

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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Our Mission Statement

Bring people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ by

- † reaching up to God in worship and prayer,
- † reaching in to be empowered by God's Word as members of His family &
- † reaching out at every opportunity with the Gospel of Christ.

A Prayer before Worship

Dear Father, I pray for myself and all the world: Keep us steadfast in Your Holy Word, and do not take it from us because of our sin, laziness, and ungratefulness. Preserve us from divisive spirits and false teachers. Send us true and right workers in Your harvest, who will be devout pastors and preachers. Give us all grace that we may humbly hear, receive, and honor their Word as Your own, and heartily thank You for it. Amen

(M. Luther, 1483-1546)

Large Print Bulletin and Children's Bulletin

Copies of today's bulletin are available in LARGE PRINT. Children's Activity Bulletins are also available. Please ask an usher if you would like to use either of these options.

Nursery/Cry Room

The nursery is available for families with young children ages 2 and under in Room 109. Or, if you prefer, Room 100 also is available as a cry room and/or a room for nursing mothers. Please ask an usher if you need assistance or directions.

For Those Desiring Holy Communion, Please Read:

"Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." 1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Being admonished to receive Christ's Body and Blood in a worthy manner, let us prepare our hearts for reception of this sacrament by privately answering the following:

- 1. Do I believe that I am a sinful person without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?
- 2. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my Savior?
- 3. Do I believe that He is present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His Body and Blood?
- 4. Do I hope by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a godly life?

AS YOU COME TO THE LORD'S SUPPER you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, that you believe His Body and Blood are present, and that you desire to serve Him as a disciple in the fellowship of His church. If you are not an active member of an LCMS congregation, please speak with the Pastor before communing.

Reformation Sunday

October 29, 2023 10:00 AM Divine Service I – LSB 151

Prelude

Stand

Entrance Hymn

"Thy Strong Word LSB 578



Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Choir only: 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!



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Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

LSB 151

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Matthew 28:19b, [18:20]

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

1 John 1:8-9

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

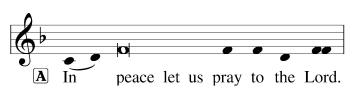
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

[John 20:19-23]

- 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.

+++Service of the Word+++

Kyrie





Mark 10:47; LSB 152





Hymn of Praise

"This is the Feast", LSB 155 Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9



- **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

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."

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

Psalm

Psalm 46 (antiphon: v.7)



The LORD of hosts is | with us;* the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

God is our ref- | uge and strength,* a very present help in | trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the | earth gives way,* though the mountains be moved into the heart | of the sea,

though its waters | roar and foam,*
though the mountains tremble at its | swelling.

There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,* the holy habitation of the | Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall | not be moved;*
God will help her when | morning dawns.

The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter;* he utters his voice, the | earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is | with us;* the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

Come, behold the works | of the LORD,* how he has brought desolations | on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end | of the earth;*
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots | with fire.

"Be still, and know that | I am God.*

I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted | in the earth!"

The LORD of hosts is | with us;* the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

The LORD of hosts is | with us;* the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

Epistle 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.

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







Holy Gospel John 8:31–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."



LSB 657



1 A might - y for - tress is God, A sword and shield vic our strength of 2 No might. We would be ours can match his lost, re -Choir only: 3 Though hordes of fill land All dev - ils the threat-'ning to bide, No Word for - ev - er shall 4 God's a 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 e - lect - ed. You self ask who this may be? The Lord of o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



