

Reformation Celebration



October 30, 2011



From the fullness of his GRACE we have all received one blessing after another.

John 1:16

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Speak, O Lord



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -
 2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
 3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.
 rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
 grasp the heights of your plans for us.



Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will



fash - ion us in your like - ness That the
 ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our
 e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to-day In our acts of
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic
 grace we'll stand on your pro - mis-es, And by faith we'll



love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
 love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
 walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your



fill in us All your pur - pos-es for your
 nev - er fail, Let their truth pre - vail o - ver
 Church is built And you fill the earth with your



glo - ry.
 un - be - lief.
 glo - ry.

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PRESERVICE MUSIC

Fanfare for Reformation

Walter L. Pelz

A Mighty Fortress

Performed by the Grace Brass Ensemble

WELCOME

HYMN *(see page 1)*

Speak, O Lord

Christian Worship Supplement #735

PLEASE STAND

AUGSBURG CONFESSION & A MIGHTY FORTRESS

INVOCATION

MINISTER: It is with one accord taught and held, following the decree of the Council of Nicea, that there is one divine essence which is named God and truly is God.

CONGREGATION: **But there are three persons in the same one essence, equally powerful, equally eternal: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.**

M: All three are one divine essence, eternal, undivided, unending, of immeasurable power, wisdom, and goodness,

C: **The creator and preserver of all visible and invisible things.**

HYMN

A Mighty Fortress

Christian Worship #200, stanza 1

ALL: **A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That has 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.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

M: It is taught among us that since the fall of Adam, all human beings who are born in the natural way are conceived and born in sin.

C: **This means that from birth they are full of evil lust and inclination and cannot by nature possess true fear of God and true faith in God.**

M: Moreover, this same innate disease and original sin is truly sin.

C: **And condemns to God's eternal wrath all who are not in turn born anew through baptism and the Holy Spirit.**

HYMN

A Mighty Fortress
Christian Worship #200, stanza 2

ALL: With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant one,
Whom God himself elected.
You ask, "Who is this?"
Jesus Christ it is.
The almighty Lord.
And there's no other God;
He holds the field forever.

THE GOSPEL

M: It is taught that God the Son became a human being, born of the pure Virgin Mary,
C: **And that two natures, the divine and the human, are so inseparably united in one person that there is one Christ.**
M: He is true God and true human being who truly was born, suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried
C: **In order both to be a sacrifice not only for original sin but also for all others' sins and to satisfy God's wrath.**

HYMN

A Mighty Fortress
Christian Worship #200, stanza 3

ALL: Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill;
They shall not overpower 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR LIVING

M: It is taught that we cannot obtain forgiveness of sin and righteousness before God through our merit, work or satisfactions,
C: **But that we receive forgiveness of sin and become righteous before God out of grace for Christ's sake through faith.**
M: To obtain such faith God instituted the ministry of teaching the gospel and administering the sacraments.
C: **Through these, as through means, he gives the Holy Spirit who produces faith where and when he wills.**
M: It is also taught that such faith should yield good fruit and good works,
C: **And that a person must do such good works as God has commanded.**

HYMN

A Mighty Fortress
Christian Worship #200, stanza 4

**ALL: 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 do what they will—
Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—
Though all may be gone,
Our victory is won;
The kingdom's our forever!**

PLEASE BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 23:1-3

Then the king called together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. He went up to the temple of the LORD with the men of Judah, the people of Jerusalem, the priests and the prophets—all the people from the least to the greatest. He read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant, which had been found in the temple of the LORD. The

king stood by the pillar and renewed the covenant in the presence of the LORD—to follow the LORD and keep his commands, regulations and decrees with all his heart and all his soul, thus confirming the words of the covenant written in this book. Then all the people pledged themselves to the covenant.

CHOIR

Psalm 46

David M. Cherwien

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 2:1-9

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us

alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia. (John 8:31, 32)

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL

John 1:14-17

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes

after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'" From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED

HYMN

Not Unto Us

Christian Worship #392

SERMON

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made

perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

The Reformation Is a Celebration of Grace!

