

# REFORMATION DAY (OBSERVED)

*“Every Nation” – Revelation 14:6-7*

8:30 AM, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024



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*Our mission is to teach, love, and connect...teach all ages about Jesus, love one another as God loves us,  
and connect with others in a hurting world.*

# *We warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus!*

*We are always glad to have you worship with us.*

*If you do not have a regular church home,  
we invite you to make our church home yours.*

- † Our worship services are on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 AM. We also invite and encourage you to join us in Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:45 AM.
- † Assisted hearing devices, children’s bulletins, and large print service folders are available -- please ask an usher for one.
- † While we encourage children to be present in worship, the upstairs cry room opposite the elevator is available for you.
- † Our worship services can now be viewed on the church’s Facebook page (live or after the service), as well as on our YouTube channel. *The Lutheran Hour* can be heard on Sundays at 9:00 AM at KAWZ (102.7FM).

## *Prayer before worship:*

*O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.*

**AS WE GATHER** In Psalm 12, King David cries out, “Save, O Lord, for the godly one is gone; for the faithful have vanished from among the children of man” (v. 1). The Lord God’s anointed king lives in a troubling world! Many centuries later, Martin Luther paraphrased the words of David, writing in a hymn text in 1523: “O Lord, look down from heav’n, behold and let Thy pity waken; . . . dark times have us o’ertaken” (TLH 260:1). Looking at our world today, we can relate to both King David and Martin Luther. Yet both men expressed hope in their written words. In his psalm, David writes, “The words of the Lord are pure words, . . . You, O Lord, will keep them” (vv. 6a, 7a). And Luther confidently writes, “So through God’s Word shall men endure each trial and temptation” (TLH 260:5). Reformation Day echoes the call to faithfulness heard by God’s people through the ages. May we listen well!

## **DIVINE SERVICE SETTING 3**

### **Confession and Absolution**

**Prelude and Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

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*Please stand and face the processional cross.*

**Processional Hymn            A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

**LSB 656**

- 1    **A mighty fortress is our God,  
      A trusty shield and weapon;  
      He helps us free from ev'ry need  
      That hath us now o'ertaken.  
      The old evil foe  
      Now means deadly woe;  
      Deep guile and great might  
      Are his dread arms in fight;  
      On earth is not his equal.**
  
- 2    **With might of ours can naught be done,  
      Soon were our loss effected;  
      But for us fights the valiant One,  
      Whom God Himself elected.  
      Ask ye, Who is this?  
      Jesus Christ it is,  
      Of Sabaoth Lord,  
      And there's none other God;  
      He holds the field forever.**
  
- 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.**
  
- 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.**

Text: tr. composite; Martin Luther, 1483–1546,

**Invocation and Opening Sentences**

*Psalm 41:13; 79:9, 13; 125:1–2*

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

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,

**People: from everlasting to everlasting!**

Leader: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for Your name's sake!

**People: We Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; from generation to generation we will recount Your praise.**

Leader: Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

**People: As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds His people, from this time forth and forevermore.**

**Confession and Absolution**

*Psalm 130*

Leader: Beloved in the Lord, as together we make our confession this day, we use words of a confessional hymn text based on Psalm 130, written by Martin Luther more than five hundred years ago in 1523. In confidence, let us come before our gracious Lord to confess our sins and to receive His gracious absolution. We speak the words of the psalm and then sing the stanzas penned by the great reformer.

**People: Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

**Hymn Verse**

**From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee**

**LSB 607, st. 1**

1 From depths of woe I cry to Thee, In trial and trib - u - la - tion; Bend down Thy gra - cious ear to me, Lord, hear my sup - pli - ca - tion.

If Thou re - mem - b'rest ev - 'ry sin, Who then could heav - en  
 ev - er win Or stand be - fore Thy pres - ence?

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**Leader:** If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

**People:** But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

**Hymn Verses**                      **From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee**                      **LSB 607, st. 2, 3**

- 2 Thy love and grace alone avail  
     To blot out my transgression;  
 The best and holiest deeds must fail  
     To break sin's dread oppression.  
 Before Thee none can boasting stand,  
 But all must fear Thy strict demand  
     And live alone by mercy.
- 3 Therefore my hope is in the Lord  
     And not in mine own merit;  
 It rests upon His faithful Word  
     To them of contrite spirit  
 That He is merciful and just;  
 This is my comfort and my trust.  
     His help I wait with patience.

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**Leader:** O Israel, hope in the LORD!

**People:** For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

**Hymn Verses**                      **From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee**                      **LSB 607, st. 4,5**

- 4 And though it tarry through the night  
     And till the morning waken,  
 My heart shall never doubt His might  
     Nor count itself forsaken.  
 O Israel, trust in God your Lord.

