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*Preservice Music, Ringing of the Bell, Welcome*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

*(Stand)*

### INVOCATION

Reader: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

R: I will speak of your testimonies before kings, O Lord,

**C: and shall not be put to shame.**

**PSALM** 119:46, Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22

R: I will bless the LORD at all times;

**C: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

R: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

**C: let the humble hear and be glad.**

R: Come, O children, listen to me;

**C: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

R: The LORD redeems the life of his servants;

**C: Let none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

R: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

**C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*(Sit)*

### OPENING SONG OF PRAISE *"Blessed Assurance"*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,

Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood!

*Chorus:*

**This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission—Christ on the cross,  
For my salvation, He suffered loss,  
Gave up His life and gave up His throne,  
Purchased and won me, made me His own.** *Chorus*

**Knowing forgiveness, now I'm at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, trusting His love.** *Chorus*

**Vict'ry o'er Satan, death, and the grave,  
O what a joy to know that I'm saved!  
Claiming no merit, works of my own,  
All glory, praise, be to God alone** *Chorus*

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## **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. And 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.

## **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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Song**

*"Think About His Love"*

**Think about His love, think about His Goodness.**

**Think about His grace that's brought us through.**

**For as high as the heavens above**

**So great is the measure of our Father's love.**

**Great is the measure of our Father's love.** *Repeat.*

*Ending:* **Great is the measure of our Father's love.**

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*(Stand)*

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 8:31–36*

**P** The holy Gospel according to Saint John, the sixth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So 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.**

## THE CONFESSION

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. 1 John 1:8-9**

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. *John 20:19-31*

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: 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, our Lord. Amen.**

## NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one**

substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made;  
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And  
was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius  
Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose  
again according to the scriptures; And ascended into heaven,  
And sits at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come  
again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose  
kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who  
proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and  
the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the  
Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic  
Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the  
world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

## THE CHILDREN'S TALK

### THE SONG of THE DAY "*A Mighty Fortress*" GMP 1

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe  
His craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be  
losing,

Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own  
choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus it is He, Lord Sabaoth  
His name.

From age to age the same, and He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to  
undo us,

We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru  
us.

The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him.

His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure:

One little word shall fell him.

**A mighty fortress, A mighty fortress is our God.  
A mighty fortress, A mighty fortress is our God.**

**That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them,  
abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us  
sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also  
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still:  
His kingdom is forever.**

**A mighty fortress, A mighty fortress is our God.  
A mighty fortress, A mighty fortress is our God.**

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## **THE SERMON “With Might of Ours Can Naught Be Done”**

### **THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*"Lord, in Your mercy ...Hear our prayer."*

**OFFERING** with music by Deaconess Kim Bueltmann, LCMS  
Missionary to Leipzig and Chemnitz, Germany

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**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.**

*Communion Prayer by the pastor*

**C:** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

*(Sit)*

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### Songs During Distribution

"Do This in Remembrance of Me"

**Do this in remembrance of Me.**

**Do this in remembrance of Me.**

**This is My body this is My blood.**

**Do this in remembrance of Me.**

**This is My body given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.**

**This cup's the new covenant, sealed in My blood.**

**Do this in remembrance of Me. For whenever you eat this bread**

**and whenever you drink this cup,**

**As you do you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**

*Repeat.*

*Ending:*

**Do this in remembrance of Me. Do this in remembrance of Me.**

**This is My body this is My blood. Do this in remembrance of Me.**

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**"You Are My Hiding Place"**

**You are my hiding place.**

**You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance.**

**Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. I will trust in You.**

**Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord."**

**You are my hiding place.**

**You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance.**

**Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. I will trust in You.**

**Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord."**

**I will trust in You."**

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*"I Love You, Lord"*

**I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice  
To worship You, oh my soul, rejoice!  
Take joy, my King, in what You hear  
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.   Repeat.**

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*(Stand)*

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

## **BENEDICTION**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His favor upon you and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## **CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE**

*"Spirit Song"*

**O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love,  
Let Him fill your life and satisfy your soul.**

**O let Him have the things that hold you and His Spirit,  
like a dove,**

**Will descend upon your life and make you whole.**

*Chorus:*

**Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

**Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

**O come and sing this song of gladness as your hearts are  
filled with joy,**

**Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.**

**O give Him all your tears and sadness, give Him all your  
years of pain,**

**And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.   Chorus.**

*Ephesians 3:17 ©1979 Mercy Publishing CCLI #187269 BB 202, GMP 239*

**The Reformation Rally will take place at 5:00 PM  
today at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Altamont.**