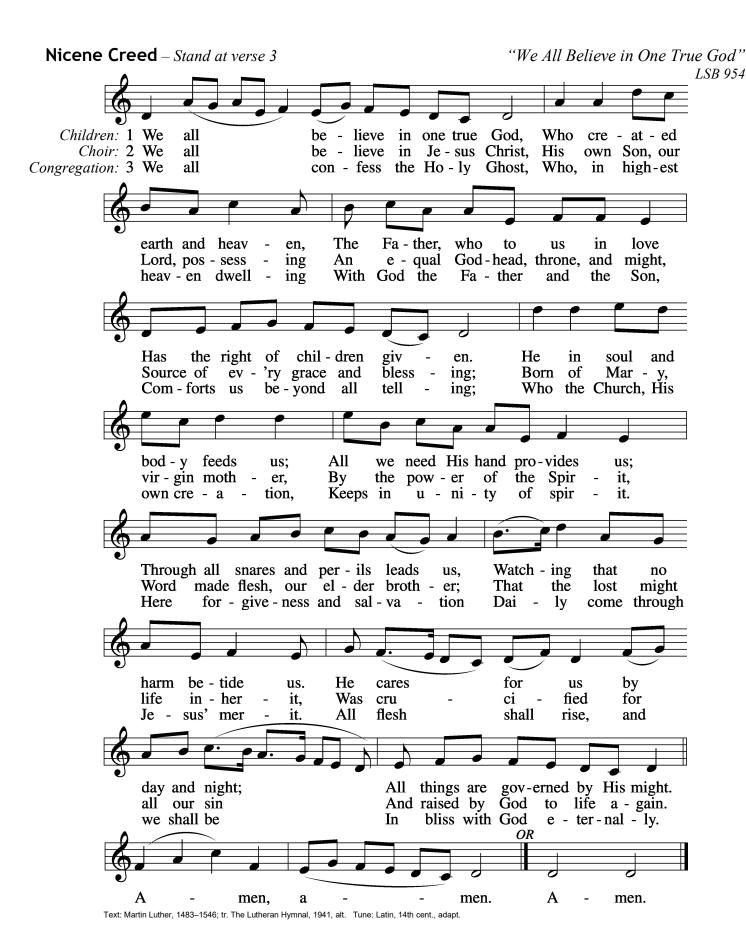


a - dored. He holds the on - ly Son, field vic - to rious. judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him. win the day. The King-dom's ours er! can - not for - ev

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Sermon





Prayer of the Church

Sit

(Traditionally, this is the time to collect offerings, instead there is an offering plate at the rear of the sanctuary. Other giving options are through the mail or online from our website's "Giving" link. This QR code points there.)



Stand

Offertory

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19; LSB 159



Stand

+++Service of the Sacrament+++

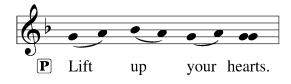


Preface LSB 160



2 Timothy 4:22

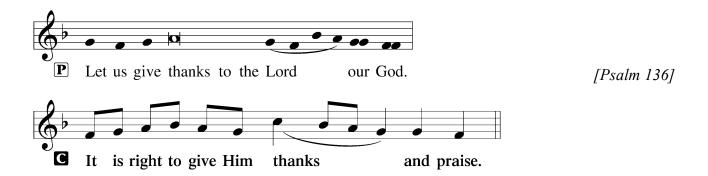




[Colosians 3:1]

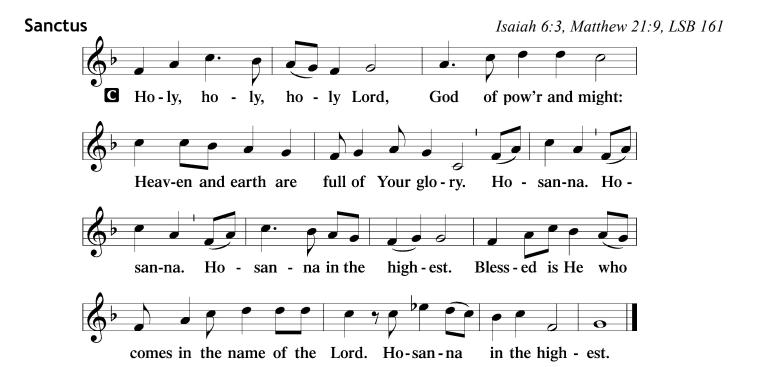


C We lift them to the Lord.



Proper Preface

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 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:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.
 - Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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.

- 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 + 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."

