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8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Adult Bible Study &

Sunday School:

9:30 am

(Grace Hall)

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REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 25, 2020

✠ PREPARATION ✠

PRELUDE

"The Trumpet of Resounding Praise"
"The Man is Ever Blessed"

F. Ritter
setting: W. Kerr

WELCOME

Stand

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
G Amen.

BLESSING OF PARAMENTS AND ALTAR LINENS, *(Friday service only)*

- P** Beloved in the Lord: "The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; He has put on strength as His belt." "Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary."
It is therefore fitting that we implore the Lord's blessing as we clothe the altar of His sanctuary from which He strengthens and preserves us in the true faith.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
G who made heaven and earth.
- P** The Lord be with you.
G And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.
O Lord God Almighty, You instructed Moses Your servant to make hangings and fine linens for use in Your tabernacle. We implore You to sanctify this Fair Linen for the adornment of Your Church; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
G Amen.

P Most gracious and merciful God, You strengthen us with Your most holy Sacrament. We implore You to sanctify this Fair Linen for use in the consecration and distribution of the body and blood of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Lord Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this Fair Linen.

C Amen.

(Sunday Services continue here)

HYMN

"The Man Is Ever Blessed"

LSB 705



1 The man is ev - er blessed Who shuns the sin - ners' ways, A -
2 But makes the Law of God His stud - y and de - light A -
3 He like a tree shall thrive, With wa - ters near the root; Fresh
4 Not so the wick - ed race, They no such bless - ings find; Their



mong their coun - sels nev - er stands, Nor takes the scorn - ers' place,
mid the la - bors of the day And watch - es of the night.
as the leaf his name shall live, His works are heav'n - ly fruit.
hopes shall flee like emp - ty chaff Be - fore the driv - ing wind.

5 How will they bear to stand
Before the judgment seat
Where all the saints at
Christ's right hand
In full assembly meet?

6 He knows and He approves
The way the righteous go;
But sinners and their works
shall meet
A dreadful overthrow.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Leviticus 19:2b; 1 John 1:9; Matthew 22:37, 39, adapt*

P You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

C If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.

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.**

P And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

C **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. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**

P Standing before God's holiness, we cannot come before Him as we are on our own in our sinful nature. Yet in His great love for us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who sacrificed Himself out of love for us, who was raised from the dead that we might have new life, and who has opened the gates to eternal life, as a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce the love and grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P 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.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 9:1–2, 9–10; antiphon: v. 18

C **For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.
I will be glad and exult in you;
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.
The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.**

And those who know your name put their trust in you,
 for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.
 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.
 For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
 and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.

KYRIE

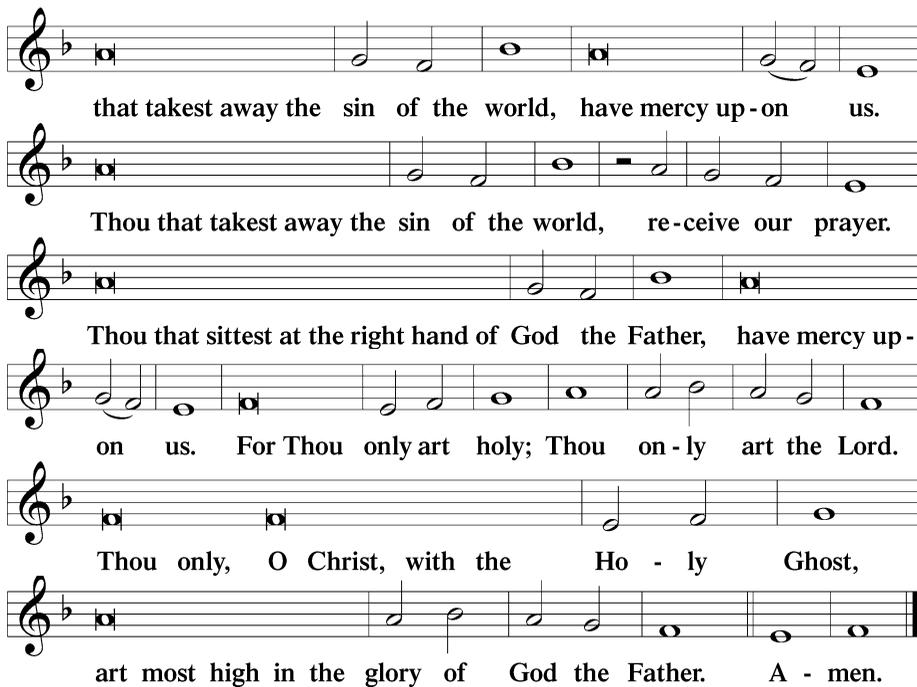
LSB 186

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 187

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward
 men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy 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,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. 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.

C **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 14:6–7

The Word is read...

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (*read together*)

Psalm 46; antiphon: v. 7

- ¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ²Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
³though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
- ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
- ⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- ⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
- ⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.
- ¹⁰"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"
- ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

EPISTLE

Romans 3:19–28

The Word is read...

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

Stand

VERSE*Matthew 22:37b*

- P** Alleluia. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL*John 8:31–36*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

The Gospel is read...

