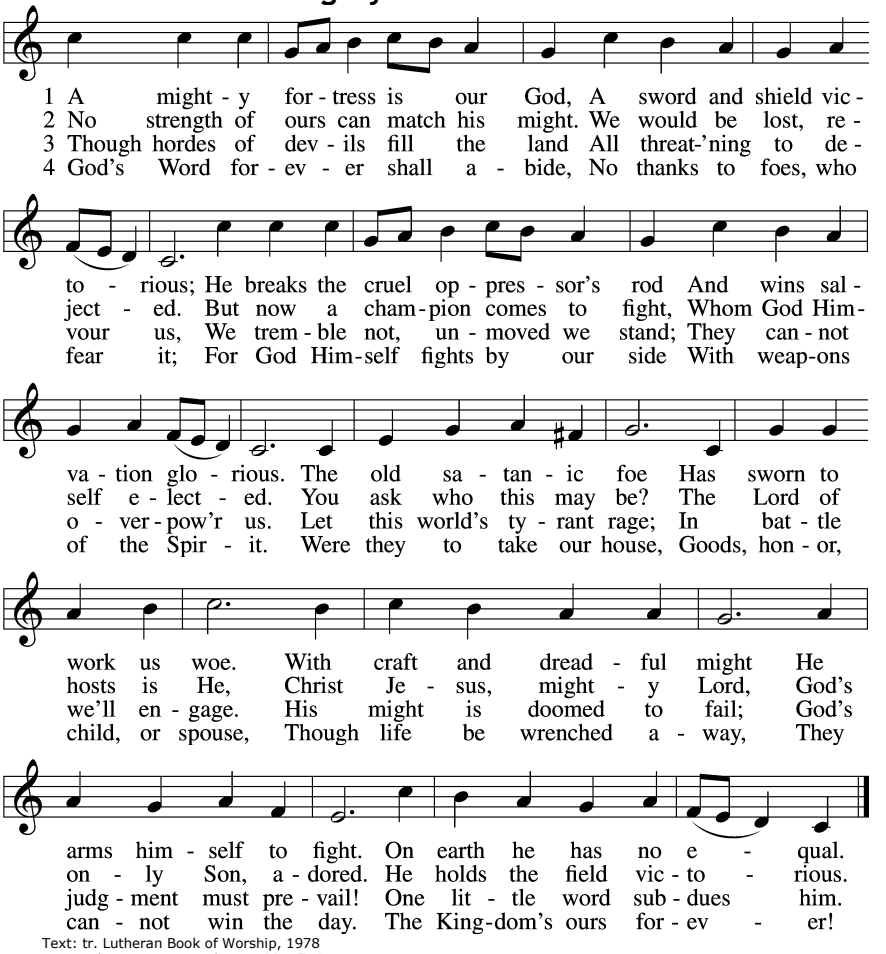Reformation Celebration

Saturday, October 24, 2026 - 4:00pm
Sunday, October 25, 2026 - 8:30am

Prelude

Hymn of Invocation: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 657



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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Exhortation *LSB 151*

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*

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins *LSB 151*

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.**

Absolution

Service of the Word

Introit: Psalm 46

P God is our refuge and strength,

C **A very present help in trouble.**

P Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

C **Though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

P Though its waters roar and foam,

C **Though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

P There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

C **The holy habitation of the Most High.**

P God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

C **God will help her when morning dawns.**

P The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

C **He utters his voice, the earth melts.**

P The Lord of hosts is with us;

