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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. It is staffed during Bible classes and 10:45AM service. 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 Our Guests Concerning Holy Communion

As a Family in Christ, we care about all who commune with us. We are deeply concerned that all who come to the Lord's Table do so for their benefit and renewal of faith in Christ. Scripture says that we are to "examine ourselves" so that we receive Christ's body and blood rightly and not drink judgment on ourselves at the Lord's Table.

> *27 Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. 28 Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. (1st Corinthians 11:27-29)*

We take our responsibility in this regard very seriously. Communing with us indicates unity with what we believe, teach and confess. For these reasons, if you have not been instructed in the beliefs of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we request that you talk to our pastor about attending a class of instruction about what our church believes before communing.

Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2026
10:00 AM
Divine Service V – *LSB 213*

Prelude

Stand

Entrance Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God", *LSB 656*



Choir only:

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.

{Interlude}

All:

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.

Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

LSB 213

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.**

[Hebrews 10:22]

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.

Psalm 124:8

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

Psalm 32:5

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.**

[John 20:19-23]

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.**

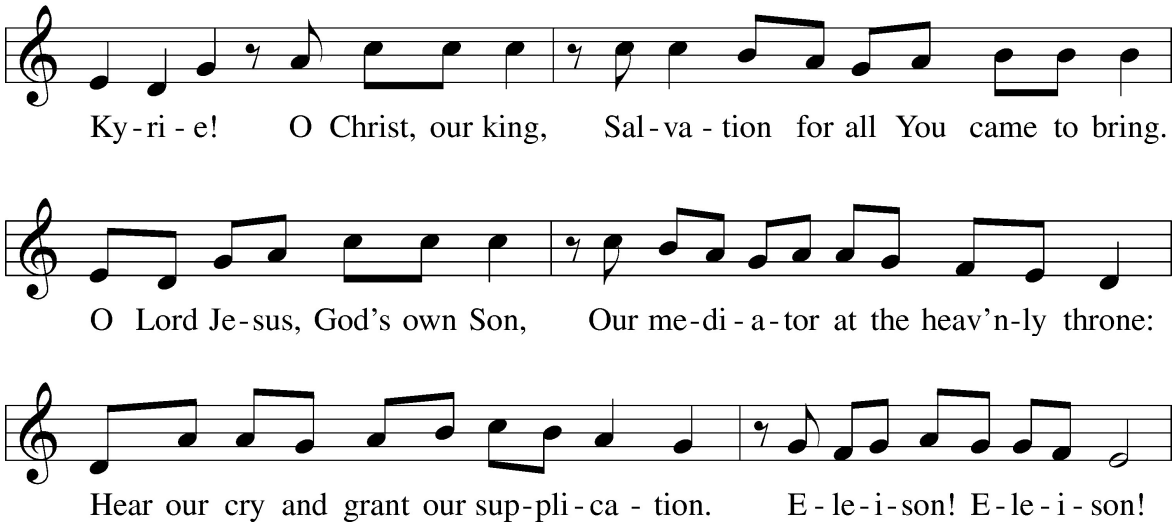
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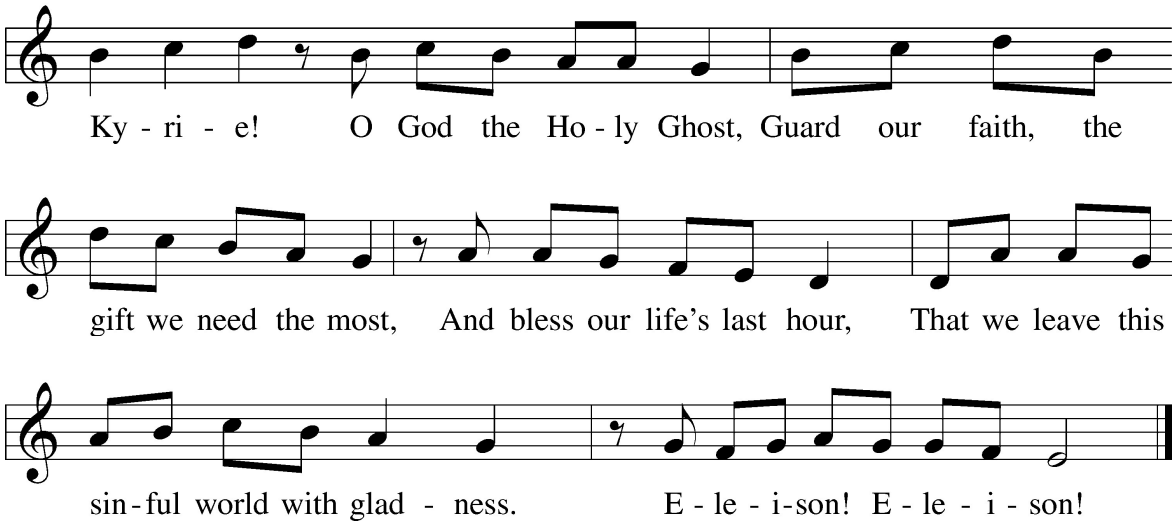
Kyrie

