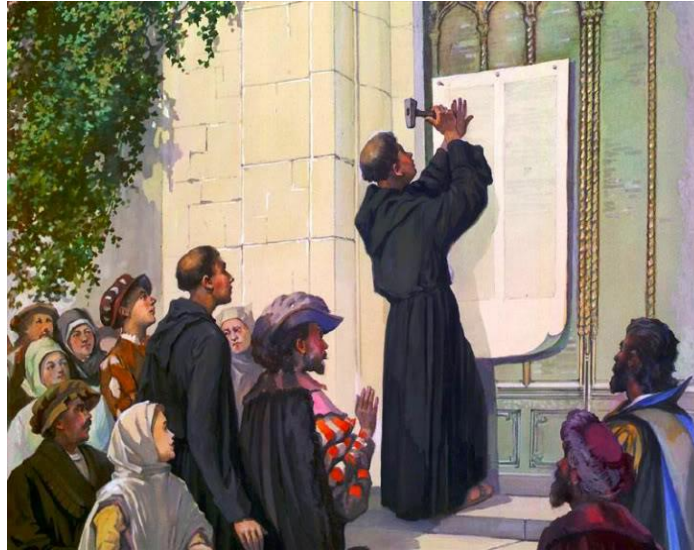


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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

HINSDALE, ILLINOIS

OCTOBER 27, 2024



The liturgy to be used in this service follows the tradition of Dr. Martin Luther's *German Mass* of 1526. This is a chorale service in which parts of the service are replaced with hymns that paraphrase the usual liturgy. It is fitting for us to use this service today as we celebrate the 507th Anniversary of Luther's bold move in 1517 to challenge the erroneous teachings of the Roman Catholic Church with his nailing of the now-famous *95 Theses* to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. May God bless our worship together as heirs and benefactors of the Reformation of the Church.



✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

Stand

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

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

555 Salvation unto Us Has Come



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and
2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had
4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They
 ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For
 giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And
 ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus
 man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those
 by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a
 guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
 pure de - sires The spir - it of the
 mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
 poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
 Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
 sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
 guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.

5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled
 Or we must die despairing,
 Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
 Our human nature sharing.
 He has for us the Law obeyed
 And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
 Which over us impended.

6 Since Christ has full atonement made
 And brought to us salvation,
 Each Christian therefore may be glad
 And build on this foundation.
 Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
 Your death is now my life indeed,
 For You have paid my ransom.

△ 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
 To Father, Son, and Spirit,
 The God who saved us by His grace;
 All glory to His merit.
 O triune God in heav'n above,
 You have revealed Your saving love;
 Your blessed name we hallow.

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✠ Service of the Word ✠

Introit

P I will speak of your testimonies before kings, (O Lord,)
C and shall not be put to shame.

- P** I will bless the Lord at all times;
- C** His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- P** My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
- C** Let the humble hear and be glad.
- P** Come, O children, listen to me;
- C** I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- P** The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
- C** None of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *All Glory Be to God Alone* LSB #948

1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the
 3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Al -
 5 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One And o - ver all are

high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And
 might - y One. O Lord, the sole - be - got - ten One, Lord
 Lord a - lone. O Je - sus Christ, we glo - ri - fy You

grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His
 Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e -
 and the Spir - it, Lord Most High; With Him You ev - er -

gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
 ter - ni - ty, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.
 more shall be One in the Fa - ther's maj - es - ty.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- 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

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. ⁷And 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.**

SEQUENCE HYMN *God Is Our Refuge* **CHOIR**

God is our refuge and strength; a present help in trouble.
 Though mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.
 He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth.
 He is the word, we are his hands, He will lead us.
 He is the air, we are his song.
 We will celebrate his presence all the day long.
 God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble.
 Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.
 He is in the midst of his people, he is our God in all the earth.
 He will cleanse us. He is the air, we are his song, we will celebrate his presence all the day long.
 God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble.
 Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

Epistle Romans 3:19–28

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.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff. It begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of the following notes: a quarter rest, a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, and a quarter note E4. A slur is placed over the notes G4, A4, B4, and C5. Below the staff, three verses of lyrics are provided, each aligned with the corresponding notes above.

1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,

A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 Soon were our loss ef - fect ed;
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,

He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 But for us fights the val - iant One,
 We trem - ble not, we fear - no ill;

That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.

