Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church

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Reformation Day



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We are delighted to have you worship with us today. May this hour of praise and celebration be one of spiritual renewal. Please join us for worship at any time and sign the red Record of Fellowship pad in the pew. To inquire about membership or other information, please call the Church Office: 692-7027 or email us at mtpisgahlcms@gmail.com.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER



Holy Communion is celebrated at all services every Sunday and on special festivals. This Sacrament is the means by which Jesus Christ, the bread of life, gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. In this Meal, Jesus forgives our sins, gives us victory over death and Satan, and delivers his eternal salvation to us. Since this is the true body and true blood of Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and wine, we do not treat this sacrament lightly; rather, we receive it with great reverence and gratitude

to our merciful Savior. Moreover, St. Paul writes: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself (1 Cor. 11:27-29)." An order of self-examination is located on pages 329-330 of your hymnal.

To ensure that all who participate in this sacrament receive this sacred gift as the blessing it is intended to be and not to their condemnation, this congregation, with Christian love and in accordance with Holy Scripture, practices closed communion with those who have been instructed and share our public profession of the Christian faith in all its articles. We therefore ask our guests who wish to commune to speak with the Pastor before the service.

We provide both the common cup and individual cups. The individual cups in the center of tray are alcohol free for those with medical requirements that prevent them from receiving alcohol. Wine, however, is the preferred means to receive the blood of Christ, if and when possible, since wine is what Jesus used to institute this sacrament. Likewise, we use unleavened bread, as our Lord did. Gluten-free hosts are also available for those with medical needs. Please alert the Pastor or an Elder of any needs.

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Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God Thanking God for the faithful of the Reformation by Paul Mincer

Serving Today

Pastor Jonathan	Christensen		Robert Hamrick, Organist
Bill Paris, Cantor		Craig Escude, Choir Director/Cantor	
		8:00 AM	10:45 AM
Eld	ders	Paul Mincer	David White
	ctors hers	Zoe Christensen	Wendy White
Gr	eeter	Jackie Fry	Nona Schmook
Al	tar Guild	Lyn Heiple	Debbie Leger
			Michele Escude`
			Debby Zagone
		Serving Next Week	
		8:00 AM	10:45 AM
Le	ctors	Rick Sanborn	David White
Us	hers		
Gr	eeter	Jackie Fry	Nona Schmook

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Divine Service, Setting Five from Lutheran Service Book

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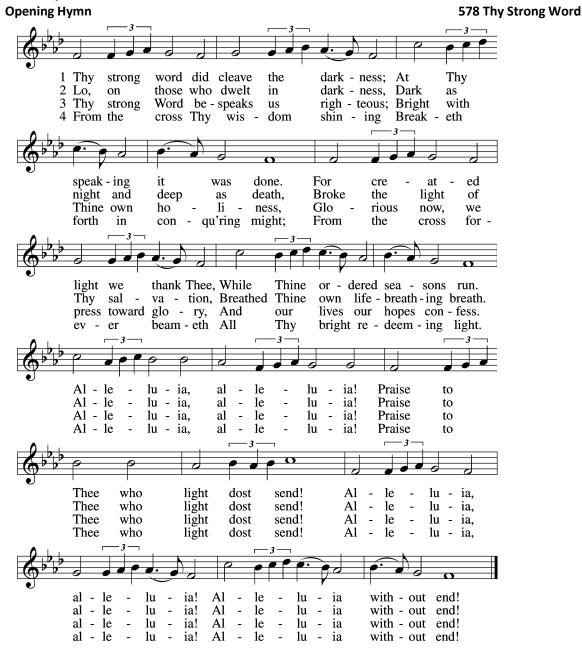
The Divine Service: Setting Five

Prelude

Thy Strong Word A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Richard W. Gieseke Jacob B. Weber

Stand and face the Processional Cross as it enters.



5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim, Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name. Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end! △ 6 God the Father, light-creator,
 To Thee laud and honor be.
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
 Praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 Glory, glory be to Thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 Praise the holy Trinity!

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- ightharpoonup In the name of the Father and of the ightharpoonup 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,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Sit

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

Stand Introit Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46 Tone H I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]* and shall not be | put to shame. I will bless the LORD at | all times;* his praise shall continually be | in my mouth. My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;* let the humble hear | and be glad. Come, O children, lis- ten to me;* I will teach you the fear of the LORD. The LORD redeems the life of his | servants:* none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned. 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. **Kyrie** 945 Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved Cantor 1 O God, Father in heav en, have mer-cy up us. 2 O Son of God, Redeemer of the world, have mer-cy up us. 3 O God, Holy Spir it, have mer-cy up us. Congregation Your heart, 0 God, is grieved, we know, Byev - 'ry sting tend, From of Your arms ex -0 Christ, to save ish Giv - er. aid The fee - ble O lav come to Up for vil. ev 'ry woe; on Your cross of death and grasp grave; Your scars be fore the Now child Your has made. and grace make us grow Son Our death is laid, sak - en and peace is won. Fa - ther His move heart to such love.

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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.

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.
- Thanks be to God.

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Psalm Psalm 46; antiphon: v. 7 Tone H
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<sup>1</sup>God is our ref- | uge and strength,*
  a very present help in | trouble.
<sup>2</sup>Therefore 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.
<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,*
  the holy habitation of the | Most High.
<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of her; she shall | not be moved;*
  God will help her when | morning dawns.
<sup>6</sup>The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter;*
  he utters his voice, the | earth melts.
<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is | with us;*
  the God of Jacob is our | fortress.
<sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works of the LORD,*
  how he has brought desolations on the earth.
<sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end | of the earth;*
  he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots | with fire.
<sup>10</sup>"Be still, and know that | I am God.*
  I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted | in the earth!"
<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is | with us;*
  the God of Jacob is our | fortress.
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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.

