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PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL † SEEK THE THIRSTY † TEACH THE WORD



Welcome



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As We Gather



GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH; therefore, we need not fear the forces of nature, the conflicts of people and nations, and the wiles of the devil. From His throne flow streams of mercy to give us confident joy. We know that in the end "the kingdom ours remaineth."

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Preparation



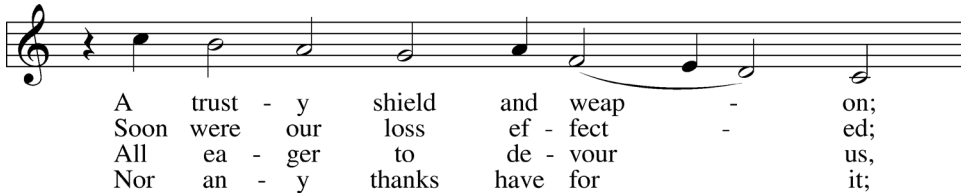
PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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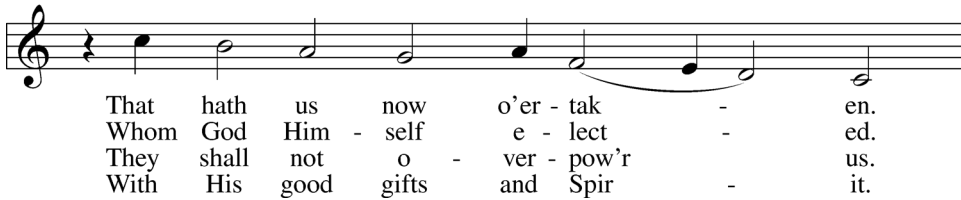
1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
2 With might of ours can naught be done,
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
4 The Word they still shall let re - main



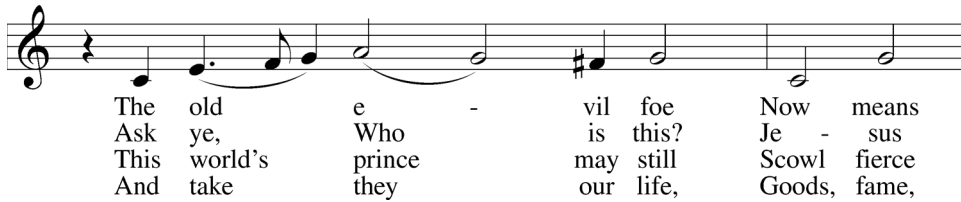
A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



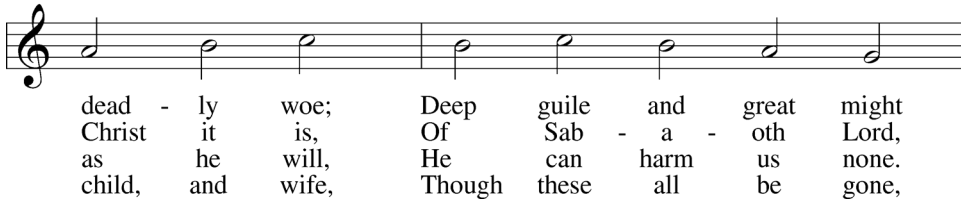
He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 But for us fights the val - iant One,
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 He's by our side up - on the plain



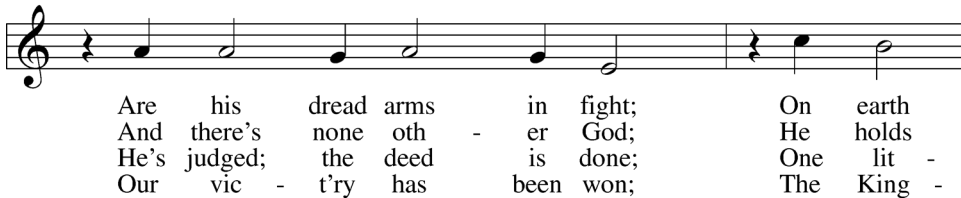
That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



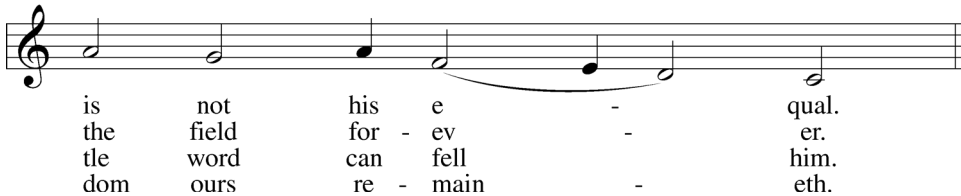
The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,



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.
 tle word can fell him.
 dom ours re - main - eth.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father who created us, the ✠ Son who redeemed us, and the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Psalm 124:8

C **Who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

Psalm 130:3-4

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P Gracious God,

C **You know my poor soul and my great failings, which I confess and deplore before You with an open heart. Alas, I find that I do not have the kind of will and resolve I certainly ought to have and that I am daily falling as a failing, sinful human being. You know that I desire to have such will and resolve, but my enemy leads me bound and captive. Redeem me, a poor sinner, according to Your divine will, from every evil and temptation. Strengthen and increase in me the true faith in You; grant me grace to love my neighbor with all my heart, honestly and as I do myself, as my brother or sister. Grant me patience in persecution and in every adversity. You have promised to forgive, and You have told us to ask of You with confidence. So I come in reliance on this command and promise of Yours and confess and deplore before You all my sin, for You are the shepherd of my soul. Your will be done and blessed forever. Amen.**

(from a prayer of Martin Luther)

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.