"Kyrie! God, Father"
LSB 942

Choir:

Kyrie! God, Father in heav'n above,
You abound in gracious love,
Of all things the maker and preserver.
Eleison! Eleison!





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Gloria Patri

GLORY BE TO GOD THE FATHER

Gloria in Excelsis: *(with brief introduction)* "All Glory Be to God Alone"
LSB 948





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Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22; LSB 205

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

6 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. 7 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.**

Choral Anthem

"O God, What You Ordain is Right"
Music by Johann Pachelbel, arr. by Hal Hopson

O God, what you ordain is right; her shall my stand be taken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, still I am not forsaken.
Your watchful care is 'round me there; you hold me that I shall not fall.
So, Lord, to you I leave it all.

Epistle

Romans 3:19–28

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

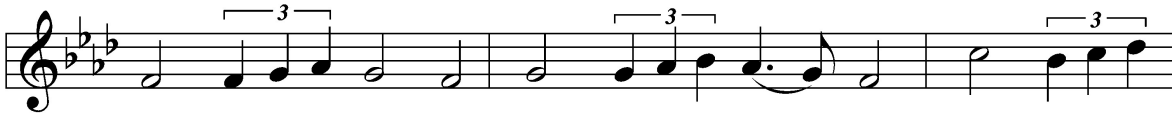
[21]But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— [22]the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: [23]for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [24]and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

[27]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. [28]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.**

Hymn of the Day

"Thy Strong Word"
LSB 578



	1	Thy	strong	word	did	cleave	the	dark - ness;	At	Thy
Choir Only:	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
	5	Give	us	lips	to	sing	Thy	glo - ry,	Tongues	Thy
△	6	God	the	Fa -	ther,	light -	cre -	a - tor,	To	Thee



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Stand

Holy Gospel *John 8:31–36*

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed *LSB 191*

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

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

LSB 215

Sit

Offerings may be placed in the plate at the rear of the sanctuary. Other giving options are through the mail or online. This QR code points there.

Stand

+++Service of the Sacrament+++

Preface

LSB 216
2 Timothy 4:22, [Colossians 3:1], [Psalm 136]

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.

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

Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24,
Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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 ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P 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."