Proclamation of Christ

1 Corinthians 11:26

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Revelation 22:20

- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

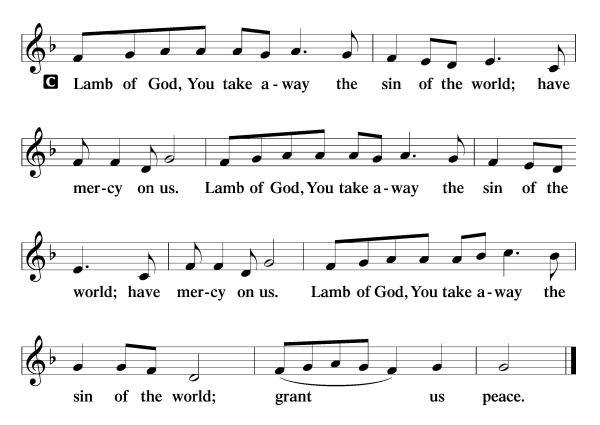
Pax Domini John 20:19; LSB 163

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Sit



Agnus Dei John 1:29





Distribution

Communicants are asked to hold forth their open hand to receive the bread so the elder may discern who is confirmed. Gluten-free wafers are available. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center circle of individual cups for those who prefer it.

Distribution Hymns

The Lutheran Service Book is located in the basket underneath the chair in front of you.

Choral Anthem

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word," setting by Donald Busarow

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword Would wrest the kingdom from your Son and bring to nought all he has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known, For you are Lord of lords alone; Defend you holy Church, O Lord, that we may sing your praise triumphantly.

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.

By Grace I'm Saved The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

LSB 566

LSB 580

Stand

Post-Communion Canticle

"Thank the Lord,"

LSB 164



Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.





Post-Communion Collect

LSB 166

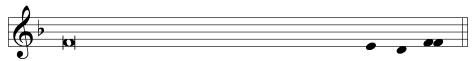
P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

 \mathbf{C} Amen.



Benediction Numbers 6:24-26



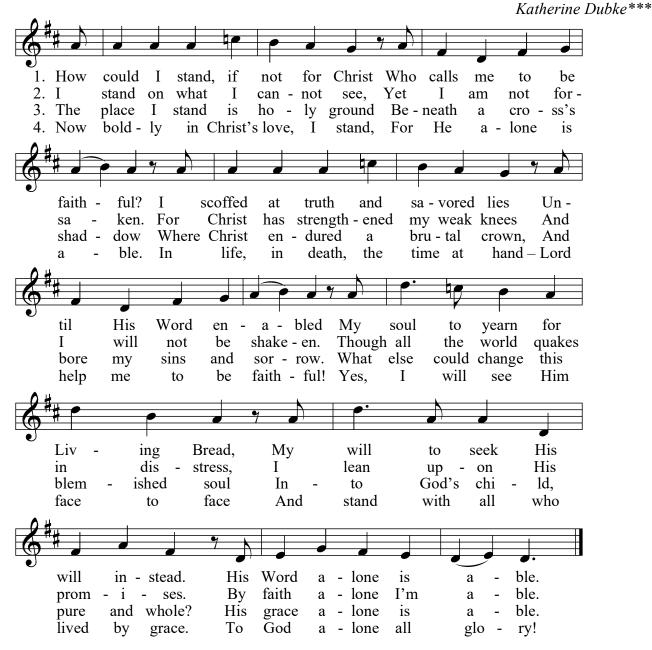
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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



Recessional Hymn

"How Could I Stand, If Not for Christ"



Sit

Announcements Dismissal

- **P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Postlude

An offering may be placed in the offering plate as you exit.

A Prayer after Worship

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Katherine Dubke was commissioned by Lord of Life in 2017 to write a hymn for us in honor of the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther posting his 95 Theses. She crafted the words to "How Could I Stand, If Not for Christ" and we sing it this morning to the tune of *Es Ist Das Heil*.



Please come help us celebrate the Reformation at our annual Oktoberfest potluck hosted by Family Ministry. It will be immediately following this service.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

There are no classes today as we celebrate the church's Reformation.