- 1. Grace Made It Happen.**
- 2. Grace Was Its Heartbeat.**

OFFERING *This afternoon's offering will be used to support mission efforts of the WELS churches of the Saguaro Circuit (Tucson).*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Not Unto Us

Carl R. Ziebell

PLEASE STAND

LITANY FOR THE REFORMATION

M: Almighty and merciful God, through the inspired writing of the Apostles and Prophets you revealed your holy will and your grace. For these first heralds of your truth:

C: **We glorify your name, O Lord.**

M: In the days of spiritual darkness you raised up reformers to recall your Church to the Gospel light. For Martin Luther and for all the brave defenders of your saving Word:

C: **We magnify your name, O Lord.**

M: Through that Word you made known your saving grace in Christ Jesus. You delivered him into death for our sins and raised him to life again for our justification, thereby freely offering to all people deliverance from sin, death and the devil. For such tremendous love:

C: We praise your name, O Lord.

M: In mercy you have brought us into the fellowship of faith and richly blessed us day by day. For our Christian homes and families, for faithful pastors and teachers, for peace and freedom in our land, for all the blessings we have received:

C: We thank you with all our hearts, O Lord.

M: We freely confess our unworthiness of all your gifts. For our unfaithfulness, our feeble faith, our careless hearing of your Word, our wasted opportunities to share the Word, our lack of love for you and for other people, we pray:

C: Forgive us for Jesus' sake, O Lord.

M: We earnestly implore you, O Lord, to increase our loyalty and love for you. Constantly reform and purify your church. In this day of spreading error and confusion, grant all Christians the blessing of true faithfulness to your Word. Use us to bring its saving truths to many and grant that, thereby, many will come to follow in the way of life everlasting.

C: Hear us, O Lord, for the glory of Your Name!

PLEASE BE SEATED

Choir

Jesus Is The Living Stone

Music by Mary McDonald

PLEASE STAND

LORD'S PRAYER AND ADMONITION

M: Friends in Christ: I invite you to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me the Lord's Prayer as Christ our Lord taught us.

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name...

M: Here we pray that God our Father in heaven would look with mercy on all his children on earth. We ask him to give us grace that we might proclaim his Word faithfully and live our lives according to his will, for then we show that his name is precious to us. We also pray that he would keep us from any teaching and living which would dishonor his name.

C: Thy kingdom come...

M: We pray that his Kingdom and the rule of his grace might come to us and grow in us each day; that all who are still captives in Satan's kingdom might be brought to know Jesus Christ, his Son, so that the Christian Church might grow and prosper.

C: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven...

M: We pray that the Holy Spirit would strengthen us to do and accept God's will, in life and death, in good times and in bad, and that we might have power to put down our own sinful will and its desires.

C: Give us this day our daily bread...

M: We pray that our Father would also give us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish desires, and help us to trust that he will provide for all our needs.

C: Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us...

- M:** We ask that God would forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may rest and rejoice in a good conscience before him, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us.
- C:** **And lead us not into temptation...**
- M:** We pray here that God would protect us from all temptations and help us by his Spirit to put down our sinful flesh, to despise the world and its vices and to overcome the devil and all his trickery.
- C:** **But deliver us from evil...**
- M:** And finally, we pray that God would deliver us from all evils of body and soul, now and forever.
- C:** **For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**
- M:** All those who sincerely desire these things will say from their hearts, Amen, trusting without any doubt that their prayers are answered in heaven, as Christ has promised: "Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

BENEDICTION

- M:** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C:** **Amen, Amen, Amen. (Sung)**

PLEASE BE SEATED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

Grace Has a Thrilling Sound
Christian Worship #381

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Charles W. Ore

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS AFTERNOON

- Worship Leader** Pastor Colin Rieke, *Grace's Mission Pastor to Vail*
- Preacher** Pastor Silas Krueger
- Organist** Mark Davidson
- Choir Director** Teri Guenther
- Brass Ensemble Director** Missy Wiechmann
- Brass Ensemble & Organist** John Rayman, Eileen Rayman, Cora Kosanke,
Pastor Ron Koehler, Pastor Nathan Kassulke, Tina Christianson
- Trumpets** Carl Buchholz, Tyler Koehler
- Sound & Recording Tech** Jeff Weinstein

Thank You

A special thank you to our guest preacher, Pastor Silas Krueger, for sharing God's message with us this afternoon and to Mark Davidson, our guest organist from Milwaukee, WI.

We hope you are able to join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship to enjoy some desserts and the company of Christian friends!