**Born of the Spirit and the Word,  
Now wait for His appearing.**

**5 Though great our sins, yet greater still  
Is God's abundant favor;  
His hand of mercy never will  
Abandon us, nor waver.  
Our shepherd good and true is He,  
Who will at last His Israel free  
From all their sin and sorrow.**

**Pastor:** God has promised His forgiveness of sins to those who repentantly confess their sins, imploring His grace and mercy for the sake of His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.** *We share the peace of Christ with those around us.*

## **Service of the Word**

### **Kyrie**

*printed music found in LSB on p. 186*

**Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

*printed music found in LSB on p. 187*

**Leader:** Glory be to God on High,

**ALL:** **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.**

**we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**

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**art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: 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.

**People: Amen.** *Please be seated.*

### **Reformation Sequence, Part 1**

Pastor: One of the most famous documents of the Reformation Era is the set of the Ninety-Five Theses posted on the door of the Castle Church at Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517. In this set of ninety-five statements that Dr. Luther wished to have debated was a challenge to accepted practices in the church of his time that Luther felt were at odds with the biblical witness and therefore were not true. His introduction to the set of statements he had written is highlighted by two words: “love” and “truth.” We now hear what Luther wrote as the introduction to his now famous Ninety-Five Theses.

Leader: “Out of love for the truth and the desire to bring it to light, the following propositions will be debated at Wittenberg, under presidency of the Reverend Father Martin Luther, Master of Arts and of Sacred Theology, and the Lecturer on Ordinary on the same at that place. For that reason, he requests that those who cannot be present and debate orally with us may do so by letter.”

Pastor: The challenges to Luther that resulted from his posting of the Ninety-Five Theses remained a constant factor throughout his life. A few years before his death, he wrote the words to the stirring hymn “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word.” Both the text and the tune are attributed to the great reformer.

**Hymn** **Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word** **LSB 655, st. 1**

**1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son  
And bring to naught all He has done.**

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**First Reading** *Another angel proclaims an eternal Gospel message.* **Revelation 14:6–7**

Reader: 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. 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.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 46**

**People: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

*Men/boys: 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.*

*Women/girls: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.*

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

*Women/girls: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts.*

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

*Men/boys: 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.*

*Women/girls: “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”*

**People: 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 beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **Anthem**

## **If God Is for Us**

by L. Larson

## **Epistle Reading**

*God grants the gift of redemption through Jesus Christ.*

**Romans 3:19–28**

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

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

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

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Reader: Please stand in reverence to the Gospel.

### Alleluia



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

*Jesus proclaims that "the truth will set you free."*

**John 8:31–36**

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



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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

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

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### Apostle's Creed

**ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And 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 in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,  
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**Hymn of the Day**

**Thy Strong Word**

**LSB 578**

*Setting by D. Busarow*

**ALL:**        1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
                   At Thy speaking it was done.  
                   For created light we thank Thee,  
                   While Thine ordered seasons run.  
                   Alleluia, alleluia!  
                   Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
                   Alleluia, alleluia!  
                   Alleluia without end!

*Women/girls: 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,  
                   Dark as night and deep as death,  
                   Broke the light of Thy salvation,  
                   Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.*

**ALL:**        Alleluia, alleluia!  
                   Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
                   Alleluia, alleluia!  
                   Alleluia without end!

*Choir: 3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;  
                   Bright with Thine own holiness,  
                   Glorious now, we press toward glory,  
                   And our lives our hopes confess.*  
*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*Praise to Thee who light dost send!*  
*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*Alleluia without end!*

**Men/boys: 4** *From the cross Thy wisdom shining  
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth  
All Thy bright redeeming light.*

**ALL:** *Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!*

**Choir: 5** *Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the light which Thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias,  
Alleluias without end!*

*Please stand for final Trinitarian verse.*

**ALL: △ 6** **God the Father, light-creator,  
To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
Praise the holy Trinity!**

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**Sermon**

**“Every Nation”**

**Revelation 14:6-7**

**Offering** *During this time, we invite you to sign and pass the Friendship Book. All communicants are invited to read and prayerfully consider the following.*

**We believe that...**

- † *Holy Communion is a Sacrament since it was instituted by Christ Himself.*
- † *We are truly worthy and well prepared to partake of Holy Communion when we repent of our sins and have faith in these words, “Given and shed for you for the remission of sins.”*
- † *We receive the bread and wine and the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ when, as repentant, true believers we partake of Holy Communion.*

**Our Savior Lutheran Church practices close communion.**

**What does this mean?**

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**Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are welcome to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of our church or one of our sister congregations, we encourage you to speak to the pastor about preparing to participate in communion at Our Savior.**

† *Children and those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing (indicated by folded hands), or to remain seated for individual prayer. When the wine is offered, communicants have the choice of an individual cup or the common cup. Individual cups containing DARK WINE are alcohol-free for those with medical need only, please.*

## **Reformation Sequence, Part 2**

**Pastor:** A major focus of Luther’s Ninety-Five Theses was his concerns about the marketing of indulgences or letters of pardon for sins committed that were sold by traveling salesmen sent out by the church to raise funds for cathedral construction and other church projects. This money-raising strategy turned the forgiveness God gives freely through Jesus Christ into a commodity that could be purchased for the right price. Indulgences were readily available to wealthy people but not to the masses of common people—the kind of people that Luther knew well and preached to week by week. In Theses 36 and 37, he rightly asserts that God’s forgiveness is equally available to all who repent.

