The Reformation of the Church



Siebert Chapel Wednesday, June 14 8:30 a.m.

ABOUT THE SERVICE

Service Focus

The opening service of the 2017 National Conference on Worship, Music, and the Arts fittingly celebrates the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation of the Church. The movement that began with the posting of the Ninety-five Theses restored the pure gospel to the church. The Reformers stood before governors and kings and gave testimony to the truth. God worked through their words and writings to reform the church and remake the world. Historians rank the Reformation as the second most important world event of the last thousand years. Dr. Martin Luther was a monk, a priest, and a professor at a little university in Wittenberg, Germany, but God used his witness and the true doctrine that he proclaimed to change the world. As heirs of the Reformation, here we stand. May our witness be as faithful and the effects as profound!

Order of Service

The order of service that follows is a liturgical text authorized and approved by the WELS Hymnal Project. See page 50 for more information. Settings of the Gloria, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei by Ricky Manalo are under consideration by the WELS Hymnal Project. Today's service presents festival options for these canticles, with organ, brass, and timpani (but not the available handbells). They may also be performed with piano and guitar.

The setting of the text of Lord, Have Mercy was composed for worship at Grace, Milwaukee, by Kevin Becker in 2016.

Service Music

The instrumental music prepared and offered in conference worship is itself a proclamation of the gospel as it quotes melodies of familiar hymns (and thereby calls to mind familiar gospel texts) and gives praise to him who created and encourages the arts as vehicles for the gospel.

The **pre-service music** focuses our attention on the Word of God and prepares us to receive the gospel in Word and Sacrament. Visiting during the pre-service has been a perennial problem at the worship conferences. Once again, we ask worshipers to listen quietly and meditate on the message in the music.

The **musical offering**, normally presented during the gathering of gifts in the service, is itself an offering, as musicians recall and proclaim gospel words and themes. Truly, the proclamation of the gospel is the highest form of praise.

The **postlude** brings a final gospel announcement to worship. We go out into the world with the message of salvation ringing in our ears and touching our hearts. Worshipers are encouraged to remain for the postludes which conclude conference worship, although it can be understood if some need to depart.

Conference Commissions

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, Michael D. Costello Psalm 46, Dale A. Witte
Prayer of the Church, Arnold Koelpin

Original works premiered in this conference

Salvation unto Us Has Come, Jacob A. Weber Verse of the Day for Reformation Year A, Kurt Cereske

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Gott der Vater wohn uns bei

Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780) from Eight Chorale Preludes for Organ with Trumpet, 1947 Mercury Music Corporation, MPI-517

Jesaia, dem Propheten

Jan Bender (1909-1994) from Missa pro organo, op. 52, 1970 Edition Merseburger 885

Order of Service

HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Martin Luther, 1529 EIN FESTE BURG Setting by Michael D. Costello, 2017 MorningStar, MSM-60-6400

Stand as the hymn is introduced. Face the cross and follow its path to the chancel where it serves as the focus of Christian worship. The choir sings stanza 3.



- **M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son **♣** and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- **M:** If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
- C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.
- **M:** Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
- C: Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his holy life and innocent death.

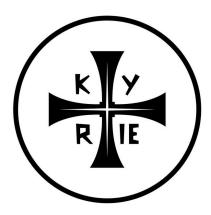
Trusting in him, I pray:

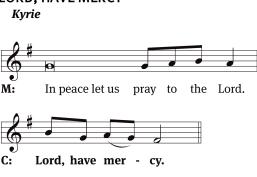
God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

ABSOLUTION

- M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ▼ and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.



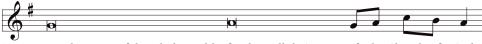




For the peace from above and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

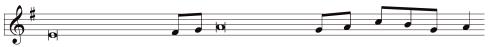


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,





Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,





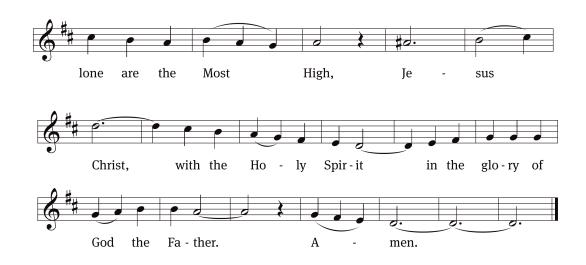
Lord, have mer - cy.





men.