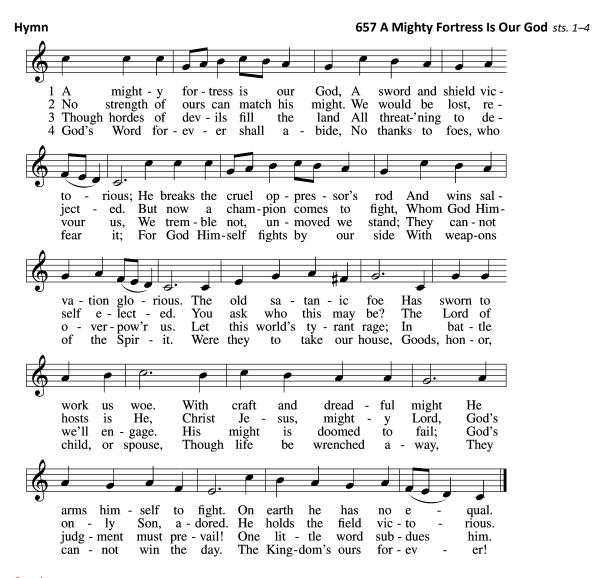
²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are 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.

Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel John 8:31–36

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

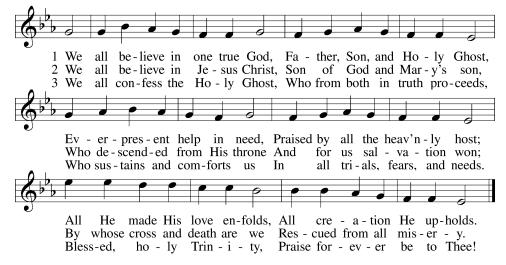
³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become 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.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Creedal Hymn

953 We All Believe in One True God



Sit

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, sustain Your Church. Deliver her from error and preserve in her the proclamation of Your Gospel, that it would resound to every nation, tribe, people and language and that all may fear and give You glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, bless all ministers of Your Word. Help them rightly to preach Your Law so that all are held accountable to You without excuse and joyfully proclaim Your Gospel, that all would know Jesus Christ as their Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, look with compassion on all who are blind to the bondage of their sin. Open their eyes by the words of Jesus and grant them the true freedom of sonship and a permanent place in Your household. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, make us truly Your disciples. Keep us in Your Word, free us from all errors, and make our homes and families peaceful. Preserve all fathers and encourage them for their godly task, that children would be brought up in the fear and instruction of the Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, bless all civil authorities, especially our president; Congress; and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Protect them from the temptations that beset their offices and grant them wisdom and courage to serve with integrity. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, be near to all who cry to You for healing of body and soul <u>[especially</u>]. Grant them release from their afflictions according to Your will. Sustain their hope in the full and final healing that awaits them at the day of Christ's appearing. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, bless all who come to the altar to partake of Christ's own body and blood for the forgiveness of their sins. Grant them repentant hearts that seek to amend their lives, and by Your Spirit align them with Your will and purpose. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, we give You thanks for all Your servants who have departed this life in faith. We especially bless You today for the great reformers of Your Church who call us back to the Gospel and to the righteousness we have in Christ alone. Keep us in fellowship with them and bring us at last to our heavenly home to see our Redeemer face to face; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface LSB 216

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- 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

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

The Words of Our Lord LSB 217

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ⅓ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

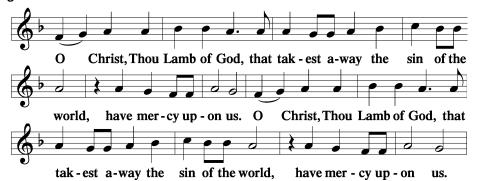
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 198





Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

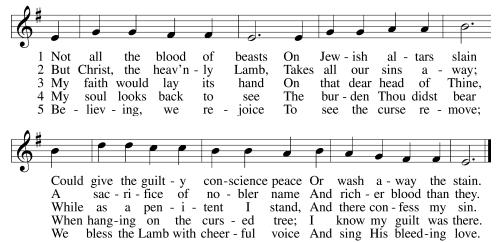
In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

 in peace.
- C Amen.

Distribution Hymn

431 Not All the Blood of Beasts





Stand

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

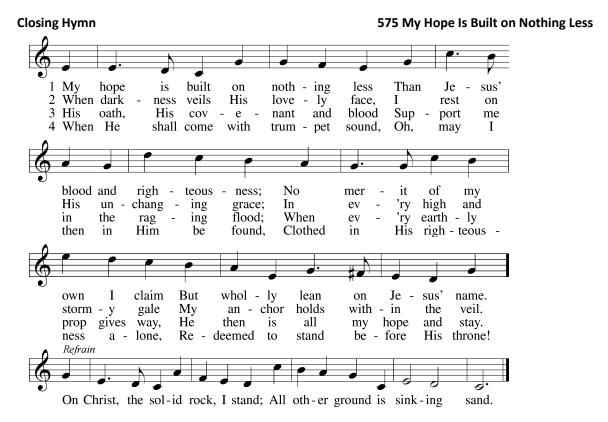
Benedicamus LSB 218

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and

 → give you peace.
- C Amen.



Postlude

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

Phil Lehenbauer