Reformation Day (observed)

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Prelude: Erhalt Uns Herr by Johann Sebastian Bach

Processional Hymn: Lord Keep Us in Thy Word and Work EL-HB 274 (Printed) (Children: st. 1-3; All: sts. 4-5)

THE CHURCH MILITANT

Lord, Keep Us in Thy Word and Work

L. M.

John 8:31
Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort
Martin Luther: Stanzas 1-3, 1541
Justus Jonas: Stanzas 4-5, 1544

Erhalt uns, Herr
"Geistliche Lieder"
Wittenberg, 1543

1. LORD, keep us in Thy Word and work,
Restrain the murderous Pope and Turk,
Who fain would tear from off Thy throne
Christ Jesus, Thy beloved Son.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Thy power make known,
For Thou art Lord of lords alone;
Shield Thy poor Christendom that we
May evermore sing praise to Thee

3. Thou Comforter of priceless worth,
Give one mind to Thy flock on earth,
Stand by us in our final strife,
And lead us out of death to life.

4. Destroy their counsels, Lord, our God,
And smite them with an iron rod,
And let them fall into the snare
Which for Thy Christians they prepare,

5. So that at last they may perceive
That, Lord, our God, Thou still dost live
And dost deliver mightily
All those who put their trust in Thee.

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Order of Worship: p. 184

Introit: Psalm 46 (KJV)

[1]God is our ref- | uge and strength,*
a very present help in | trouble.
[2]Therefore we will not fear though the earth | be removed,*
and though the mountains be carried into the midst | of the sea;
[3]Though the waters thereof roar and be | troubled,*
though the mountains shake with the swell- | ing thereof.

[4]There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the cit- | y of God,*
the holy place of the tabernacles of the | Most High.
[5]God is in the midst of her; she shall | not be moved:*
God shall help her, and that right | early.

[6]The heathen raged, the king- | doms were moved:*
He utters His voice, the earth | melted.
[7]The LORD of hosts is | with us;*
the God of Jacob is our | refuge.

[8]Come, behold the works | of the LORD,*
what desolations He hath made | in the earth.
[9]He maketh wars to cease unto the end | of the earth;*
He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder;
He burneth the chariot in the | fire.
[10]"Be still, and know that | I am God;*
I will be exalted among the heathen,
I will be exalted | on the earth!"
[11]The LORD of hosts is | with us;*
the God of Jacob is our | refuge.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the | Holy Ghost;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. | Amen.
[1]God is our ref- | uge and strength,*
a very present help in | trouble.

Kyrie - Salutation *p. 186 ff*

Collect of the Day

P 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. **Amen.**

Hymn: 582 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

Sit

First Lesson *Revelation 14:6–7*

In those days: I, John, saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

A The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: 555 Salvation unto Us Has Come *sts. 1–5*

(Choir st. 3)

Epistle *Romans 3:19–28*

Brethren: We know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds

of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

A The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

555 Salvation unto Us Has Come *sts. 6–10*
(Choir st. 8)

The Gospel Processional

(The congregation faces the center of the sanctuary. The Gospel is read from the center of the sanctuary, indicating the presence of the risen Christ in the midst of His people.)

Holy Gospel *Matthew 11:12–15*

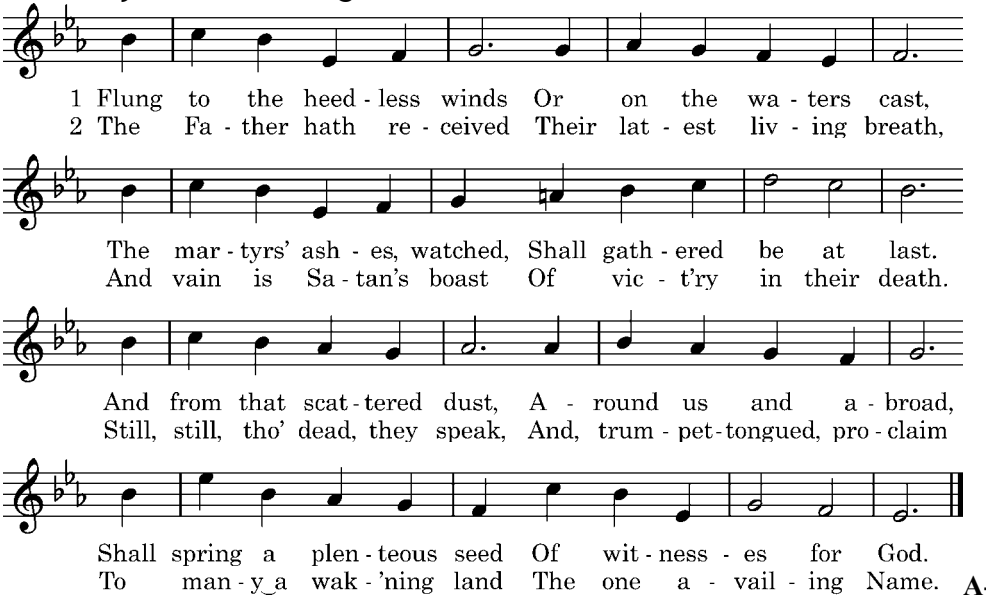
P The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

