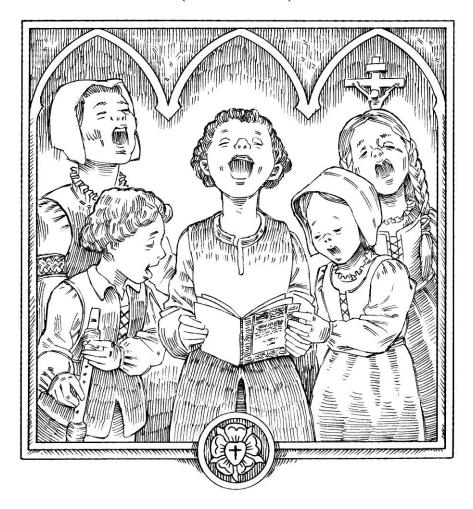
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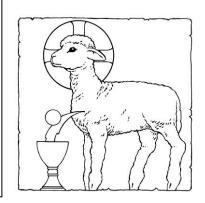
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"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

Romans 3:23-24

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Bluffs, IA October 27, 2024 Welcome to all members and visitors! We are pleased to have you with us as we receive Christ's gifts and as we respond in thanks and praise. Guests, please sign the guest register in the narthex. If you need assistance, please ask one of the ushers. Prayers of preparation for worship can be found on the inside front cover of the hymnal.



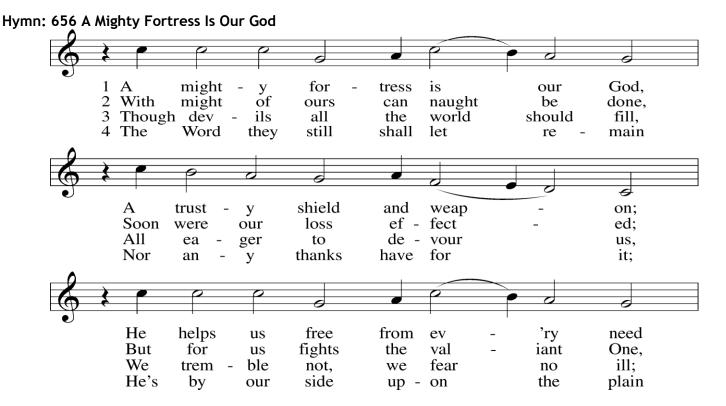
Divine Service Setting 5

Prelude: EIN FESTE BURG Settings by Pamela M. Robertson & Kristina Langlois

During the singing of the first hymn, please stand for the procession of the cross, symbolic of Christ's presence among us.

Processional Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 656





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Confession and Absolution

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** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

- C who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

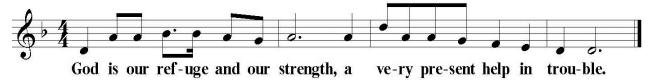
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Psalm Psalm 46

Refrain (The first time the choir sings the Refrain, followed immediately by the congregation. Thereafter, the congregation sings the refrain.)



The psalm is sung to the tone below.



- ²Therefore we will not fear though the | earth gives way,* though the mountains be moved into the heart | of the sea,
- ³though its waters | roar and foam,* though the mountains tremble at its | swelling.
- ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,* the holy habitation of the | Most High.
- ⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall | not be moved;*

God will help her when | morning dawns.

⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter;* he utters his voice, the | earth melts.

⁷The LORD of hosts is | with us;* the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

Refrain

⁸Come, behold the works | of the LORD,*
how he has brought desolations | on the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease to the end | of the earth;*
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots | with fire.

¹⁰"Be still, and know that | I am God.*

I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted | in the earth!"

¹¹The 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 be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

Kyrie: Kyrie! God, Father

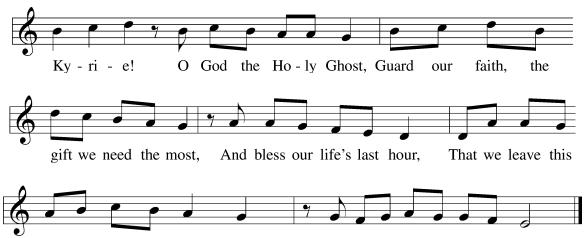
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Choirs:

Kyrie! God, Father in heav'n above,
You abound in gracious love,
Of all things the maker and preserver. Eleison! Eleison!
Kyrie! O Christ, our king,
Salvation for all You came to bring.
O Lord Jesus, God's own Son,
Our mediator at the heav'nly throne:

Hear our cry and grant our supplication. Eleison! Eleison!

Congregation:



sin-ful world with glad - ness.

