

# 503<sup>rd</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

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SUNDAY THE 25<sup>TH</sup> OF OCTOBER 2020

10:00 A.M.

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# **Festival of The 503<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of The Reformation Order of Service**

*Based on Luther's German Mass Of 1526*

## **Prelude**

*Please stand and face the cross at the back of the sanctuary.*

## **Processional Hymn: "Lord Keep Us In Thy Word And Work ("**

*(From the 1st Hymnal of the LCMS by Walther - Tune of LSB 655 "Lord Keep Us Steadfast In Thy Word")*

**1. Lord, keep us in Thy word and work,  
"Restrain the murd'rous world that lurks",  
Who fain would tear from off Thy throne  
Christ Jesus, Thy beloved Son.**

**2 Lord Jesus Christ, Thy pow'r make known,  
For Thou art Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Thy Christendom that we  
May evermore sing praise to Thee.**

**3 O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth.  
Support us in our final strife  
And lead us out of death to life.**

**4 Destroy their counsels, Lord our God,  
And smite them with an iron rod,  
And let them fall into the snare  
Which for Thy Christians they prepare.**

**5 So that at last they may perceive,  
That, Lord our God, Thou still dost live,  
And dost deliver mightily  
All those who put their trust in Thee.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

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

**C: Amen.**

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

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my 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.**

*Please stand*

# Service of the Word

## The Kyrie: "Kyrie! God, Father" LSB 942



Ky-ri - e! God, Fa-ther in heav'n a-bove, You a-bound in gra-cious love,



Of all things the mak-er and pre-serv - er. E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!



Ky-ri - e! O Christ, our king, Sal-va - tion for all You came to bring.



O Lord Je-sus, God's own Son, Our me-di - a-tor at the heav'n-ly throne:



Hear our cry and grant our sup-pli - ca - tion. E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!



Ky - ri - e! O God the Ho - ly Ghost, Guard our faith, the



gift we need the most, And bless our life's last hour, That we leave this



sin-ful world with glad - ness. E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!

## The Gloria: "All Glory Be to God On High" LSB 947



1 All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks for all His  
2 We praise and laud and wor - ship You; We give You thanks for -  
3 O Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son Be - got - ten of the  
4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, our de - light And source of con - so -



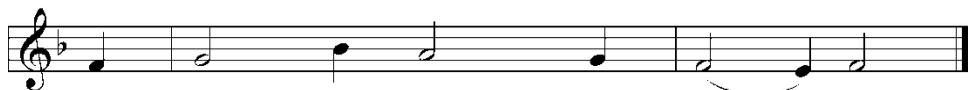
fa - vor; No harm can touch or ter - ri - fy A  
ev - er, O Fa - ther, for Your rule is true And  
Fa - ther, Your sav - ing death has made us one With  
la - tion, Pro - tect us from the dev - il's might Through



child of God for - ev - er. God shows His good and  
just and chang - es nev - er. With bound - less pow'r, Your  
God and with each oth - er. O Lamb of God, to  
Je - sus, our sal - va - tion, Who by His death up -



gra - cious will And grants His peace, the world to fill—  
might - y reign Ful - fills what - ev - er You or - dain.  
You on high In our dis - tress we sin - ners cry,  
on a tree Has res - cued us from mis - er - y:



All strife at last has end - ed.  
Lord, grant us ev - 'ry bless - ing!  
Have mer - cy on us, a - men!  
To this we hold for - ev - er.

## Salutation and Collect 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.**

*Please be seated*

**First Reading: Revelation 14:6–7** *An angel with an eternal gospel*

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.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 48 (Sung by All)**

**1 Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised\*  
in the city | of our God!**

**His holy mountain, 2 beautiful in elevation,  
is the joy of | all the earth,\***

**Mount Zion, in the far north,  
the city of the | great King.**

**3 Within her | citadels\* God  
has made himself known as a | fortress.**

**4 For behold, the kings as- | sembled;\*  
they came on to- | gether.**

**5 As soon as they saw it, they were as- | tounded;\*  
they were in panic; they | took to flight.**

**6 Trembling took hold | of them there,\*  
anguish as of a woman in | labor.**

**7 By the | east wind\* you shattered  
the ships of | Tarshish.**

**8 As we have heard, so have we seen  
in the city of the LORD of hosts,  
in the city | of our God,\*  
which God will establish for- | ever.**

