

Reformation Sunday

October 30, 2022

2022 is the 500th anniversary of the publishing of Luther's German translation of the New Testament. Luther translated it while in seclusion at the Wartburg Castle, as depicted in this graphic.



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THE SERVICE – SETTING ONE with Communion

THREAD: *Grace produces salvation.*

Hymn: Salvation unto Us Has Come

CW 558:1-3, 5-6, 10



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come by God's free grace and
2 What God did in his law de - mand and none to him could
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream that God his law had
5 Yet as the law must be ful - filled or we must die de -



fa - vor; good works can - not a - vert our doom, they help and
ren - der caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand for man, the
giv - en that sin - ners could them-selves re - deem and by their
spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled, our hu - man



save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, who
vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those pure de - sires the
works gain heav - en. The law is but a mir - ror bright to
na - ture shar - ing. He has for us the law o - beyed and



did for all the world a - tone; he is our one Re - deem - er.
spir - it of the law re - quires, and lost is our con - di - tion.
bring the in - bred sin to light that lurks with - in our na - ture.
thus the Fa - ther's ven - ge - ance stayed which o - ver us im - pend - ed.

- 6** Since Christ has full atonement made
and brought to us salvation,
each Christian therefore may be glad
and build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
your death is now my life indeed,
for you have paid my ransom.
- 10** All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
to Father, Son, and Spirit,
the God who saved us by his grace;
all glory to his merit!
O triune God in heav'n above,
you have revealed your saving love;
your blessèd name be hallowed!

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

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

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

Glory Be to God



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,
 God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;
 have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.
 You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.
 For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the
 Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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.

Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹“The days are coming,” declares the LORD,
 “when I will make a new covenant
 with the people of Israel
 and with the people of Judah.

³²It will not be like the covenant
 I made with their ancestors

when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,”
declares the LORD.

³³“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel
after that time,” declares the LORD.

“I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

³⁴No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,”
declares the LORD.

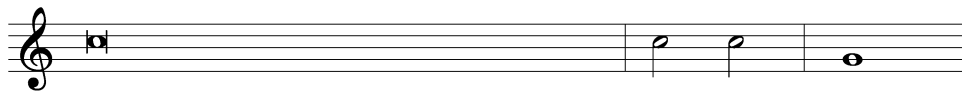
“For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: God Is Our Refuge

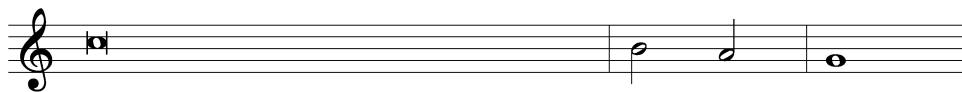
Psalm 46C



1 God is our refuge and strength,
3 though its waters roar and foam
5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,



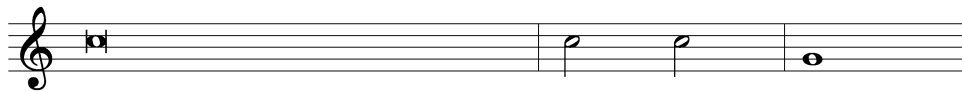
1 an ever - pres - ent help in trouble.
3 and the moun - tains quake with their surging.
5 the holy place where the Most High dwells.



2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
4 The LORD Almighty is with us,
6 God is within her, she will not fall;



2 and the mountains fall in - to the heart of the sea,
4 the God of Jacob is our for - tress.
6 God will help her at break of day.



7 Come and see the works of the LORD,
9 “Be still, and know that I am God;
11 **Glory be to the Father and to the Son**



7 what awesome things he has brought on the earth.
 9 I will be exalted among all na - tions of the earth."
 11 **and to the Ho - ly Spirit,**



8 Nations are in uproar, king - doms fall;
 10 The LORD Almighty is with us,
 12 **as it was in the be - gin - ning,**



8 he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
 10 the God of Jacob is our for - tress.
 12 **is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.**

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Second Reading

Galatians 5:1-6

¹It 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.

²Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all.

³Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. ⁴You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. ⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 8:31,32

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

If you hold to my teaching, **you are really my disciples.**

Then you will know the truth, **and the truth will set you free.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

John 8:31-36

³¹To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³²Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

³³They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

³⁴Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

CW 864



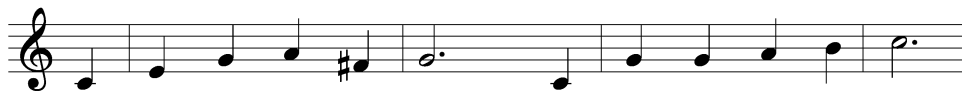
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a trust - y
2 With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, all ea - ger
4 The Word they still shall let re - main nor an - y



shield and weap - on; he helps us free from ev - 'ry
loss ef - fect - ed; but for us fights the val - iant
to de - vour us, we trem - ble not, we fear no
thanks have for it; he's by our side up - on the



need that has us now o'er - tak - en.
one whom God him - self e - lect - ed.
ill; they shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
plain with his good gifts and Spir - it.



The an - cient e - vil foe now means to work us woe;
You ask who this may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he,
The prince of dark - ness still may scowl fierce as he will,
And should they take our life, goods, hon - or, child, and wife,



deep guile and aw - ful might are his dread arms in
the Lord of hosts his name, from age to age the
his rag - ing harms us none. He's judged; the deed is
though all of these be gone, our vic - to - ry is



fight; on earth is not his e - qual.
same, he holds the field for - ev - er.
done; one lit - tle word can fell him.
won; the king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Sermon

Text: Galatians 5:1-6

Stand Firm in the Freedom for Which Christ Set You Free

Guest Minister: Pastor Emeritus Robert Green

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture.

Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith.

Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

... Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

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THE SACRAMENT

Preface

CW 165

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

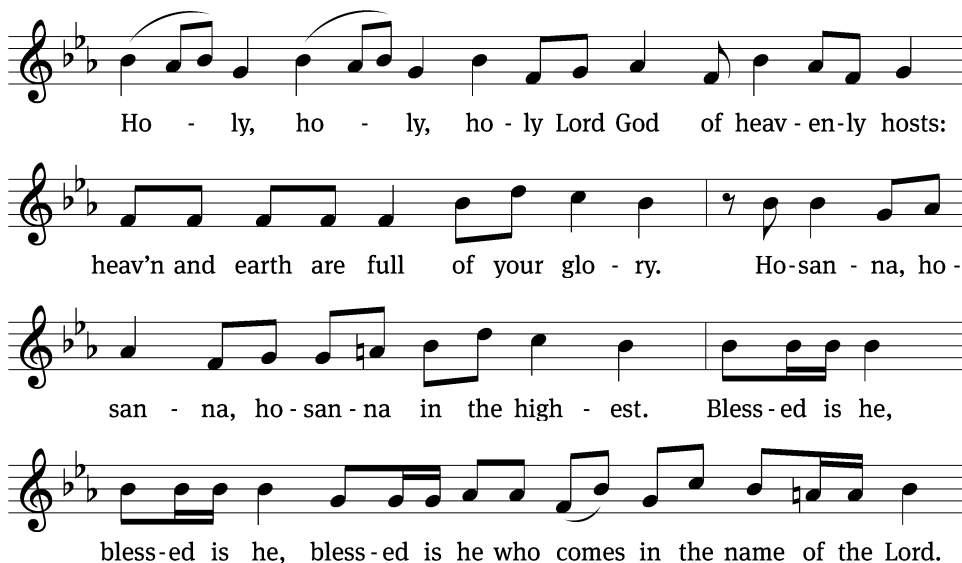
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in blessing his saints of the past has given us assurance and hope that, following their example, we may run the race marked out for us and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n 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,
bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169



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.

Distribution Hymn: Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

CW 661

1 Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord,
 2 Christ our Re - deem - er, God's e - ter - nal Son,
 3 Let us ap - proach with faith - ful hearts sin - cere
 4 With heav'n - ly bread he makes the hun - gry whole,

and drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured.
 has by his cross and blood the vic - t'ry won.
 and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.
 gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.

Saved by his bod - y and his ho - ly blood,
 He gave his life for great - est and for least,
 Christ, who in this life all the saints de - fends,
 Lord of the na - tions, to whom all must bow,

with souls re - freshed we give our thanks to God.
 him - self the of - f'ring and him - self the priest.
 gives all be - liev - ers life that nev - er ends.
 in this great feast of love be with us now.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

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.

Amen.

Hymn: God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

CW 640



God's Word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for -
ev - er; to spread its light from age to age shall be our
chief en - deav - or. Thro' life it guides our way, in death it
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, we keep its
teach - ings pure through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

Silent Prayer – Announcements

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