C **The God of Jacob is our fortress.**

P Come, behold the works of the Lord,

C **How he has brought desolations on the earth.**
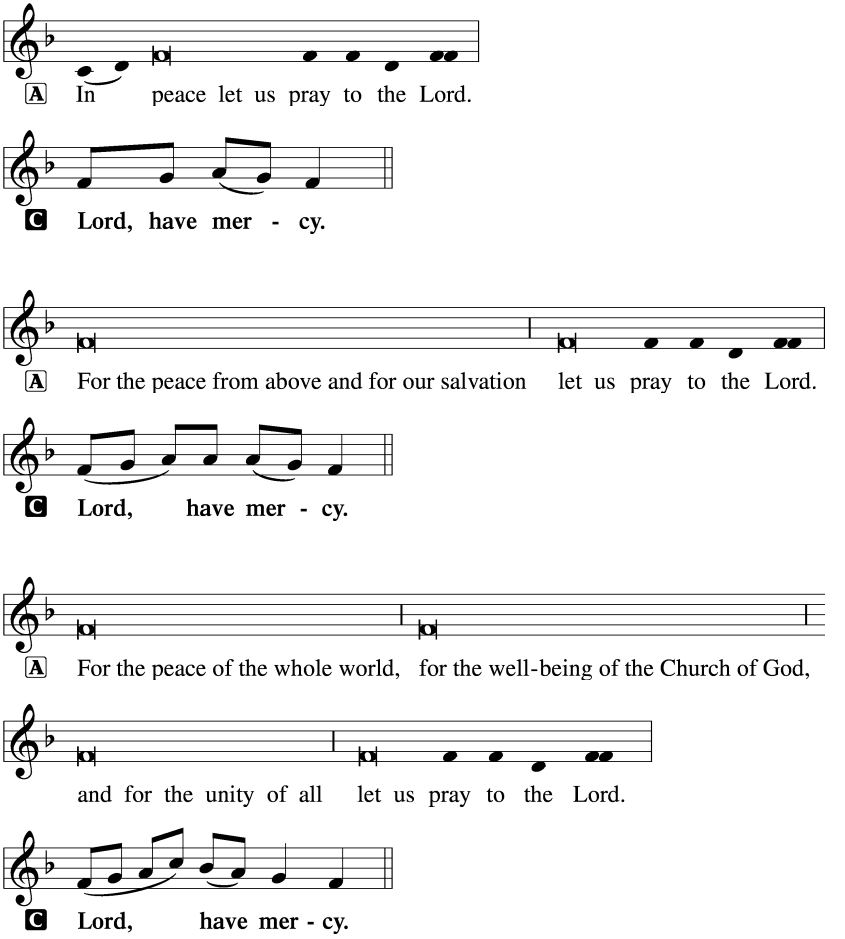
P He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

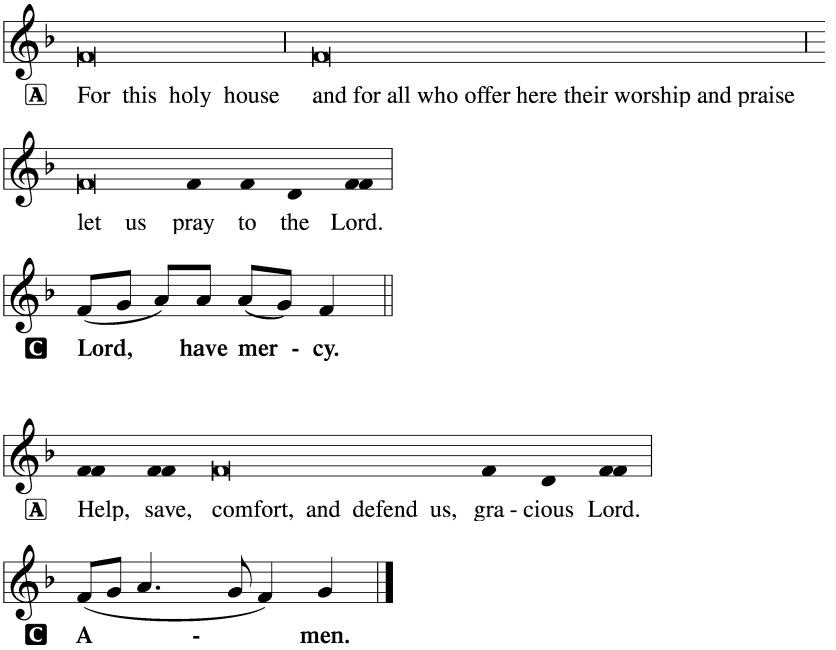
C **He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.**
P "Be still, and know that I am God.
C **I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"**
P The Lord of hosts is with us;
C **The God of Jacob is our fortress.**

C **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.