**9 We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,\*  
in the midst of your | temple.**

**10 As your name, O God,  
so your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth.\*  
Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.**

**11**Let Mount Zion | be glad!\*  
Let the daughters of Judah rejoice  
because of your | judgments!  
**12**Walk about Zion, go around her,  
number her | towers,\*  
**13**consider well her ramparts,  
go through her | citadels,  
that you may tell the next generation  
**14**that this is God,  
our God forever and | ever.\*  
He will guide us for– | ever.

**Epistle Reading: Romans 3:19–28**

*“Justified by faith”*

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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise to sing after the introduction*

# Hymn of The Day: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" 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 - vou  
 Nor an - y thanks have for us, 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.



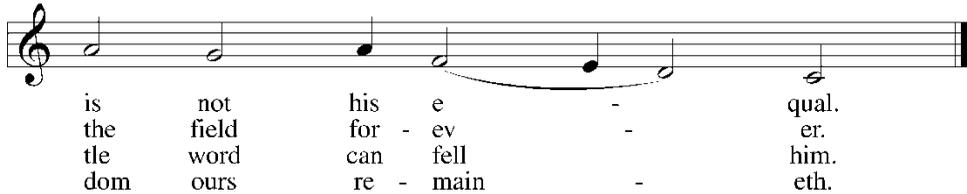
The old e - vil foe Now means  
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus  
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce  
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,



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.  
 the field for - ev - er.  
 the word can fell him.  
 dom ours re - main - eth.

## The Gospel Processional

**The Holy Gospel:** *If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.*

### John 8:31–36

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th 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.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

## The Gospel Recessional





## Creedal Hymn: "We All Believe in One True God" LSB 954



1 We all be - lieve in one true God, Who cre - at - ed  
2 We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, His own Son, our  
3 We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who, in high - est



earth and heav - en, The Fa - ther, who to us in love  
Lord, pos - sess - ing An e - qual God - head, throne, and might,  
heav - en dwell - ing With God the Fa - ther and the Son,



Has the right of chil - dren giv - en. He in soul and  
Source of ev - 'ry grace and bless - ing; Born of Mar - y,  
Com - forts us be - yond all tell - ing; Who the Church, His



bod - y feeds us; All we need His hand pro - vides us;  
vir - gin moth - er, By the pow - er of the Spir - it,  
own cre - a - tion, Keeps in u - ni - ty of spir - it.



Through all snares and per - ils leads us, Watch - ing that no  
Word made flesh, our el - der broth - er; That the lost might  
Here for - give - ness and sal - va - tion Dai - ly come through



harm be - tide us. He cares for us by  
life in - her - it, Was cru - ci - fied for  
Je - sus' mer - it. All flesh shall rise, and



day and night; All things are gov - erned by His might.  
all our sin And raised by God to life a - gain.  
we shall be In bliss with God e - ter - nal - ly.



A - men, a - men. *OR* A - men.

*Please be seated*

## The Sermon: *“For Us Fights the Valiant One”* Psalm 48

*Please stand*

### **Prayers of the Church:**

P: Having confidence in our justification by grace through faith and having access to the Father in Jesus’ name, let us turn our hearts in prayer on behalf of ourselves, the Church and all people according to their needs. O almighty God, You have shown Your faithfulness by raising up those in every generation who call Your Church to repentance and renewal. Continue to raise up voices in our own day who herald the truth of Your Word and proclaim the faith in purity and truth against all enemies. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Everlasting Father, You do not desire the death of the sinner but want all to come to faith and life in Christ. Raise up faithful pastors who will preach Your Word without fail and teach the doctrine delivered to the saints, that many may hear and believe. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Merciful Lord, Your Word has been the light and salvation throughout the ages. Help us to bring Your grace to those in darkness, and grant them freedom through the forgiveness of their sins. Bless the missionaries serving far and near and the new congregations they establish in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God of power and might, You have established governments and the order of law for the protection of all people and to preserve the freedom to worship You in spirit and in truth. Grant, our president; our governor; the Congress of these United States; and the legislature of our state wisdom, humility and integrity, that all may enjoy true justice and the protection of life from its conception to its natural end. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Holy and gracious God, Your power is revealed chiefly in showing mercy to those in need. Give to the sick healing, to the troubled peace, to the grieving comfort and to the dying peace. According to Your

