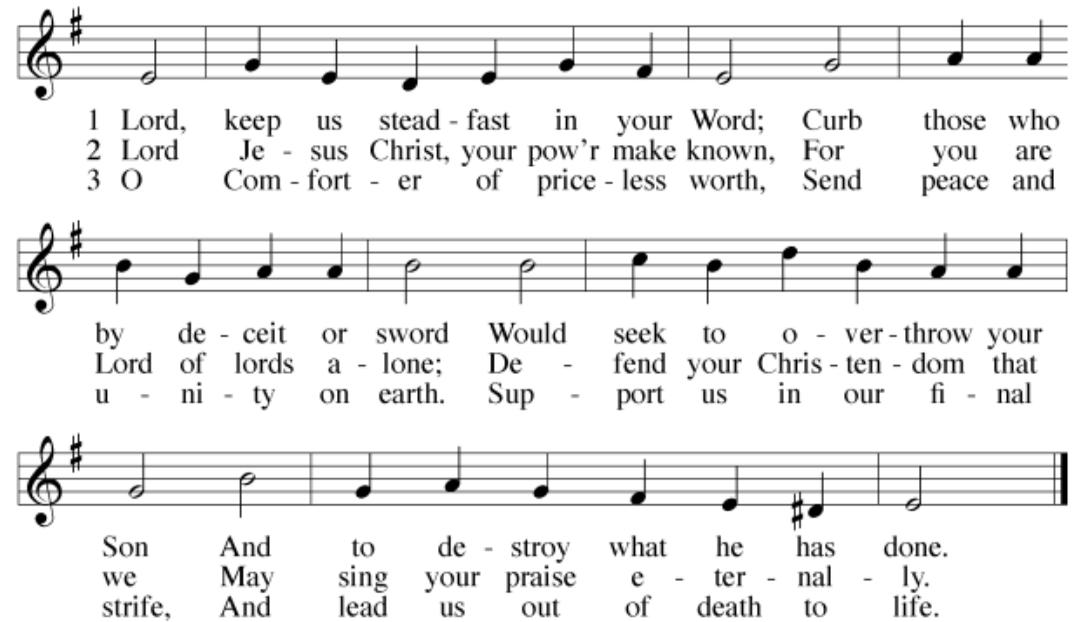
### Choir Anthem

### “Fortress Medley” 8:00 & 10:30 AM

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and pow’r are great and, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal!  
Did we in our strength confide, our striving would losing,  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God’s own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He!  
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.  
Praise the name of Jesus, praise the name of Jesus.  
He’s my Rock, He’s my Fortress, He’s my Deliverer, in Him I trust.  
Praise the name of Jesus.  
He’s my Rock, He’s my Fortress,  
He’s my Deliverer, in Him will I trust.  
Praise the name of Jesus!  
God’s Word above all earthly pow’rs, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours thro’ Him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill; God’s truth abideth still;  
His kingdom is forevermore!  
His kingdom is forever more! Forevermore.

### Hymn of the Day

### “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”<sup>6</sup> Christian Worship #203



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 seek to o - ver - throw your  
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend your Chris - ten - dom that  
u - ni - ty on earth. Sup - port us in our fi - nal  
Son And to de - stroy what he has done.  
we May sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
strife, And lead us out of death to life.

### Sermon

### Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23

“Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace!”

### Confession of Faith<sup>7</sup>

**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.**

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<sup>6</sup> This hymn by Martin Luther was probably written in 1541. In that year, a service of prayer against the Turks was held at Wittenberg, for which Luther prepared a special service, and most of the music, including this hymn, was arranged for the boys of the choir. Prayers for protection against the Turkish invasion were requested by Luther and other evangelical preachers throughout Germany.

<sup>7</sup> Explanation of the Second Article of the Apostles’ Creed written by Martin Luther.

**He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, 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.**

**All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.**

This is most certainly true.

## *The Offering*

*We invite each family to fill out the Friendship Register in each pew and share it with those sitting next to you.*

## *The Offering Prayer*

*Please Stand*

## *The Prayer of the Church<sup>8</sup>*

**P:** Almighty, eternal God! Out of the depths we call to you. The world opens its mouth to swallow your church, and our faith in you is too small to confront its lures and attractions! We confess the weakness of our sinful flesh. Satan deceives us daily. If we are to depend upon any strength from ourselves, all is lost.