The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce

dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.

Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -

is not his e - qual.
 the field for - ev - er.
 tle word can fell him.

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Stand

Please face the Processional Cross as it travels within the midst of God's people.

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.**

656 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

4 The Word they still shall let re - main

Nor an - y thanks have for it;
 He's by our side up - on the plain
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -
 dom ours re - main - eth.

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Sit

Sermon “Chip...Chip...Chip!” Psalm 119:46

Stand

Creedal Hymn

953 We All Believe in One True God

- 1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
- 2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,
- 3 We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,

Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host;
 Who de - scend - ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won;
 Who sus - tains and com - forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.

All He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds.
 By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.
 Bless-ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

Prayer of the Church

P Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s)] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

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

C Amen.

Offering

(As you leave you may place your offering in the marked baskets in the narthex.)

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

The Sacrament of the Altar is celebrated today. As Lutheran Christians, we observe its use in accordance with Scripture and the *Lutheran Confessions*. We celebrate this Meal believing that the recipient receives Christ's true Body and Blood in, with, and under the ordinary elements of bread and wine. Furthermore, we believe that this Meal is a "means of grace," by which God imparts forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Historically a person's participation in Holy Communion at a given altar automatically presupposes that the person is in *full* agreement with the teachings held at that congregation. Consequently, we observe the historic Christian practice (dating from the 1st Century) known as "Closed Communion." (See relevant Scripture: 1 Cor. 10:16-17, Acts 2:42, 1 Cor. 11:27-29, Ro. 16:17.) If you are a member in good standing of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and wish to receive the Lord's Supper with us, please see our Pastor or an elder before the service begins. If you are not a member of a sister congregation, either our Pastor or an elder would be glad to visit with you about working toward your reception with us. An elder can be located in the church entryway. Thank you for respecting what we believe the Word of God teaches regarding this important matter.

Preface

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.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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.**

P In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

The Words of Our Lord

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 T body, which is 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 T 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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
 Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

Sit

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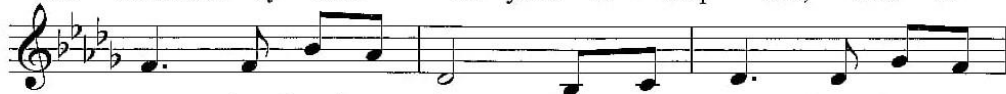
Blessed by God Beyond Description

J. A. B.
Based on Colossians 1:6

ROSELLE
John A. Behnke (ASCAP)



Choir 1. Blessed by God be - yond de - scrip - tion, Un - de -
Choir 2. Blessed by God be - yond de - scrip - tion, Ran-somed
Choir 3. Blessed by God be - yond de - scrip - tion, When we
Solo 4. Blessed by God be - yond de - scrip - tion, How can
All 5. Blessed by God be - yond de - scrip - tion, Now to



serv - ing though we be, For You sent Your Son to
 from the bonds of sin. Through Bap - tis - m's ho - ly
 wan - der to and fro, Yet God chang - es not but
 I not pause to say? Thank You, Je - sus, for this
 live and serve with joy. Let our thoughts and words and



save us, To re - deem and set us free.
 fire, We are washed, re - stored, for - giv'n.
 loves us With a love we can - not know.
 cleans - ing That You give to me each day.
 ac - tions Serve to praise and glo - ri - fy.

St. 1: Choir
Sts. 2-5: All



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! What a glo - rious mys - ter - y!



Through the Gos - pel, fruit is grow - ing. It is grace for you and me.

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617 O Lord, We Praise Thee



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see

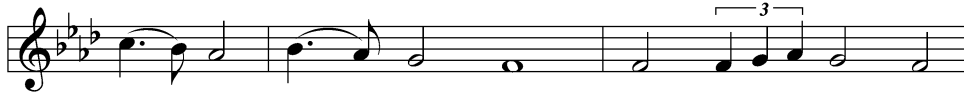


In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

578 Thy Strong Word



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
 5 Give us lips to sing Thy glo - ry, Tongues Thy



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
 mer - cy to pro - claim, Throats that shout the



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
 hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy ho - ly name.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! May the



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ias, Al - le - lu - ias with - out end!

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THE DISMISSAL

LSB 199

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.
 Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

- A** 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 for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always 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

LSB 218

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- 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.

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and
by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal
Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

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POSTLUDE

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