

REFORMATION

October 31, 2021

Welcome to Worship! Many events that took place 504 years ago are lost to history, but when Dr. Luther nailed his protests to the un-biblical teaching of the church to the door of the Wittenberg church, it ignited a movement that continues to this day. We gather to celebrate the message of salvation by grace through faith in Christ found in God's Word alone has blessed us and continues to bless people around the world!

A Special Welcome to the Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, President of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod for bringing God's Word to us today.

Our Offering this evening helps to spread the Gospel of Jesus through International Lutheran Mission in Wittenberg. Plates are at each entrance.

A Reception will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to the congregations that provided the delicious cookies to enjoy!

Large Print and Hearing devices are available from an usher.

+ DIVINE SERVICE III, Page 184 +

THE PRELUDE: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" -Kolodziej

THE HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Hymn 656
(Please Stand. Choir sings verse 3)

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THE PSALM: "God is our Refuge and Strength" (*Psalm 46*)

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THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY: (We pray together)

Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy People, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your Name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 55:1-11

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and

delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways high "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God!**

THE ANTHEM: "Children of the Heavenly Father" Hymn 725

THE EPISTLE READING: Galatians 3:17-22

This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise. Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one. Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God!**

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE: Page 190

THE GOSPEL: John 6:29-35 C: **(Sing) Glory be to Thee, O Lord**

Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom

he has sent." So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: (sing) Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

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THE HYMN: "The Church's One Foundation" Hymn 644
(Pastors sing verse 2 and Choir sings verse 4)

THE SERMON: The Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: "Lord, Keep us Steadfast in Your Word" Hymn 655

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION: "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" -Peter Lutkin

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Thy Strong Word" (Choir sings verse 3) Hymn 578

THE POSTLUDE: "Toccata" on Thy Strong Will -Culli

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison

Liturgists: Pastors from Immanuel and the Lutheran Mission Federation

Crucifer: Vicar Wagenknecht

Organists: Mr. Paul Scheiderer and Mr. Ross Rieckers

Choir: Combined choirs of the Jackson County Lutheran Mission Federation

Children's Choir: Combined students from area Lutheran Schools

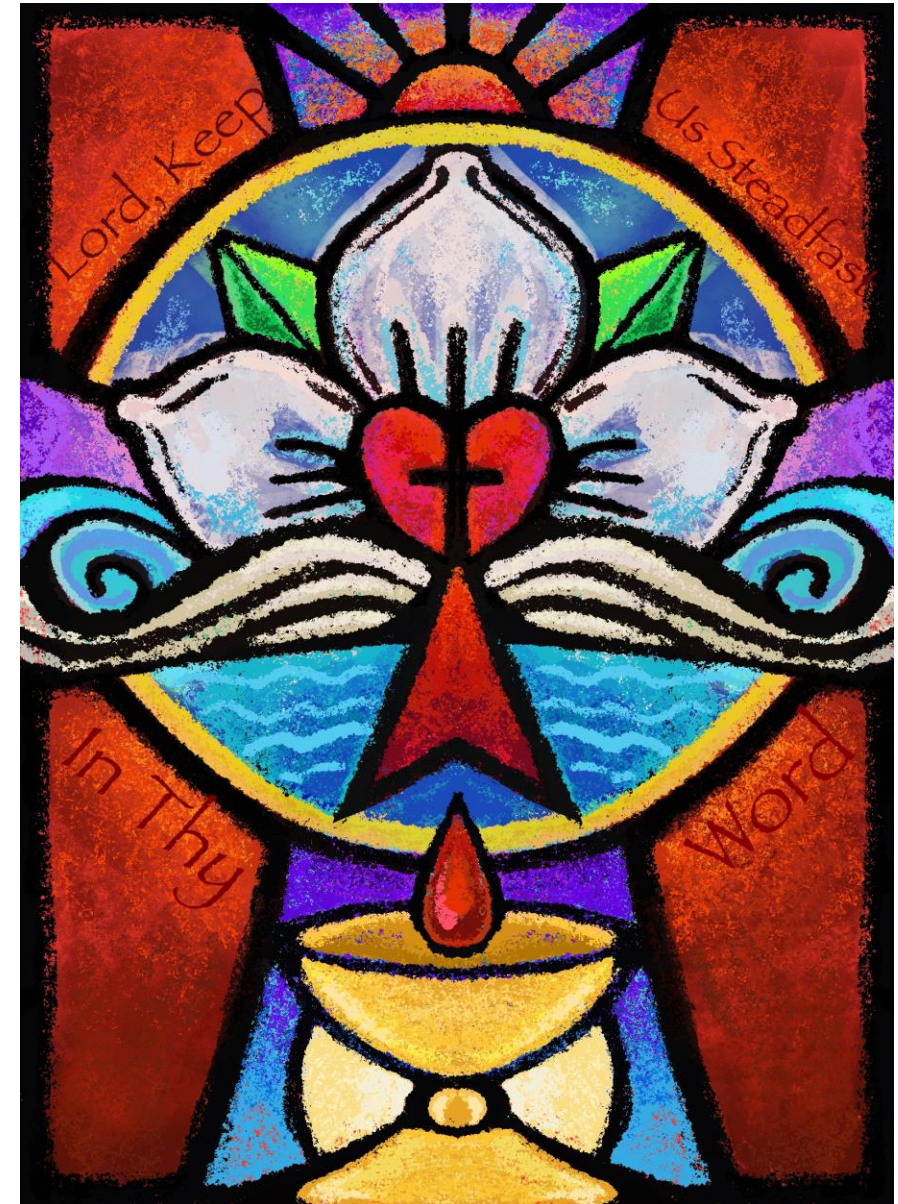
Trumpet: Amanda Hahn, Andy Kamman, Paul Keller, Ricardo Lara-Enriquez

Trombone: Tim Carter Baritone: Cadin Gruenwald

Tuba: Richard Branaman Timpani: Ron Duncan

Special thanks to the congregations serving on the committee and providing refreshments: St. John, Sauers; Emanuel, Dudleytown, Faith, Salem, Zion, Seymour, Trinity, Vallonia, Immanuel, Seymour.

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REFORMATION CELEBRATION

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