Service of the Word



SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.**

FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6-7

⁶Then 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. ⁷And 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."

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now 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. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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. ²⁶It 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.

²⁷Then 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. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel)

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:12-19

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²[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. ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁶"But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, ¹⁷'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.' ¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' ¹⁹The 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 to You, O Christ.

LUTHER'S EXPLANATIONS OF THE ARTICLES OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe 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 that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, 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, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stephanie Womack

SERMON SONG

Your Grace Is Enough

Praise Team

Great is Your faithfulness, O God; You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.

You lead us by still waters into mercy, and nothing can keep us apart.

So, remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your promise, O God.

Chorus: Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob; You use the weak to lead the strong.

You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along.

So, remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your promise, O God. *Chorus*

SERMON

Rev. Shawn Deterding

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH



PREFACE

P The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who for our sake died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death. 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

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and have shown Your gracious power to us through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper, You reveal Your sacred presence among us. Grant that we may receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us now as we pray in His name and in the words He has taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

**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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION ~ *Welcome to the Lord's table.* *(An usher will direct you.)*

DISTRIBUTION SONG

O Come to the Altar

Praise Team

Are you hurting and broken within,
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin? Jesus is calling.
Have you come to the end of yourself,
Do you thirst for a drink from the well? Jesus is calling.

Chorus: O come to the altar; The Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.
Come today; there's no reason to wait. Jesus is calling.
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy;
From the ashes a new life is born. Jesus is calling. *Chorus*

Oh what a Savior; isn't he wonderful.
Sing alleluia; Christ is risen.
Bow down before him, for he is Lord of all.
Sing alleluia; Christ is risen.

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown;
Tell the world of the treasure you've found.

DISTRIBUTION SONG

Run to the Father

Praise Team

I've carried a burden for too long on my own. I wasn't created to bear it alone.
I hear Your invitation to let it all go. I see it now. I'm laying it down.
And I know that I need You.

I run to the Father, I fall into grace. I'm done with the hiding, no reason to wait.
My heart needs a surgeon, my soul needs a friend.
So I'll run to the Father again and again and again and again. Oh...

You saw my condition, had a plan from the start
Your Son for redemption; the price for my heart.

I don't have a context for that kind of love. I don't understand.
I can't comprehend. All I know is I need You.

I run to the Father, I fall into grace. I'm done with the hiding, no reason to wait.
My heart needs a surgeon, my soul needs a friend.
So I'll run to the Father again and again and again and again. Oh...

My heart has been in Your sights long before my first breath.
Running into Your arms is running to life from death.
And I feel this rush deep in my chest. Your mercy is calling out.
Just as I am, You pull me in, and I know I need You now. (*Repeat*)

I run to the Father, I fall into grace. I'm done with the hiding, no reason to wait.
My heart found a surgeon, my soul found a friend.
So I'll run to the Father again and again and again and again. Oh...

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P 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.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P 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.**

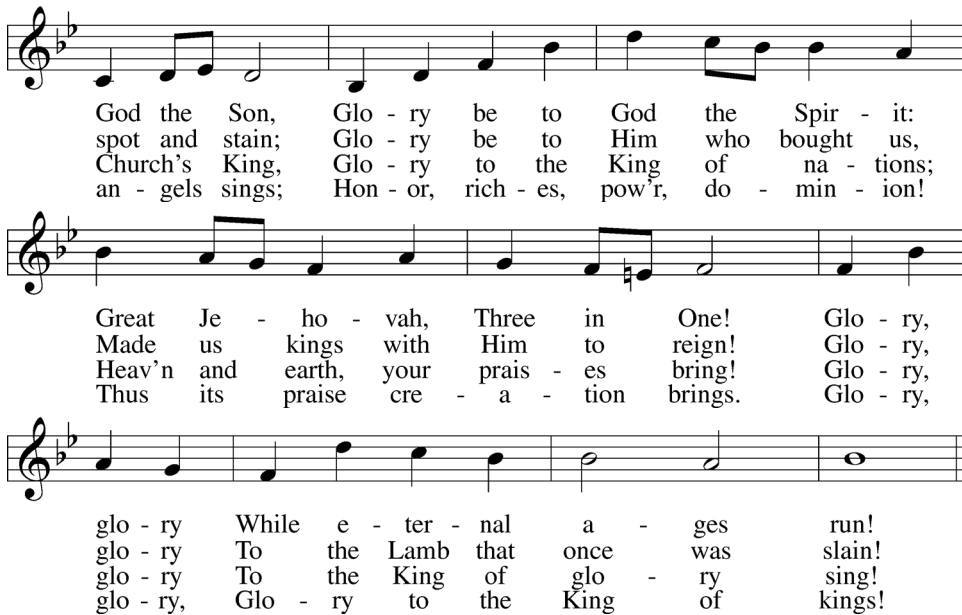
CLOSING HYMN

Glory Be to God the Father

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1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each
3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
 spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,
 Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
 an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!

Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
 Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,
 Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
 Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,

glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
 glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
 glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
 glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Doxology (Amen)

Praise Team



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The altar flowers this week are given in praise and glory to God by George & Lyn R. in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary!


Sola Gratia

GRACE ALONE


Sola Fide

FAITH ALONE


Sola Scriptura

SCRIPTURE ALONE