Choral Introduction

Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth

Sanctus "Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old," *LSB 960*



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Pax Domini

John 20:19; LSB 217

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

Sit



Agnus Dei

John 1:29; LSB 198



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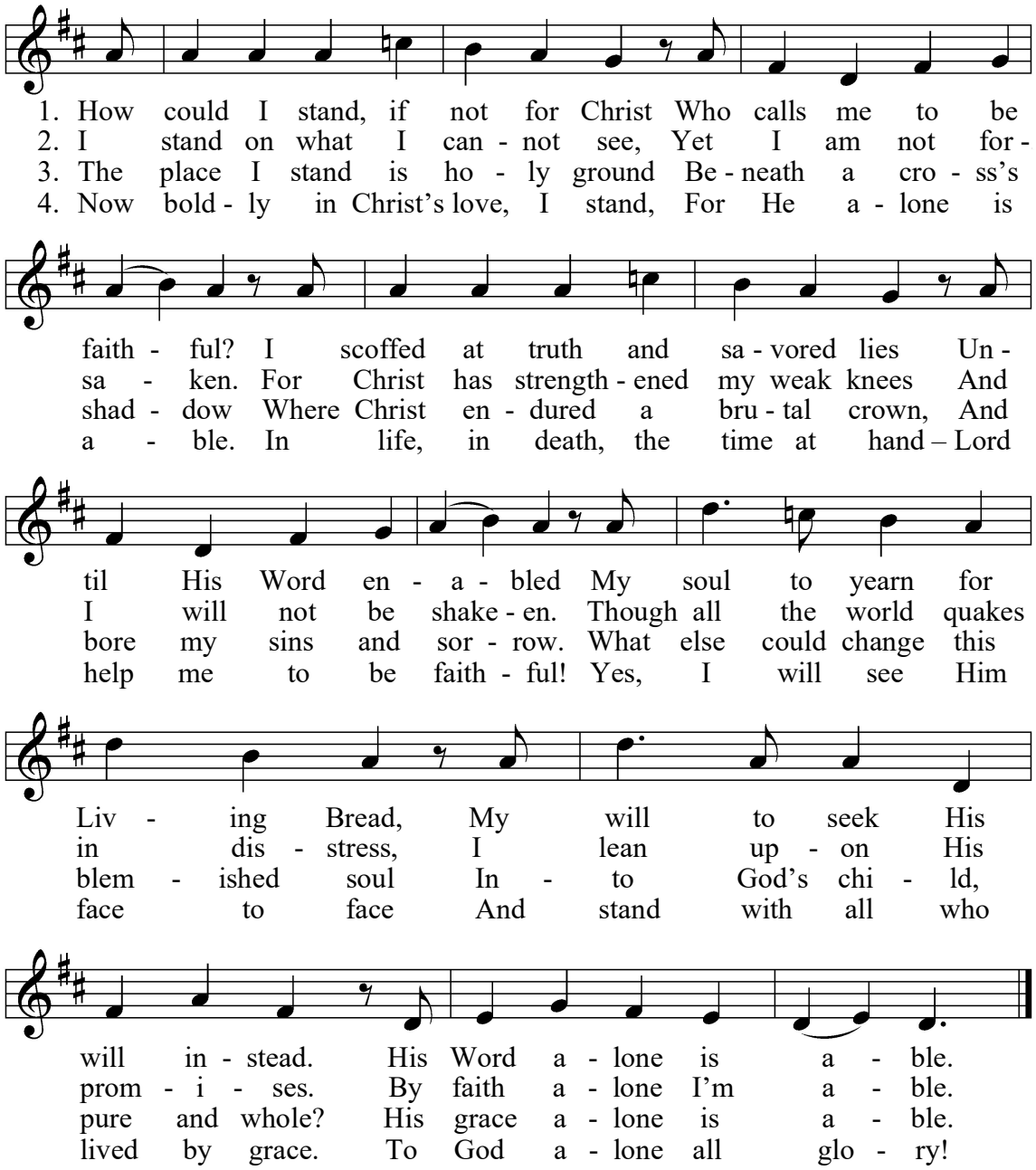
Communicants are asked to hold forth their open hand to receive the bread so the elder may discern who is confirmed. Gluten-free wafers are available. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center circle of individual cups for those who prefer it.

Distribution Hymns

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

How Could I Stand, If Not for Christ

*Katherine Dubke****



Built on the Rock *LSB 645*

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee *LSB 750*

Our Father, Who from Heaven Above *LSB 766*

Stand

Post-Communion Hymn: "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

LSB 617 st. 1, 3



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Post-Communion Collect

LSB 218

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.**



Benedicamus

[Psalm 103:1]

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

Recessional Hymn

"May God Bestow on Us His Grace"
LSB 823



Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.
Tune: Der Lxvj. Deus Misereatur, 1524, Magdeburg

Sit

Announcements

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

REFORMATION SERVICE NOTES

Today's service follows our Divine Service Setting V, which is also known as Martin Luther's German Mass. Although Luther was considered by some to be a radical, he was very conservative in his reforms regarding the structure of the Mass. He kept most of the service structure of the Roman Catholic Church, which is why there are so many similarities in the liturgy between a Lutheran service and a Roman Catholic Mass. In the introduction to his Latin Mass in 1523, Luther wrote: *"It is not now nor ever has been our intention to abolish the liturgical service of God completely, but rather to purify the one that is now in use from the wretched accretions which corrupt it and to point out an evangelical use."* The biggest change to the Mass that Luther implemented was integrating the use of the common language (German) with the ecclesiastical language (Latin) in the service. Luther wanted the people to hear the Word and sing hymns in their own language, thereby participating in the service rather than merely observing. Scripture readings, the sermon, and some hymns were to be in German while much of the rest of the service remained in Latin. Later, in 1526, he wrote the German Rite, which was entirely in German.

In his Mass, Luther retained sung parts of the Ordinary, or parts that do not change. This includes the Kyrie, Gloria, Creed, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei. Rather than translating the Latin form into German, he used newly written hymns, some of which we will sing today. In Luther's time, these would have been sung in unison and unaccompanied.