At that time Jesus said to His disciples and the multitude of the Jews: "From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

Creedal Hymn: 954 We All Believe in One True God
Sit
Sermon

Hymn of the Day: TLH 259 Flung to the Heedless Winds



A-men.

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Tune: Charles J. Dale, 1904

Offertory *p. 192 ff*

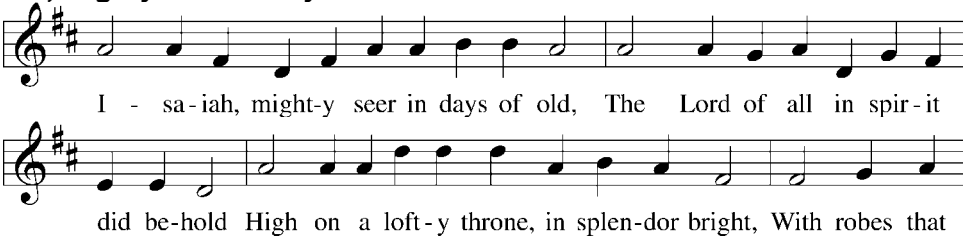
Prayer of the Church ***Congregation concludes: Amen.***

Preface *p. 194*

Proper Preface

℗ It is truly meet, 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:

960 Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old



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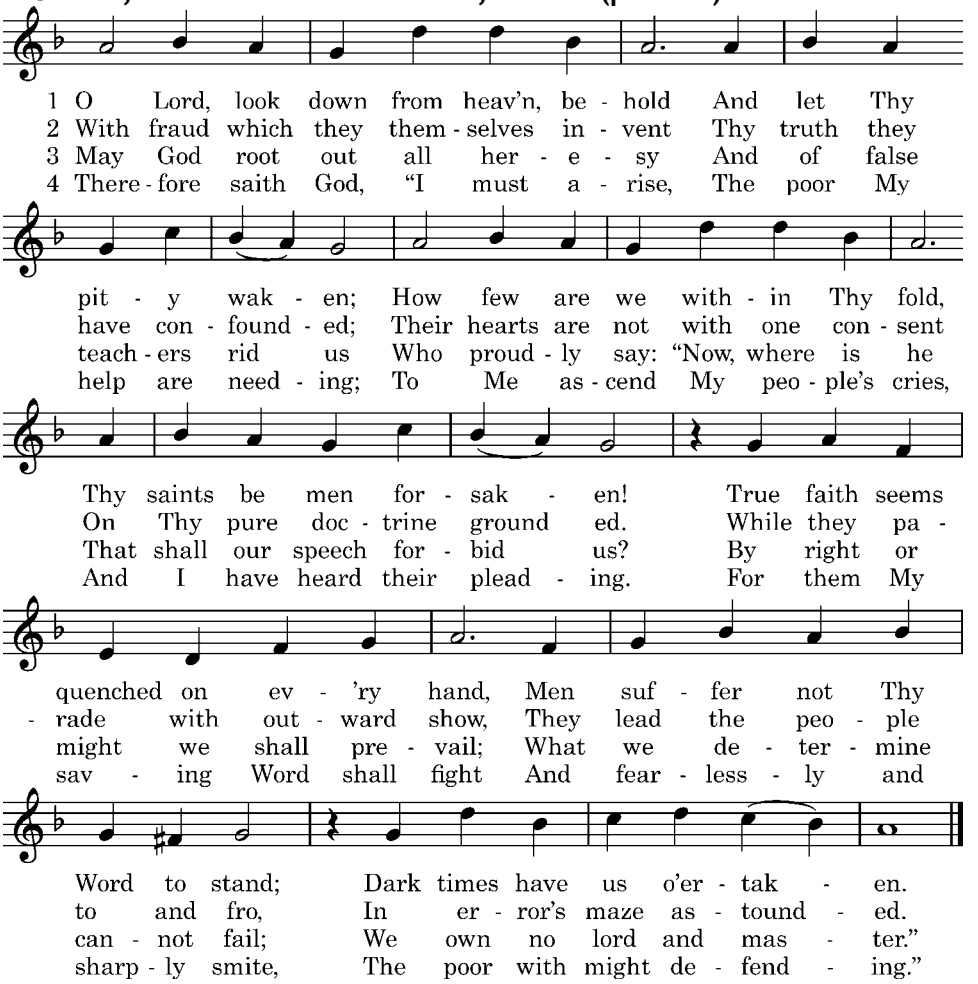
The Lord's Prayer – Agnus Dei *p. 196ff*