**Leader:** “Every truly repentant Christian has plenary [full] remission of penalty and guilt, even without letters of pardon. Every true Christian, whether living or dead, has a part in all the benefits of Christ and the church, given him by God, even without letters of pardon.”

**Pastor:** Luther’s love for the truth and his desire to bring it to light led to dark times for those who saw the light of the Gospel in the writings of the great reformer. In the second stanza of “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word,” Luther prays that God would defend and protect the church and its people. His prayer in his day is our prayer today as well.

**Hymn Verse                      Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word                      *LSB 655, st. 2***  
**2    Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make known,  
      For You are Lord of lords alone;  
      Defend Your holy Church that we  
      May sing Your praise eternally.**

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*Please stand.*

## **Prayer of the Church**

*After each petition:*

**Pastor:** Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** Hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:*

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## Service of the Sacrament

**Preface** *(sung)*

*printed music found in LSB on p. 194*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**People: It is meet and right so to do.**

### Proper Preface

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

### Sanctus

*printed music found in LSB on p. 195*

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He,  
blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Lord's Prayer** *The first section is spoken by the pastor.*

Pastor: 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  
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

### The Words of Our Lord

Pastor: 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  $\text{✠}$  body 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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



A - men.

### Agnus Dei

*printed music found in LSB on p. 198*

**ALL:** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

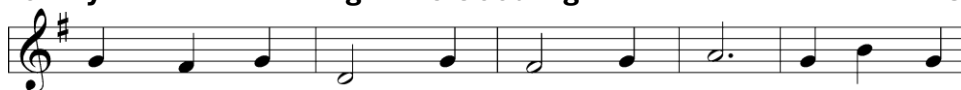
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

**Distribution** *Please be seated. If you are communing, please come forward at the bidding of the ushers.*

### Distribution Hymn

### Fight the Good Fight

**LSB 664**



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your  
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your  
3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; His bound - less  
4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang - es



strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and  
 eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way be -  
 mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and en - dur - ing  
 not who holds you dear; On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
 fore us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.  
 faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.  
 you will see That Christ is all e - ter - nal - ly.

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*Please stand*

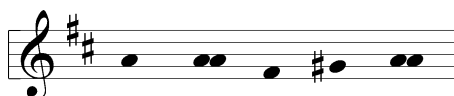
### Post-Communion Collect

Pastor: 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** A - men.

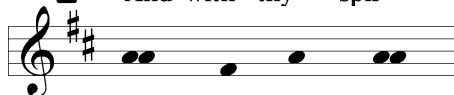
### Salutation and Benedicamus



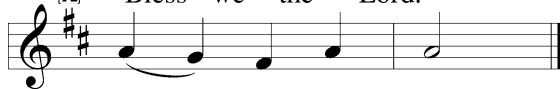
**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Reformation Sequence, Part 3

Pastor: In the final two of the Ninety-Five Theses, Martin Luther gave an indication that he was well aware of the pathway that Christians would be taking as they followed the truth of the Gospel. No matter how contentious and challenging the world might be in a given era, the gracious guidance of Christ would be sufficient to lead His faithful flock to the joys of everlasting glory. Hear now Theses 94 and 95.

Leader: “Christians should be exhorted to be diligent in following Christ, their Head, through penalties, death and hell. And thus be confident of entering into heaven through many tribulations rather than through the false security of peace (Acts 14:22).”

Pastor: In Thesis 62, Luther shared the heart of his message in a most straightforward way, as he writes, “The true treasure of the church is the most holy gospel of the glory and grace of God.” The closing stanza of “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” is a prayer for peace and unity to the Holy Spirit. With the psalmist we say to our loving Lord, “I will praise You with an upright heart. . . . I will keep Your statutes” (119:7a, 8a). Together we sing the last stanza of Luther’s hymn of trust and faith.

**Hymn Verse                      Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word                      *LSB 655, st. 3***

**3    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.**

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## Silent Prayer/Postlude

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**Readings for next Sunday, 11/3:**

**Revelation 7:2–17, Psalm 149, 1 John 3:1–3, Matthew 5:1–12**

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