The Word

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God, through the preaching of your servants, the blessed Reformers, you caused the light of the gospel to shine forth. Grant that we may faithfully defend it against all enemies and joyfully proclaim it to the salvation of people everywhere to the glory of your holy name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

FIRST READING

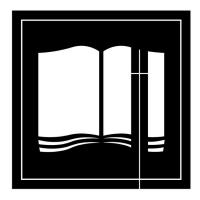
Daniel 3:16-28

Stand firm before the fiery furnace.

After the reading:

M: The Word of the Lord.

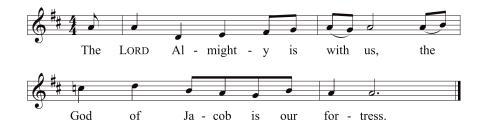
C: Thanks be to God.



PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 46

Setting by Dale A. Witte, 2017

The cantor/choir sings the refrain. All repeat the refrain and sing it as indicated.



The cantor/choir sings the verses of the psalm.

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall;

God will help her at break of day.

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;

he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

Refrain

Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

Refrain

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

Stand firm in the faith that justifies.

After the reading:

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY Setting by Kurt Cereske, 2017

Alleluia. Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 10:16-23

Stand firm to the end.

After the reading:

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Alleluia. Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

Be seated.

ANTHEM I Will Speak

Phillip Magness, 2004 Concordia, 98-3802

I will speak of your statutes before kings, O Lord, and will not be put to shame.
I will sing and proclaim your truths, my God, for you have anointed me with grace.

Blessed is he whose help is in God, whose help is the God of Jacob. Blessed is the man who trusts in you.

I will speak of your statutes before kings, O Lord, and will not be put to shame.

Your strong Word I confess; I believe and am saved. Princely powers I fear not, for your truth is my faith. Now my heart rests on roses.

I will speak of your statutes before kings, O Lord, and will not be put to shame.

O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth

Martin Franzmann (1907-1976) JERUSALEM

Settings by Benjamin Culli, 2014 Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord, Concordia, 98-4181

The choir sings stanza 3.



SERMON Romans 3:19-28

Here We Stand

NICENE CREED

Credo

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Based on Luther's prayer at the Diet of Worms (1521) as he faced the papal and imperial authorities.

- **M:** Almighty, eternal God! Out of the depths we call to you. The world opens its mouth to swallow your church, and our faith in you is too small to confront its lures and attractions!
- C: We confess the weakness of our sinful flesh. Satan deceives us daily. If we are to depend upon any strength from ourselves, all is lost. Help us, we beg, to withstand the ungodly way of life that the world has to offer.
- **M:** The work is not ours, O God, but yours. O Sovereign Lord and Creator, we have no way to satisfy your righteousness, nothing to contest the great Deceiver's earthly power, nothing to mute its false attractions, nothing to uproot the rule of our sinful flesh.
- C: We would gladly pass our days in happiness and peace in an age awash with iniquity. Hear us, heavenly Father, for the cause is yours. Yes, Creator of all that is, your cause is righteous and everlasting. Vindicate your name among the nations!

- **M:** O all-seeing Lord, have mercy on your church. You understand our plight. We thank you for sending a messenger of peace to correct the times between life and death. This One is your Son, Jesus the Christ, the incarnate Savior, who saves us from calamities that plague your church.
- C: You have chosen us to do your work. Therefore, O God, accomplish it by your will. Stand by your church each day in the name of Jesus, who is our shelter and shield, our mighty fortress. Through the strength of the Holy Spirit, such faith works joy and peace and willingness to serve a world in need.
- **M:** We are even ready to lay down our life for this cause, as were your servants Martin Luther and his fellow Reformers and Confessors, who forcefully stormed the kingdom of heaven to restore the gospel of your righteousness to its central place in Christian life.
- C: For the cause is holy. Though this world is filled with devils and though our bodies perish in persecution, your Word and your Spirit still remain. The church always needs reform as its message encounters the false and frivolous. But the Word of God stands firm forever.
- **M:** In the confidence of faith, gracious Lord, bless our efforts to spread the gospel of the glory and grace of God throughout the world to the joy and edifying of all who hear and believe and for your glory and our good.
- C: Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Salvation unto Us Has Come

Fugue for Brass Quintet Jacob B. Weber, 2015 manuscript

The Sacrament

Stand.