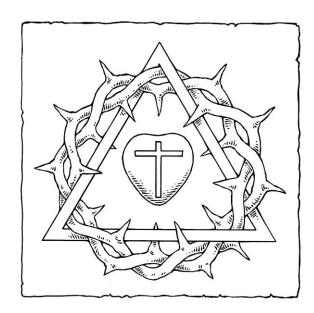
E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!

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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

⁶Then 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."

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

Gradual "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives" (*Cantate Domino and Festival Choirs*)

Epistle Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now 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. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

Text: LSB 602

arr. Frank

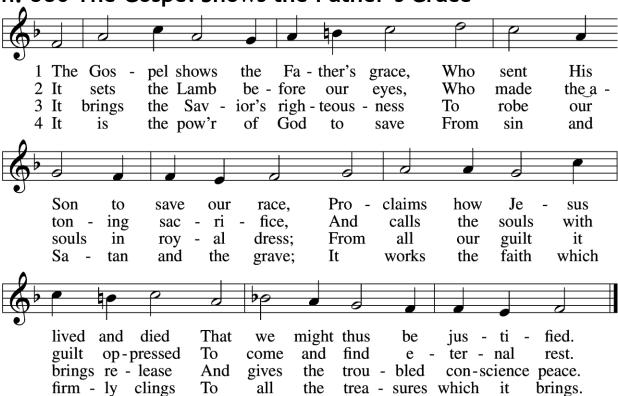
²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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. ²⁶It 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.

²⁷Then 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. ²⁸For 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.

Festival Choir Stanza 3 Cantate Domino Choir Stanza 5

Hymn: 580 The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace



- 5 It bears to all the tidings glad And bids their hearts no more be sad; The weary, burdened souls it cheers And banishes their guilty fears.
- 6 May we in faith its message learn
 Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
 May we in faith its truth confess
 And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

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Stand

Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

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

C Glory to You, O Lord. (spoken)

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. (spoken)





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Sit

Sermon:

Sermon Response (8 a.m.): "Thy Strong Word" *Cantate Domino and Festival Choirs*

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Included in our prayers: Mary Johannes, Jayne McIlrath, Elizabeth Bowerman, Karen Brandenburg, Gertrud Rossbund, Ryan Pedersen (son of Art & Julie Gardner), Trent Casey, John Shafer (father of Kelli Salin), Miles Maurice (grandson of Joel & Paulette Maurice), Tina Lamason (sister of Brad White), Marge Miller, Barb Kallesen, Dawn Letcher (daughter of Tony and Shirley Gust), Cole (cousin of Kelli Salin), Lu Schwery (mother of Denise Krohn), Sandy White (sister of Don Mathiesen)

Text: LSB 578

arr. Frank

Sit

Stand

Service of the Sacrament

The Lord's Supper is offered every Sunday of the month. St. Paul's observes the biblical practice of closed communion. **Members of sister congregations** of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are encouraged to commune with us. We **ask visitors who are not member of the LCMS** to speak with one of our pastors if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices. Those who are not communing with us at this Divine Service are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.

Preface (spoken)

LSB 216

- **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.
- 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 and Words of Our Lord

- **C** Our Father...
- **P** In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when

He was betrayed... Sanctus: Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old LSB 960 sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it did be-hold High on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, With robes that filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim; Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of Him. With two they veiled their as was right, With two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight, And with the oth - er two a - loft they soared; One to the oth - er called and praised the Lord: "Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth! His glo-ry fills the heav-ens and the earth!" The beams and lin-tels

trem-bled at the cry, And clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

world, grant us Thy

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

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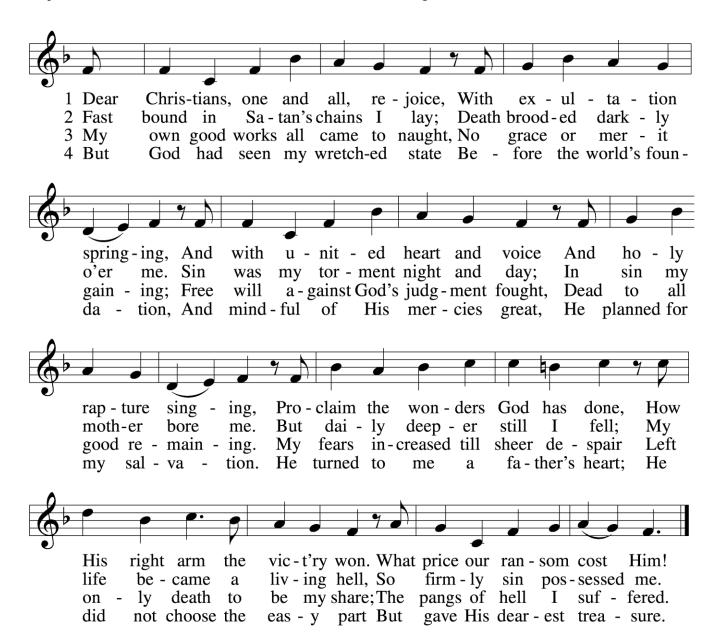
peace.

