



# ***“The Reformation Continues”***

*Sunday, October 31, 2021 9:00AM*

*Worship Service*

## **AS WE GATHER**

Life can be confusing. Regardless of the contradictions, frustrations, and reversals we face in life, we try to make sense out of it all. Unfortunately, that sense may be misguided and lead to further and deeper confusion deceptively labeled “reality.” No New Year’s resolutions seem to make a difference. Getting back to basics can help to clear things up. Today, Jesus finds Himself surrounded by spiritual confusion. Some asked about the proper relation of church and state: “Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” Others mused on what will be God’s resolution in heaven to the mess we have made of marriage and family here on earth. Still others wondered among the hundreds of rules their religious leaders had set up. Jesus gets them back to basics as He points to the Old Testament creed, “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one” (Deuteronomy 6:4).

In his day, the reformer Martin Luther did a similar thing, restoring the Gospel of Jesus Christ front and center to be the main thing in everything. The main thing is the justification of the sinner by God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Filter everything through that, through Him, and your faith is secure. We do well to open the catechism even daily to help us stay on track. In the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord’s Prayer, we have the heart and center of the Christian faith, the sure guide of God’s Word.

## **DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE**

### **OPENING HYMN**

### **“Thy Strong Word”**

**LSB 578**

- 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
At Thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank Thee,  
While Thine ordered seasons run.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!
- 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,  
Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of Thy salvation,  
Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!
- 3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;  
Bright with Thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory,  
And our lives our hopes confess.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!

- 4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining  
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth  
All Thy bright redeeming light.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without 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!

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*Stand*

- 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 deserved 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 and  
merciful 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.

## INTROIT

Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46

**P** I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]

**C** and shall not be put to shame.

**P** I will bless the LORD at all times;

**C** his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**P** My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

**C** let the humble hear and be glad.

**P** Come, O children, listen to me;

**C** I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

**P** The LORD redeems the life of his servants;

**C** none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

**C** **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.**

**P** I will speak of your testimonies before kings, (O Lord,]

**C** and shall not be put to shame.

## KYRIE (LSB 186)

**C** Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (LSB 187)

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

**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**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.**

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**FIRST READING**

**Revelation 14:6–7**

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

**Romans 3:19–28**

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**ALLELUIA (LSB 190)**

**C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 11:12–19**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

**C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>[Jesus said:] “From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup>For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup>and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

<sup>16</sup>“But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

<sup>17</sup>“‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

<sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ <sup>19</sup>The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### NICENE CREED

- C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

### HYMN of the DAY

### “A Might Fortress Is Our God”

LSB 656

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

- 2 With might of ours can naught be done,  
Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the valiant One,  
Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this?  
Jesus Christ it is,  
Of Sabaoth Lord,  
And there's none other God;  
He holds the field forever.
- 3 Though devils all the world should fill,  
All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill;  
They shall not overpow'r us.  
This world's prince may still  
Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none.  
He's judged; the deed is done;  
One little word can fell him.
- 4 The Word they still shall let remain  
Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain  
With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life,  
Goods, fame, child, and wife,  
Though these all be gone,  
Our vict'ry has been won;  
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

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## SERMON

## “The Reformation Continues”

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.  
**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Almighty and eternal God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give You thanks for the gift of Your dear Son and for the revelation of Your holy will. Implant Your Word in us that we daily keep it and bring forth the fruits of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.
- P** So rule and govern Your Holy Church throughout the world, that hearts be strengthened and preserved in the pure doctrine of Your saving Word. Enable all pastors and teachers to preach and teach with all patience and boldness Your truth for the building up of Your people and the extension of Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.
- P** Grant Your blessing especially to our Synod and to all our sister church bodies that we continue to give faithful and bold witness throughout the world to the truth of Your Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran

Confessions of the Book of Concord for the building up and encouragement of Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Grant health and wisdom to all who are in the authority of government in our land that they maintain justice and defense against all adversaries and that we may live in peace and in all godliness and honesty. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** **Bless our families, schools, and those who teach the Christian faith that we be kept from all false doctrine.** Help us value aright the teaching of the catechism, to learn Your holy Law and Gospel, and to walk steadfast in Your ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Comfort, O God, all who are in trouble, want, sickness, or any other adversity, [*especially . . .*]. Grant healing, courage, and steadfastness to all and especially to those who suffer for Your name's sake. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE (LSB 194)

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS (LSB 195)

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

### LORD'S PRAYER

**P** 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.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD (LSB 197)**

**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 the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**PAX DOMINI (LSB 197)**

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

**C** Amen.

**AGNUS DEI (LSB 198)**

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**“Jesus Comes Today with Healing”**

**LSB 620**

1 Jesus comes today with healing,  
Knocking at my door, appealing,  
Off’ring pardon, grace, and peace.  
He Himself makes preparation,  
And I hear His invitation:  
“Come and taste the blessèd feast.”

2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding,  
Yet in bread and wine abiding  
In this holy sacrament,  
Gives the bread of life, once broken,  
And the cup, the precious token  
Of His sacred covenant.

3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,  
I receive the Savior holy,  
Blood and body, giv’n for me,  
Very Lamb of God from heaven,  
Who to bitter death was given,  
Hung upon the cursèd tree.

4 God descends with heav’nly power,  
Gives Himself to me this hour  
In this ordinary sign.



On my tongue His pledge receiving,  
I accept His grace, believing  
That I taste His love divine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,  
Whose own feast of love I savor,  
Bidden by His gracious call.  
Wedding garments He provides me,  
With a robe of white He hides me,  
Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,  
Comfort in my tribulation,  
Balm to heal the troubled soul.  
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
Cleanses me from sin and error,  
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

## **“At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing”**

**LSB 633**

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from His pierced side.  
Alleluia!

2 Praise we Him, whose love divine  
Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast—  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.  
Alleluia!

3 Where the paschal blood is poured,  
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Alleluia!

4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we manna from above.  
Alleluia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight,  
You have brought us life and light.  
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthrall;

You have opened paradise,  
And Your saints in You shall rise.  
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
Newborn souls in You to be.  
Alleluia!

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days:  
Three in One, Your name we praise.  
Alleluia!

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*Stand*

### **NUNC DIMITTIS (LSB 199)**

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **THANKSGIVING (LSB 200)**

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

### **BENEDICAMUS (LSB 202)**

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **BENEDICTION (LSB 202)**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen, amen, amen.

*Sit*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

### **“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”**

**LSB 655**

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son  
And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make known,  
For You are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Your holy Church that we  
May sing Your praise eternally.
- 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.

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