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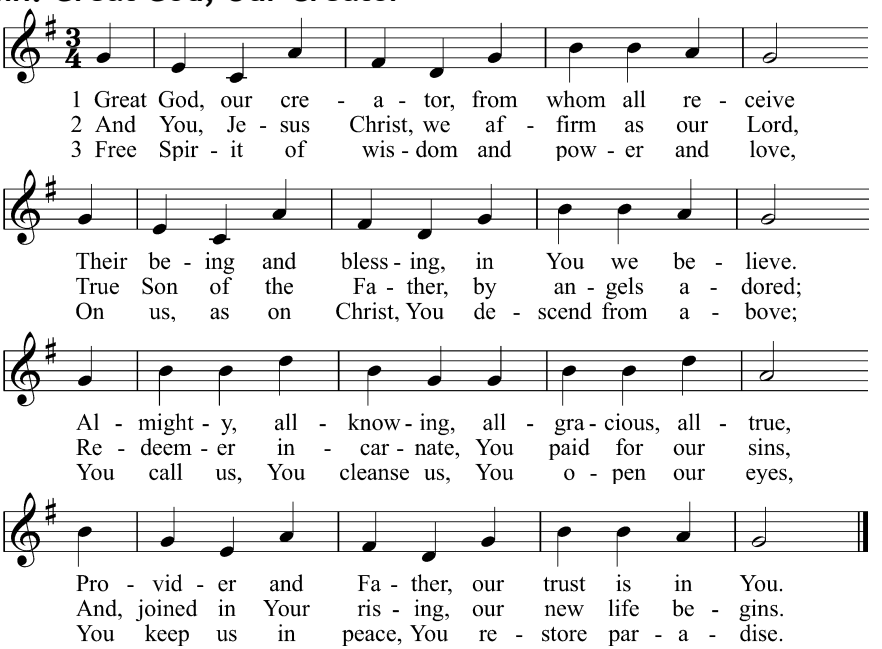
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Hymn: Great God, Our Creator

OAR 233



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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.**

Holy Baptism (Sunday): Victoria Carter *LSB pg 268*

Welcome *Saturday - Pastor Tim Eden; Sunday – Pastor Randy Bard*

Children's Time (Sunday) *Pastor Tim Eden*

First Reading *Revelation 14:6–7*

6 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. 7 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."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Psalm 48:1, 12-14*

A Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised

C **in the city of our God!**

A Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,

C **consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,**

A that you may tell the next generation

C **that this is God, our God forever and ever. Amen.**

Anthem (Sunday): "Jesus Is The Living Stone" by Mary McDonald *Adult Choir*

Epistle Reading

Romans 3:19–31

[19]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. [20]For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

[21]But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— [22]the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: [23]for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [24]and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, [25]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. [26]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.

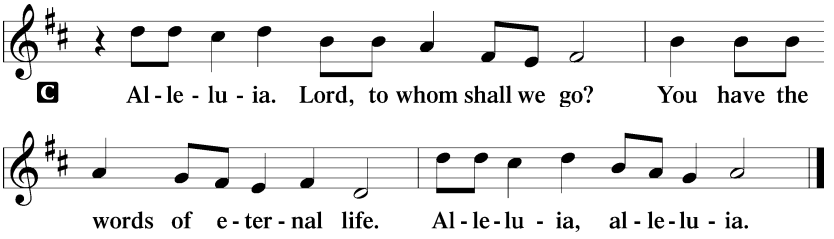
[27]Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. [28]For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. [29]Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, [30]since God is one. He will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. [31]Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

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

[31]So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, [32]and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." [33]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'?"