A

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Sit

Distribution



- God said to His belovèd Son:
 "It's time to have compassion.
 Then go, bright jewel of My crown,
 And bring to all salvation.
 From sin and sorrow set them free;
 Slay bitter death for them that they
 May live with You forever."
- The Son obeyed His Father's will,
 Was born of virgin mother;
 And God's good pleasure to fulfill,
 He came to be my brother.
 His royal pow'r disguised He bore;
 A servant's form, like mine, He wore
 To lead the devil captive.

To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, and you are Mine, And where I am you may remain; The foe shall not divide us.

8 "Though he will shed My precious blood,

Me of My life bereaving,
All this I suffer for your good;
Be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict'ry win;
My innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.

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9 "Now to My Father I depart,
From earth to heav'n ascending,
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,
The Holy Spirit sending;
In trouble He will comfort you
And teach you always to be true
And into truth shall guide you.

10 "What I on earth have done and taught

Guide all your life and teaching; So shall the kingdom's work be wrought

And honored in your preaching.
But watch lest foes with base alloy
The heav'nly treasure should destroy;
This final word I leave you."



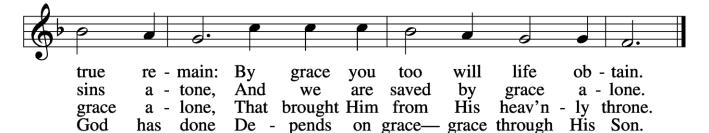
- 1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
- 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer it; Our works and con duct
- 3 By grace God's Son, our on ly Sav ior, Came down to earth to
- 4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer-tain; As long as God is



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5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,

In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;

In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

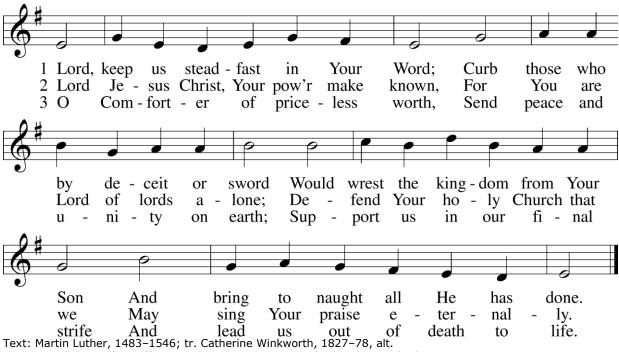
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Hymn: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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

- C Amen.

Hymn: Salvation unto Us Has Come

LSB 555 (Stanzas 6–10)



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Those Serving Us

Preacher and Liturgist: Rev. Nathan Sherrill;

Pianist: Rev. Timothy Frank

Instrumentalists: John Timm & Rachel Johnson Choirs: Cantate Domino and Festival Choirs

Kantor's Notes: Thank you to our combined Festival and Cantate Domino Choirs for their music this morning. The pieces that they are singing are two out of the three choral pieces that will be sung at the Reformation Hymn Festival in Hsinchu, Taiwan this Saturday.

Opportunities for Growth

Today	12:15 p.m.	Reformation Potluck
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
Wednesday	No Cantate Domino Choir	
-	5:00 p.m.	Christ Academy Meal
	5:30 p.m.	Christ Academy Student Sections
	5:45 p.m.	Christ Academy Adult Section – Pastor Tews
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
·	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
Next Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
•	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Divine Service
	11:00 a.m.	Pancake Man

News and Notes

Join us today for a Reformation potluck following the 10:45 a.m. service!

There is a Free Will Door Offering today for the Lutheran Church Mission in Taiwan.

Christ Academy will be serving potluck this Wednesday. Main course will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Meal starts at 5:00pm. Come and join us.

The Pancake Man is coming to the Early Childhood Center on Sunday, November 3rd from 11:00am to 1:30pm. Put it on your calendar to join us for really good pancakes and great fellowship.

You are invited to a Bride-To-Be-Brunch in honor of Laura Jean Wurdeman on November 16th, at 10:00 a.m. here at St. Paul's. Please R.S.V.P. to Paige at (712)-307-2399. Laura and Adam are registered at Target and Amazon. Website: adamandlaura.minted.us.

This Week's Memory

The Eighth Commandment: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

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