

2013 Area Reformation Service



November 3rd • 3:00PM
Grace Lutheran Church
830 N. First Avenue Tucson, AZ



PRESERVICE MUSIC

God the Father, Be Our Stay;
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing;
O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True
Settings by Paul Manz

In Christ Alone
Arranged by Mary McDonald
Organ: Tina Christianson
Piano: Teri Guenther

Area Reformation Service 2013
“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast”

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

In Trembling Hands, Lord God, We Hold
Christian Worship #199
Choir will sing stanzas 2, 4 & 6

Please stand

INVOCATION

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: Amen.

PSALM 46

M: God is our refuge and strength,
C: **an ever-present help in trouble.**
M: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
C: **and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**
M: though its waters roar and foam
C: **and the mountains quake with their surging.**
M: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
C: **the holy place where the Most High dwells.**
M: God is within her, she will not fall;
C: **God will help her at break of day.**
M: “Be still and know that I am God;
C: **I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”**
All: **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.

PSALM PRAYER

M: Lord God, our refuge and strength, when the restless powers of this world and the fury of Satan rise up against your holy city, watch over it and keep it safe. Be with us in every time of trouble and bring us to the new Jerusalem where you live and reign, one God, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON

Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23 (NIV)

Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: "Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or man except to you, O king, would be thrown into the lions' den?" The king answered, "The decree stands—in accordance with the laws of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed."

So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!" A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den,

and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed. Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep. At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?" Daniel answered, "O king, live forever! My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, O king." The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

How Can I Keep from Singing?

By Robert Lowry

*My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I hear the sweet though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?*

*What thou my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 4:9-18 (NIV)

Do your best to come to me quickly, for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments. Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. You

too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message. At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

JOINT CHOIR

Only God

By Mary McDonald

Only God can move a mountain; only God can calm the sea.
Only God can heal a wounded spirit; only God, only God!
Only God can hear my heart's cry; only God my sin atone.
Only God can give us calm assurance, only God, only God!
God Almighty, most Holy wise God; You are the power and the glory, O God, our God!

Only God can be our refuge; only God can be our strength.
Only God will stand as our Defender, only God, only God!
Only God is the power; only God in majesty!
Only God will reign as King forever, only God, only God!
God Almighty, most Holy wise God; You are the power and the glory, O God, our God!

Please stand

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:16-23 (NIV)

I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. Be on your guard against men; they will hand you over to the local councils and flog you in their synagogues. On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for

it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. I tell you the truth, you will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

Please be seated

HYMN

If God Had Not Been on Our Side
Christian Worship #202

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in

mind the things of God, but the things of men." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Please stand

CONFESSION OF FAITH (*Luther's Explanation to the Apostles' Creed*)

M: I believe that God created me and all that exists,

C: **And that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.**

M: And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all that I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil.

C: **All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.**

M: And I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from all eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

C: **He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.**

M: All this he did that I should be his own and live under him in his kingdom,

C: **and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.**

M: And I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

C: **But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

M: In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

C: **In this Christian church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.**

M: On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

C: **This is most certainly true.**

Please be seated

OFFERING

Our generous offerings of thanks to God go to support the work of our Saguaro Circuit. In the past these gifts have enabled us to carry out God's kingdom work in many ways, including preparing and mailing outreach materials for all of our congregations, supporting our mission congregation, Dove Mountain, and allowing us to join for Reformation worship each year.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Thy Strong Word
Setting by Paul Manz

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR REFORMATION

M: Almighty and eternal God, when the time had fully come, you sent your Son to take our place under the demands of the law and to endure the just punishment for our sins. For our sake you accepted his sacrifice on the cross and raised him from death to glorious splendor.

C: **Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

M: When the time had fully come, you bestowed your Spirit on your people as a testimony that you had called them to proclaim the gospel to every creature. Equipped and encouraged, they carried the Word of Salvation into all the world.

C: **The Lord reigns. Let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.**

M: When the time had fully come, you raised up your servant Martin Luther to restore the pure and right teaching of the Scriptures to a troubled Church. You renewed your people with the light of your love, and your holy church grew and prospered throughout the world.

C: **God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.**

M: When the time had fully come, you made our forefathers bold to take their stand on the truth of your Word. You have blessed their sons and daughters and have enabled us to preserve and proclaim the saving gospel.

C: **Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.**

M: Let this be a time, O Lord, when you renew us again by Word and sacrament, when you reform our hearts and minds, and when you restore to us the joy of fellowship and service. Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of those who have gone before us.

C: **May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave us nor forsake us.**

M: May this be a time, O Lord, for confession and repentance. Forgive us for the apathy that harms our faith and hinders our works. Forgive us for boasting of our past achievements and for blaming others for our present problems. Rid us of indifference to public worship and Bible study. Destroy the distrust that plagues us, and shatter every thought and word that harms the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.

C: **Create in us pure hearts, O God, and renew steadfast spirits within us.**

M: Let this be a time, O Lord, when we recommit and reconsecrate ourselves to the ministry of the gospel. Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and success in our labor.

C: **May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us, that his ways may be known on earth, his salvation among all nations. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN

A Mighty Fortress is Our God
Christian Worship #201
Choir will sing stanza 3

Please stand

PRAYER

M: Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word
Christian Worship #203

POSTLUDE

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
Setting by Dallas Blair

Those serving in worship today

Worship Leader Pastor Mark Jacobson
Preacher Pastor Michael Schultz
Accompanists Tina Christianson, Elaine Goldie, Teri Guenther
Choir Director Paula Schmutge
Orchestra Director Missy Wiechmann
Children's Choir Director Megan Watson
Sound Tech Jeff Weinstein

THANK YOU to Pastor Michael Schultz for bringing us God's Word on this Reformation Day. Pastor Schultz is the Project Director for the new WELS hymnal to be published in 2024. He formerly served Sola Fide in Lawrenceville, GA and Mt. Calvary in Flagstaff, AZ.

Dear friends,

Thank you for joining us for this special service celebrating the Lutheran Reformation. It is such a pleasure to be able to meet together from our various congregations and to worship our God for his many blessings to us. I am so thankful that God has given us this fellowship among our congregations locally and throughout the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and I pray that he would continue to pour out his blessings on us.

A special thank you to everyone who helped prepare for this service and the fellowship time that follows. Several are listed in this worship folder, but it would be impossible to list everyone who contributed in some way. Please know that I am very grateful.

If you would be interested in helping out with future Area Reformation Services, or have any feedback about this service, I would be pleased to hear from you.

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

The Churches of the Saguaro Circuit

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