**C:** **Help us, we beg, to withstand the ungodly way of life that the world has to offer.**

**P:** The work is not ours, O God, but yours. O Sovereign Lord and Creator, we have no way to satisfy your righteousness, nothing to contest the great Deceiver's earthly power, nothing to mute its false attractions, nothing to uproot the rule of our sinful flesh. We would gladly pass our days in happiness and peace in an age awash with iniquity. Hear us, heavenly Father, for the cause is yours.

**C:** **Creator of all that is, your cause is righteous and everlasting. Vindicate your name among the nations!**

**P:** O all-seeing Lord, have mercy on your church. You understand our plight. We thank you for sending a messenger of peace to correct the times between life and death. This One is your Son, Jesus the Christ, the incarnate Savior, who saves us from calamities that plague your church. You have chosen us to do your work. Therefore, O God, accomplish it by your will. Stand by your church each day in the name of Jesus, who is our shelter and shield, our mighty fortress.

**C:** **Through the strength of the Holy Spirit, such faith works joy and peace and willingness to serve a world in need.**

**P:** We are even ready to lay down our life for this cause, as were your servants Martin Luther and his fellow Reformers and Confessors, who forcefully stormed the kingdom of heaven to restore the gospel of your righteousness to its central place in Christian life. For the cause is holy. Though this world is filled with devils and though our bodies perish in persecution, your Word and your Spirit still remain.

**C:** **The church always needs reform as its message encounters the false and frivolous. But the Word of God stands firm forever.**

**P:** In the confidence of faith, gracious Lord, bless our efforts to spread the gospel of the glory and grace of God throughout the world to the joy and edifying of all who hear and believe and for your glory and our good.

**C:** **Amen.**

## *The Lord's Prayer*

**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.**

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<sup>8</sup> This Prayer of the Church is based on Luther's prayer at the Diet of Worms (1521) as he faced the papal and imperial authorities who demanded he recant all he had said and written.

## The Sacrament<sup>9</sup>

### The Preface

Christian Worship, page 33<sup>ff</sup>

**P:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**P:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**P:** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He protects and preserves his Church in every age and gives us the confidence to lift up our heads and watch for Jesus with joy. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

### Holy, Holy Holy



**C:** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

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<sup>9</sup> Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

### The Words of Institution

**P:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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



**C:** A - - men.

## O Christ, Lamb of God

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; grant us your peace. A - men.

*Please be Seated*

## The Distribution of the Lord's Supper<sup>10</sup>



<sup>10</sup> Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a miracle. By God's power, the Lord's body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord's Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord's Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our relationship with fellow believers. Therefore, we practice "close communion." We invite all who are members of St. Paul's or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you would like to learn more about being a member of our family at St. Paul's, please feel free to contact one of the pastors.

## Distribution Hymn

## "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"<sup>11</sup> Christian Worship #313

1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way  
 2 As his pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre -  
 3 Je - sus here him - self is shar - ing; Take heed how  
 4 Use - less would be Je - sus' pas - sion If sal - va -  
 5 Christ says, "Come, all you that la - bor, And re - ceive

God's wrath for - ev - er; By his bit - ter grief and  
 cious food sup - ply - ing, Gives his bod - y with the  
 you are pre - par - ing, For if you do not be -  
 tion you could fash - ion. Do not come if you sup -  
 my grace and fa - vor; Those who feel no pain or

woe He saved us from the e - vil foe.  
 bread And with the wine the blood he shed.  
 lieve, Judg - ment in - stead you shall re - ceive.  
 pose You need not him who died and rose.  
 ill Need no phy - si - cian's help or skill."

6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken  
 That this food is to be taken  
 By the souls who are distressed,  
 By hearts that long for peace and rest.

7 Praise the Father, who from heaven  
 Unto us such food has given  
 And, to mend what we have done,  
 Gave into death his only Son.

8 If your heart this truth professes  
 And your mouth your sin confesses,  
 Surely you will be his guest  
 And at his banquet ever blest.

<sup>11</sup> This hymn by Martin Luther was first published in 1524.

Please Stand

### Thank the Lord



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-news 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!

