

# ***Reformation Sunday***

**October 25, 2020      10:30 a.m.**



*During the Service: Martin Luther's Doubts ~ James Tissot*

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# Order of Worship

***The Bells of Taizé***

Taizé  
*Music of Unity & Peace*

***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

LBW 229

A mighty fortress is our God,  
A sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
And wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe,  
Has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might  
He arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might!  
We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
Whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.

God's Word forever shall abide,  
No thanks to foes, who fear it;  
For God himself fights by our side  
With weapons of the Spirit.

Were they to take our house,  
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
Though life be wrenched away,  
They cannot win the day.  
The Kingdom's ours forever!

**Text:** Martin Luther; tr. *Hymnal version, 1978*; **Music:** Martin Luther

## **Greeting & Response**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## **Words of Welcome & Introduction**

### **Prayer of Confession**

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

**Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may love and serve you, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Absolution**

Almighty God has mercy on you, forgives you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthens you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keeps you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**Psalm 46**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

**The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

***Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.***

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. *Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?* He said to him, “*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.*” *This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.* Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: *What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?* They said to him, *The son of David.* He said to them, *How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, “The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet’”? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?* No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

## Prayer of the Day

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that you would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. For into your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. **Amen.**

***I Love To Tell the Story***

LBW 390

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

**Refrain:**

**I love to tell the story;  
I'll sing this theme in glory  
And tell the old, old story  
Of Jesus and his love.**

I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat  
What seems each time I tell it,  
More wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

**I love to tell the story;  
I'll sing this theme in glory  
And tell the old, old story  
Of Jesus and his love.**

I love to tell the story:  
For those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song.  
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.

**I love to tell the story;  
I'll sing this theme in glory  
And tell the old, old story  
Of Jesus and his love.**

**Text:** Katherine Hankey; **Music:** William G. Fischer

## **Prayers of the Church**

Sundays & Seasons

### **Offering/Offertory**

*We Give Thee  
But Thine Own*

LBW 410

We give thee but thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from thee.

And we believe thy word,  
Though dim our faith may be:  
Whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,  
We do it unto thee.

**Text:** William W. How, alt.; **Music:** L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*.

### **Offering Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set your table in the midst of a suffering world, through the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Instruction Concerning the Lord's Supper



## HOLY COMMUNION

### Invitation

Come to the banquet table  
Where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

### Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

## The Meal



***Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound***

LBW 448

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

**Text:** John Newton; **Music:** W. Walker, Southern Harmony

**Post-Communion Prayer**

O God, the giver of all that is true and lovely and gracious:  
We give you thanks for binding us together in these holy  
mysteries of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Grant that by your Holy Spirit we may become one in heart  
and soul, live in fidelity and peace, and receive those eternal  
joys prepared for all whom you love; for the sake of Jesus  
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



*Red Leaves ~ Julie A. Bonde*

## **Announcements and Thank you**

### **Blessing Prayer**

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that you would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. **Amen.**

**Postlude**     *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*     Rhonda Reece

## Quotations from Martin Luther

This life is not righteousness,  
 but growth in righteousness;  
 not health, but healing; not being, but becoming;  
 not rest, but exercise.

We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing  
 toward it; the process is not yet finished,  
 but it is going on.

This is not the end, but it is the road;  
 all does not gleam in glory, but all is being purified.

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The more a person loves, the closer he approaches the  
 image of God.

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Put thou thy trust in God,  
 In duty's path go on;  
 Fix on his word thy steadfast eye;  
 So shall thy work be done.

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The sin underneath all our sins is to trust the lie of the  
 serpent that we cannot trust the love and grace of Christ  
 and must take matters into our own hands.



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