Coffee with Skeptics

On Sunday, November 5, 5:00pm - 6:30 pm, Learn how to begin conversations with skeptics and unbelievers, what tactics we can use to share our faith, and ultimately how to comfort those who are lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Erick Sorensen is host of the Law & Gospel Devotional, cohost of the 30 Minutes in the New Testament and Field Guide to the Bible podcasts and is co-author of Scandalous Stories: A Sort of Commentary on the Parables. Bring a friend – all are welcome. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits

Lord of Life will be assembling kits on November 4th to ship out on November 11th. These kits give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations. Contributions need to in the LWR collection box in the narthex by today. Cash donations are also needed to cover shipping costs. (Make checks payable to LOL, note for LWR shipping)

Voters' Meeting December 3, 2023

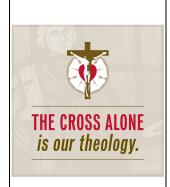
Please plan to attend our semi-annual voters' meeting. Topics covered will be the budget, financial update and the state of the parish.

A Life Thought in the Church Year

Our Reformation heritage includes boldly and gladly confessing God's Word. The Scriptures speak frequently and forcefully of taking care of children (1 Thessalonians 2:7) and standing up for a neighbor's life (Leviticus 19:16). Christians cannot promote or even permit putting people to death by abortion, assisted suicide, and embryo experimentation. Love for our Father means love for each other!

CHRIST FOR YOU this Week on KFUO

Blessed Reformation (observed)! Hear about Church Discipline on Free-Text First Friday on Thy Strong Word (11/3 at 11:00 a.m. CT), study Hebrews 10-11 on Sharper Iron's "The New Covenant in Christ" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and have some fun with our first Pie Social on The Coffee Hour (11/2 at 9:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand on kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app!



Sola Scriptura, Sola Gratia, Sola Fide. Solus Christus.

Sola Scriptura. Sola Gratia. Sola Fide. Solus Christus. Latin. Ironic, isn't it? A movement that resulted in the liturgy and the bible in our language (not Latin) is remembered by Latin phrases. By Scripture alone, by grace alone, by faith alone. Through Christ alone. Alone. Without your help. Without human tradition. Without anyone's assistance. God acts alone through Jesus.

Serving Our Worship Today:

Pastor: Rev. Joel Shaltanis Victoria Frinsko Organist: Timpani: Brian Wolf Trombone: Michael Swann French Horn: Justin Anderson Trumpet: Kathryn Kolb, Fred Bernhardt Flute: Lora Frinsko Acolyte: Emily Scarth, Robert Duff Altar Guild: Gail Senter, Catherine Borck Elder: Mike Kunschke Greeters: Don Bunger and Haley Moore Mark Ziegelbein, David Messinger Ushers: Sound: Nick Moudy

This Week at Lord of Life-Today, Oct. 29, 2023

10:00 am One Worship Service

Reformation Oktoberfest

Tuesday, October 31

12:00 pm Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 1

10:00 am Midweek Bible Study

7:00 pm Adult Choir

Friday, November 3

9:00 am Comfort Makers

Saturday, November 4

7:30 am Men's Bible Breakfast

Next Sunday's Readings November 5, 2023

First Reading: Rev. 7:(2–8) 9–17

Epistle: 1 John 3:1–3

Gospel: Matt. 5:1–12



The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Charis Bennett in celebration of Duncan's birthday; and by Charles & Suzanne Gabriel in memorial of James William's birthday.



About the Cover: VDMA, a popular insignia of the Reformation, is an acronym for Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum, which is Latin for "the Word of the Lord remains forever" (see Isaiah 40:8; 1 Peter 1:25). Amid strife and trouble from all directions, the reformers held that the Word would remain. Nothing can quash God's Word. St. Peter directly applied the words of Isaiah to the Good News of Jesus' death and resurrection. Nothing in this world can take Jesus away from us. Even if everything else is gone, the Word will always remain. The Reformation is a call to confidence, consolation, and courage in nothing other than the Word of the Lord. "The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever" (1 Peter 1:24–25).