Kyrie: Today we sing *"Kyrie, God Father in Heaven Above."* It is based on a Gregorian chant, which often had melismatic passages, that is, passages where many notes were sung on just one syllable. Luther gave words to those many notes. As we sing it today, we acknowledge God the Father, creator, preserver, abounding in love; Jesus, God's own Son who came to save us; and God the Holy Ghost, to whom we pray to guard our faith, even as we sing "Lord, have mercy." This phrase has Old and New Testament roots, including King David's prayer in Psalm 51:1, which says, "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love." The Kyrie and the Gloria have been part of worship since the middle of the Fourth Century.

Gloria: Following the Kyrie, we sing *"All Glory Be to God Alone."* This hymn serves as a German poetic and musical adaptation of the historic church's song of praise, echoing the angels' song at Christ's birth. It is a traditional Lutheran chorale attributed to Martin Luther, adapted from the Latin *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* around 1537. Translated into English by W. Gustave Polack, it praises the Trinity and reflects the core Reformation theme of *Soli Deo Gloria* by directing worship to God the Father, Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Our setting today is arranged by Jacob B. Weber.

Creed: The creed will be spoken today. (As a side note, if we were to sing the creed, our Lutheran Service Book 954 represents Luther's text as the versification of the Nicene Creed.)

Sanctus: Based on Isaiah 6:1-4, *"Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old"* puts in verse form the vision of the Lord sitting on a throne with seraphim around Him saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" Both the text and tune of "Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old" are credited to Martin Luther, with choral setting arranged by Matthew Machamer.

Agnus Dei: This has been part of the service since the 7th century. In song we proclaim the words of John the Baptist from John 1:29: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" Our setting today is the very familiar one from Divine Service Three in the Lutheran Service Book with a descant arranged by Jacob B. Weber.

REFORMATION HYMN NOTES

The variety of hymn sources today reflects the rich history of Lutheran hymnody.

Opening Hymn: The text and tune of *"A Mighty Fortress"* were written and composed by Martin Luther between 1527 and 1529. It is a paraphrase based on Psalm 46 and is known as the "Battle Hymn of the Reformation." It's been translated into English dozens of times, most famously by Frederic Henry Hedge in 1852/1853. It has been adapted and arranged by major classical composers including J.S. Bach (Cantata BWV 80) and Felix Mendelssohn (Symphony No. 5). The setting used today is by Jeffrey Blersch.

Hymn of the Day: *"Thy Strong Word"* was written for Concordia Seminary St. Louis based on the school's Greek motto *Anothen to Phos* ("Light from Above," Matthew 4:16). Professor Walter Buszin discovered the Welsh tune "Ebenezer" and requested fellow Professor Walter Franzmann to write a hymn text for this tune for the 1955 seminary commencement service. Originally, Franzmann drafted the hymn with four stanzas, but after a request by Buszin, a cross-focused stanza was added shortly after, and a closing Trinity doxology stanza was added in 1959. It was originally sung in chapel in October 1954, and then as the processional hymn at commencement services from 1955-1997. The musical setting today is by Carl Schalk.

Closing Hymn: Our closing hymn, *"May God Bestow on Us His Grace,"* was written by Martin Luther around 1523–1524 as a metrical adaptation of Psalm 67. It was first published in 1524 and focuses on God's riches toward us, for which we give him praise.

Distribution Hymns:

"How Could I Stand if Not for Christ" was written in 2017 by Katherine Dubke for Lord of Life Lutheran Church on the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the 95 Theses posted on the church door in Wittenberg, October 31, 1517. It is paired with a 16th-century tune we know from singing "Salvation Unto Us Has Come."

"Built on the Rock" was written by the Danish pastor and poet Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig with music by Ludvig M. Lindeman. It is frequently grouped among favorites of the Lutheran hymn heritage because it shares the same resilient, confessionally Lutheran spirit as Luther's "A Mighty Fortress." The opening lines emphasize that Christ, not physical buildings or human institutions, is the true foundation of the church.

"If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee" is a 17th-century hymn written and composed by German poet and civil servant Georg Neumark in 1641 during the Thirty Years' War. It was later translated into English by Catherine Winkworth. Johann Sebastian Bach used the chorale extensively, notably in his Orgelbüchlein (BWV 642) and in several cantatas.

"Our Father, Who from Heaven Above" was written by Martin Luther around 1539 as a versified chorale based on the Lord's Prayer. Luther paired his text with this anonymous melody in Valentin Schumann's hymnal, *Geistliche Lieder*. Manuscript drafts reveal that Luther originally experimented with a different tune of his own composition before dropping it in favor of this older, possibly secular melody. Each stanza opens with a line from the prayer and unpacks the Lord's Prayer through the lens of his Small Catechism.