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

*Sit***HYMN**

"Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"

LSB 708

1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from
 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and
 3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om



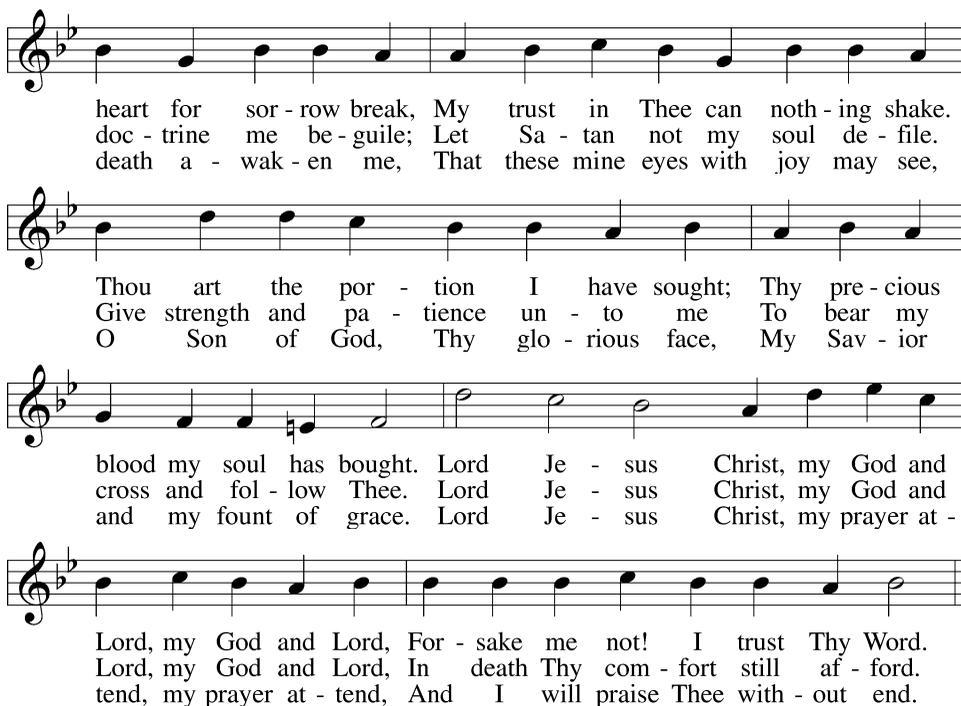
me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer - me. Earth
 all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord,
 bear me home, That I may die un - fear - ing; And



has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were
 grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy
 in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in



void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my
 lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false
 peace-ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from



heart for sor-row break, My trust in Thee can noth-ing shake.
 doc-trine me be-guile; Let Sa-tan not my soul de-file.
 death a-wak-en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,

Thou art the por-tion I have sought; Thy pre-cious
 Give strength and pa-tience un-to me To bear my
 O Son of God, Thy glo-rious face, My Sav-ior

blood my soul has bought. Lord Je-sus Christ, my God and
 cross and fol-low Thee. Lord Je-sus Christ, my God and
 and my fount of grace. Lord Je-sus Christ, my prayer at -

Lord, my God and Lord, For-sake me not! I trust Thy Word.
 Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com-fort still af-ford.
 tend, my prayer at-tend, And I will praise Thee with-out end.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Living the Truth"

Billy Milam

Scripture: ³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

SERMON

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

- ☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
- And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

HYMN

“Thine Forever, God of Love”

LSB 687 st. 1



1 Thine for - ev - er, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne a - bove;



Thine for - ev - er may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!

P Almighty God of love, You are holy and worthy to be loved with all our heart, soul, and mind. We give You thanks for the many blessings for our lives now and eternally, which are not deserved but that You give out of Your perfect love.

HYMN

“Thine Forever, God of Love”

LSB 687 st. 2



2 Thine for - ev - er! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest!



Sav - ior, guard - ian, heav'n - ly friend, O de - fend us to the end!

- A** Ever-giving God of love, though our love is imperfect and often conditional, Yours is perfect and always unconditional. As You call, gather, and enlighten us together by Your Spirit, we bring our burdens of sin, our guilt of wrong, our trials of this life, and troubles we face to Your holy presence, that we find our rest and receive all good things from Your gracious hand.

HYMN

“Thine Forever, God of Love”

LSB 687 st. 3



3 Thine for - ev - er, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earth - ly strife.



Thou, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.

- P** God of comfort and love, we ask Your presence upon those who are burdened with affliction of body, soul, and mind. We bring before You those who have asked for our prayers, [*including . . .*], and those whose needs are known to You. Give hope to the hopeless, promise to the grieving, and peace to the dying.

HYMN

“Thine Forever, God of Love”

LSB 687 st. 4



4 Thine for - ev - er! Shep-herd, keep These Thy frail and trem-bling sheep;



Safe a - lone be - neath Thy care, Let us all Thy good-ness share.

- A** Ever-providing God of love, You give us all we need for this body and life, and we pray for remembrance that all things come from Your hand. Continue to guide and direct those in authority over us in this world that faithfulness be had in administration. Grant safety to all who serve to protect and keep our communities safe. Lead us each day with Your Word that we love You and love our neighbors as ourselves, living as lights in this dark world that others know Your love now and forevermore.

HYMN

"Thine Forever, God of Love"

LSB 687 st. 5

5 Thine for - ev - er! Thou our guide, All our wants by Thee sup - plied,
All our sins by Thee for-giv'n; Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.

P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in You through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

G Amen.

OFFERTORY

LSB 192

G Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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 And also with you.

BENEDICTION

Matthew 22:37–39, adapted

P You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

C You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

P In His love, forgiven by the Lord for the sake of Jesus Christ, go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold to what is good, return no evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all people, and love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And as you do:
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
 vour us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
 fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
 self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
 o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
 of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
 hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
 we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
 child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

A Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

M. Luther,
arr. C. Penfield

PARTICIPATING IN THIS SERVICE

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