### Prayer

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

### Blessing

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



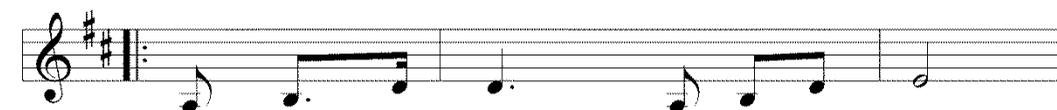
C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Please be Seated

### Closing Hymn

"In Christ Alone"<sup>12</sup>

Christian Worship Supplement #752



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found.  
2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh,  
3 There in the ground his bod - y lay,  
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,



He is my light, my strength, my song;  
Full - ness of God in help - less babe.  
Light of the world by dark - ness slain;  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;

<sup>12</sup> This Christological hymn summarizes the sacrificial, earthly life of our Savior and the glory that is his forever and ours through faith. In many ways, it sums up the focus of the Reformation – To God alone be the glory.

This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,  
 This gift of love and right - eous - ness,  
 Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day  
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,

Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.  
 Scorned by the ones he came to save.  
 Up from the grave he rose a - gain!  
 Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
 Till on that cross, as Je - sus died,  
 And as he stands in vic - tor - y,  
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man

When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!  
 The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;  
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
 Can ev - er pluck me from his hand;

My Com - for - ter, my all in all,  
 For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid.  
 For I am his and he is mine—  
 Till he re - turns or calls me home,

(Fine)

Here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 Here in the death of Christ I live.  
 Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

### Worship Participants

**Liturgist**..... Pastor Jacob Hoff  
**Preacher**..... Pastor Brian Adams  
**Organist** ..... Mrs. Karen Pautz  
**Senior Choir Director**..... Dr. David Brightsman

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**YOUTH GROUP:** **\*\*Due to the rainy weather forecast for today, we are changing our plan.** We will meet at church and have a video game night with pizza. We will meet from 6:00-8:00 PM. Please bring snacks and drinks to share.

**NEW MARTIN LUTHER MOVIE:** While Martin Luther never set out to change the world, his quest for answers to burning questions of life and faith began a new era in church history: the Reformation. On Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 4pm, we will be watching the new Martin Luther movie at St. Paul's. Please come and join us that afternoon.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to the grass cutting crews who took time out from their busy schedules to keep the St. Paul's grounds looking great all summer! Gordy Lesser, Dave Qualmann, Frank Krajewski, Jerry Lehtinen and Gary Tosic – thank you very much!

**MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE:** St. Paul's is forming a men's basketball team to join the WELS League hosted by Star of Bethlehem in New Berlin. The season will run from December thru March, with games on Sunday afternoons, taking a break for Christmas weekend (& Super Bowl weekend). If you have an interest in joining the team or want to learn more, please contact Caleb Manske at [clmanske@hotmail.com](mailto:clmanske@hotmail.com) or (262) 442-4286.

**MARY AND MARTHA NEEDS YOUR HELP!** WELS Kingdom Workers Clean Water Project wants to help eliminate many sanitation issues in the villages of Southeast Asia by constructing toilets and showers with filtration systems. They hope to begin by being able to build one unit in each of 10 villages. A complete toilet and shower unit will cost \$750. Mary and Martha, with the help of St. Paul's congregation, would like to be able to send a gift to Kingdom Workers for the purchase of a complete unit. If you'd like to make a donation toward this gift, envelopes will be available on the counter in the narthex and can be placed in the offering plate. Make checks payable to Mary and Martha Society. Thank you for joining with us in this project.

**NATURAL DISASTER DONATIONS:** One of the blessings of being a part of the WELS is the work that Christian Aid and Relief (the humanitarian arm of the WELS) is doing on our behalf. Most of us aren't able to leave our lives behind to travel to the areas in need and help those who are hurting, but that doesn't mean we can't help. You can give funds that go directly to those people in two ways.

1) Online: [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net) - Under the "Giving" tab select "Donate Now." On the right side of the screen you can choose to give directly to "Christian Aid and Relief".

2) Mail: Send a check made out to "WELS Christian Aid and Relief" to the WELS Center of Mission and Ministry: N16W23377 Stone Ridge Dr, Waukesha, WI 53188  
If you want to stay updated on the work Christian Aid and Relief is doing find them on Facebook, or visit [www.wels.net/christian-aid-relief](http://www.wels.net/christian-aid-relief).

**PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR:** Join us at Power Hour two Thursdays a month! Open to children ages 0-4 with their caregivers. Meet us in the church narthex from 10:45-11:45 AM on the following dates: November 9<sup>th</sup>, December 14<sup>th</sup>, January 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, February 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, April 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> and May 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. See the insert in today's bulletin for more information. There are also extra copies on the narthex counter to pass along to a friend!

**SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS:** We all worship. We all worship something or someone every day. Functionally, these are our gods. Our next bible class on this topic will be Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM.

**SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT REFORMATION 500 WORSHIP SERVICE:** Join us for a festival worship service today, 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm, celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. We gather to thank God for preserving the gospel of Jesus our Savior among us, recognizing the role of Martin Luther and the momentous event of 500 years ago. The joint service will be at The Miller High Life Theater (formerly the Milwaukee Theater) located at 500 W. Kilbourn Avenue in downtown Milwaukee. This will be an opportunity for members of many different WELS congregations to enjoy Christian fellowship and to encourage one another to proudly, lovingly, and gently proclaim the saving truths of Scripture.

**WLHS VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE:** Wisconsin Lutheran High School will hold its annual Veterans Day observance on Thursday, November 9, 2017. Service men and women are invited to a complimentary plated breakfast that will be served in the WLHS cafeteria at 7:00 a.m. RSVP for the breakfast by Friday, November 3 by either completing the mail-in form (available on the narthex counter) or by going online to [www.wlhs.org/veterans](http://www.wlhs.org/veterans). For additional questions, contact Heidi Witz at [planner@wlhs.org](mailto:planner@wlhs.org) or 414-453-4567 ext. 2004. Everyone is invited to the special Veterans Day presentation in the main gymnasium at 8:30 a.m. entitled "The Vietnam War: A Hero's Homecoming." The presentation will also be streamed live online the day of the event at [www.wlhs.org](http://www.wlhs.org).

**VOLUNTEERS**

**GREETERS THIS WEEK (November 5 & 6)**

- 8:00 AM** – Lyle & Christie Timm
- 10:30 AM** – John & Karen Milazzo; Cameron, Trevor, Logan & Kendall
- 6:30 PM** – Donna LaBlanc

**GREETERS NEXT WEEK (November 12 & 13)**

- 8:00 AM** – Donn & Denise Johnson
- 10:30 AM** – Dee Kresa; Taylor
- 6:30 PM** – Dave & Janet Long

**USHERS FOR NOVEMBER**

- 8:00 AM** – Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Todd Grunze, Frank Krajewski
- 10:30 AM** – David Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Nolan Romeis, Randy Raduenz, Luke Raduenz
- 6:30 PM** – Dave Long, Terry Plant, John Kiesow, Curt Stellwagen

**ALTAR GUILD**

- Nov 1-7 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Connie Myer
- Nov 8-14 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

**REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE**

- Nov 5: Set-up – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen, Clean-up – Mark & Kristin Hernon
- Nov 12: Set-up – John & Jean Terek, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug

**THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, November 5**

- Worship Service with Communion ..... 8:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study/Sunday School..... 9:15 AM
- Bible Information Class ..... 9:15 AM
- Worship Service with Communion ..... 10:30 AM
- Youth Group Meeting ..... 6:00 PM

**Monday, November 6**

- Worship Service with Communion ..... 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, November 7**

- Parent/Teacher Consultations ..... 4:00 PM
- PSCIC ..... 6:00 PM

**Wednesday, November 8**

- Board of Elders..... 6:30 PM
- Board of Education ..... 6:30 PM
- Men's Open Gym ..... 7:30 PM

**Thursday, November 9**

- Preschool Power Hour ..... 10:45 AM
- Parent/Teacher Consultations ..... 4:00 PM

**Friday, November 10**

- School Devotion ..... 8:30 AM

**Saturday, November 11**

- Bible Class ..... 8:00 AM
- School Cleaning..... 9:00 AM

**Sunday, November 12**

- Worship Service ..... 8:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study/Sunday School..... 9:15 AM
- Bible Information Class ..... 9:15 AM
- Worship Service ..... 10:30 AM
- Luther Movie Showing ..... 4:00 PM

**Statistics – Last Week**

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 127, 10:30 AM – 128, 6:30 PM – 46

Total Attendance – 301

Sunday Bible Class – 38, Sunday School – 12

Bible Information Class – 4