Distribution Hymns:

TLH 260 O Lord, Look Down from Heaven, Behold (printed)



5 As silver tried by fire is pure
From all adulteration,
So thro' God's Word shall men endure
Each trial and temptation.
Its light beams brighter thro' the cross,
And, purified from human dross,
It shines through ev'ry nation.

6 Thy truth defend, O God, and stay
This evil generation;
And from the error of their way
Keep Thine own congregation.
The wicked everywhere abound
And would Thy little flock confound;
But Thou art our Salvation. **Amen.**

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658 Preserve Your Word, O Savior /
865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain /

627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior /
607 From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee
617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

Stand
Nunc Dimittis - Benediction *p. 199 ff*
Recessional Hymn: 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Postlude: Fantasia on "Ein Feste Bung" by Michael Praetorius

Thank you to the members of Concordia University- Wisconsin Symphonic Wind Ensemble for playing for us today.

Trumpets
Stryker Traska & R.J. Green

Trombone
Nathanael Conner & Caiden Kohlman

Tuba
Benjamin Liebich

Joint Reformation Vespers Today at St. John, Racine, WI (1501 Erie St.) 3pm

Looking Forward to Wednesday (Sts. Simon and Jude)
Lessons: I Peter 1:3-9; John 15:17-21
Hymns: 518:1,28,3-586-675-539

Looking forward to next Sunday (All Saints)
Lessons: Revelation 7:2–17, I John 3:1–3; Matthew 5:1-12
Hymns: 677-679-517:1,4,3-676/672/563/633/674/675-941

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We Welcome Our Guests Today!

We're glad you've joined us in worship today. Please fill out a Visitor Card (located in the pew rack) and hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. We also ask that you read *"Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion"* printed below. Please visit our ***Welcome Center*** in the narthex and worship with us again soon.

Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion

In keeping with the tradition of the early Church and the Lutheran Confessions, we celebrate the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. Because Holy Communion is an expression of complete unity of faith and doctrine, only active and repentant members of St. Peter's or a sister Missouri Synod congregation may commune. This is not a judgment of the faith of others, but rather an indication of our obedience to the Lord's command that those who kneel together at His altar be in complete unity regarding what they believe and teach (please read I Cor. 1:10; 10:16-17; 11:17-32). Your respect for our practice concerning the Lord's Supper is appreciated. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions.

If communing with individual cup, please hold your empty cup until Pastor has passed you with the chalice. And please remember to fill out a Communion card.

The Gathering of the Offerings

God finances His church. The gathering of the offerings is, therefore, not merely collecting money. It is a holy privilege for those who believe in Jesus Christ. This is our opportunity to gratefully respond to God's love and grace by returning a portion of the gifts He has given us. As God's children, we consider it a special honor to build and extend His kingdom through our offerings. St. Paul writes, "God loves a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7b NKJV). Our visitors and guests are in no way compelled to contribute to this offering. We ask nothing of our guests except that they return here often to hear more about God's great love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. If anyone wishes to give electronically, you may scan this QR code to set up an account.

Small Children

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. And so do we.

When you're little, it's hard to sit without fidgeting or making some noise. And of course babies join us with their songs, too! We consider their small voices to be a part of our sacred music as they learn with us what it is to be a Christian. We encourage their presence throughout the entire service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to take them to the nursery that is located on the other side of the Conference Room. A closed-circuit television will bring the service to you. An usher will be happy to direct you.

"*Repetitio est mater studiorum*: Repetition is the mother of all learning." The more they're here, the easier it will get.