gracious promise, grant patience to those in tribulation and trial. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, You have given great gifts to Your people and provided resources to provide for their own needs and for the poor. Bless the agencies and programs of Your Church by which Your people give aid and support to those in need. Help us to provide gainful employment to all people, that they may enjoy the fruits of their labors and honor You with the works of their hands. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious God and Father, Your own Son has set His table among us and gives His own flesh and blood to be the bread of heaven that feeds us everlasting life and the cup of salvation in which our thirst is satisfied forever. Give us Your Holy Spirit, that we may commune worthily and in repentance and faith feast upon His Holy Sacrament. Bring us at last to that day when all earthly divisions will cease and we will be one people before the altar of the Lord. Until that day, preserve among us Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Almighty God and Father, we pray You to grant us all good things that will benefit us in body and soul and to prevent anything harmful to us or to our salvation. Teach us to live in contentment with Your will and purpose and in the freedom You alone supply to serve You with all our heart, mind, body and soul; all these things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Service of the Sacrament**

*We are pleased that you have decided to join us in worship in the sanctuary of St. John's. We hope that by listening to God's word and partaking of his gift of communion you will be provided with comfort and solace. We respectfully ask that you follow the safety guidelines that have allowed us to be open. Please remain socially distant and wear your mask not only during the service but also as you return to your seat after communion. Thank you for your consideration and have a blessed day."*

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, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. 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 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.**

P: In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

## 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 his disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## The Sanctus: "Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old" LSB 960



I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it



did be-hold High on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, With robes that



filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;



Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of Him. With two they veiled their



fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight,



And with the oth-er two a-loft they soared; One to the oth-er



called and praised the Lord: "Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth!

Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of  
 Sab - a - oth! His glo - ry fills the heav - ens and the earth!" The beams and lin - tels  
 trem - bled at the cry, And clouds of smoke en - wrapped the throne on high.

### Pax Domini

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

C: Amen.

### The Agnus Dei

☐ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the  
 world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
 tak - est a - way the sin of the world. have mer - cy up - on us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the  
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Please be seated*

# The Distribution

## Communion Hymn: "Thy Strong Word" LSB 578



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  
4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



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  
forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



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 - fess.  
ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



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

5       **Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to  
          proclaim,  
          Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
          Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
          Alleluia, alleluia!  
          May the light which Thou dost send  
          Fill our songs with alleluias,  
          Alleluias without end!**

6       **God the Father, light-creator,  
          To Thee laud and honor be.  
          To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
          Praise be sung eternally.  
          Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
          Glory, glory be to Thee.  
          Mortals, angels, now and ever  
          Praise the holy Trinity!**

*Please stand*

### **Post-Communion Collect**

P: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: He is our God forever and ever; He will be our guide even to the end.

**C: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in  
trouble.**

P: The Lord Almighty is with us,

**C: The God of Jacob is our fortress. Amen.**

## **Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN: "As Rome Had Shrouded Earth"**

(Tune of "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" LSB 902)

1.     **As Rome had shrouded earth in night,  
          God said again let there be light!  
          And Luther with the Gospel came,  
          To spread the truth in Jesus' name.**
  
2.     **As Rome the saints of God oppressed,  
          And burdened souls could find no rest,  
          Through Luther God deliv'rance sent,  
          By His pure Word and Sacrament.**
  
3.     **By powers of empire banned and burned,  
          By pagan pride rejected, spurned,  
          The Word still stands the Christian's trust,  
          While haughty empires lie in dust.**
  
4.     **Though hosts against us stand arrayed,  
          Christ bids us still be not afraid;  
          Though all its powers the truth assail,  
          The gates of hell shall not prevail!**

## **Dismissal**

P: Go in Reformation peace and joy serving the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **Postlude**

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