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who in blessing his saints of the past has given us glorious assurance and hope that, following their example of faith, we may run with perseverance the race marked out for us, and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks

- that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us,
- that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law,
- that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross,
- that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ≯ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my № blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

- **M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Setting by Ricky Manalo, 2010

Agnus Dei



Be seated.

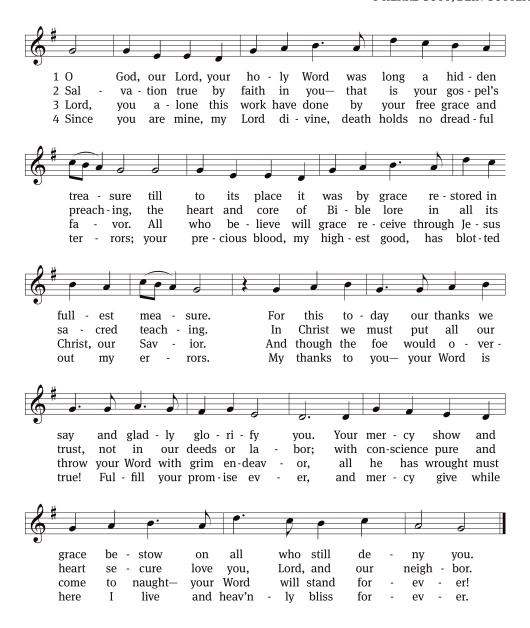
DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion is served by continuous distribution with the individual or common cup. Communicants desiring the individual cup may take one near the chancel platform. Near the cups is a supply of gluten-free hosts. Approach the minister serving the host, pause, and receive the body of the Lord. Move to the minister serving the chalice and receive the blood of the Lord by either common or individual cup. Communicants may assist the minister with the chalice and say "Amen" after receiving each of the elements. The blessing follows the distribution.

HYMN

O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word

Erfurt Hymnal, 1524 O HERRE GOTT, DEIN GÖTTLICH WORT



Ubi Caritas with Piano Improvisation

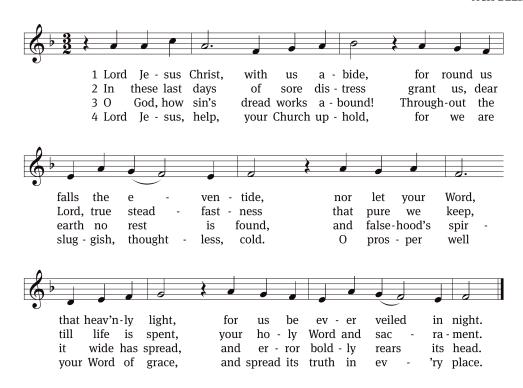
Setting by Ola Gjeilo, 2014 GIA Publications, G-WW1386A

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur. Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

Nikolaus Selnecker, 1587 ACH BLEIB BEI UNS



- 5 O keep us in your Word, we pray;the guile and rage of Satan stay!O may your mercy never cease!Give concord, patience, courage, peace.
- 6 A trusty weapon is your Word,the Church's armor, shield, and sword.O let us in its power confidethat we may seek no other guide!
- 7 O grant that in your holy Word we here may live and die, dear Lord, and when our journey's ending here, receive us into glory there.

Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

Jeffrey Blersch, 2016 A Reformation Celebration: Organ Preludes on Sixteenth Century Hymns Concordia, 97-7734

At the end of the Distribution:

M: The true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the true faith to life everlasting.

C: Amen.

Stand.

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: His mercy endures forever.

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this 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.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and Φ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Remain standing.



O Lord, We Praise You

Martin Luther, stanzas 2 & 3 GOTT SEI GELOBET UND GEBENEDEIET Setting by Charles W. Schramm, 1987 Concordia, out of print



Be seated.

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Charles W. Ore, 1990 Concordia, out of print

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