[34]Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. [35]The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. [36]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.**

Nicene Creed (Saturday only)

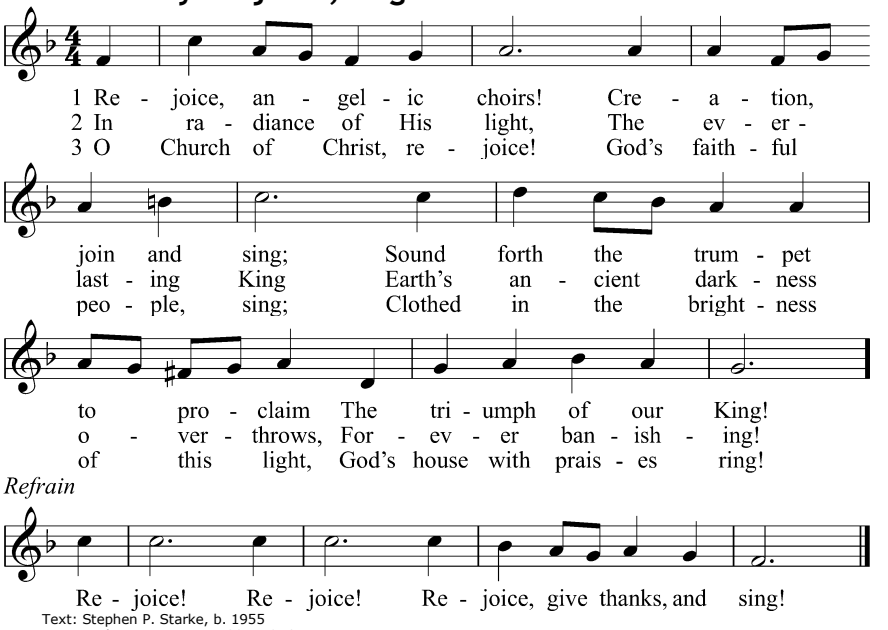
C **I believe in one God,**
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

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 will 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 in 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.

Hymn of the Day: Rejoice, Angelic Choirs

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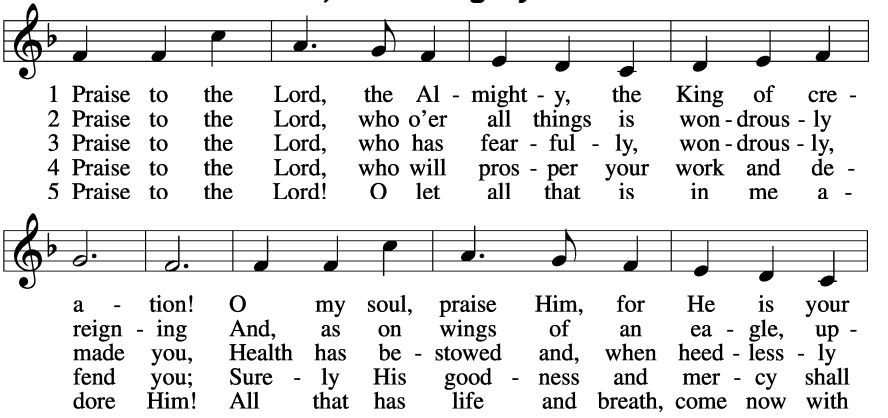
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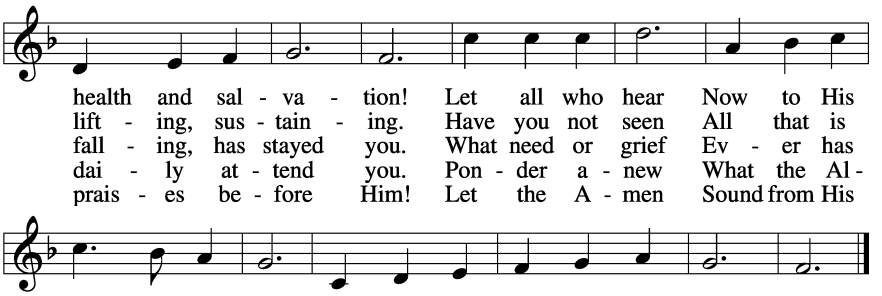
Sermon: Righteousness Apart from the Law . . . That Then Fulfills the Law

Pastor Tim Eden

Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LSB 790





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LWML MITE Gathering—When the Offering Plate has passed by, please bring your Mites forward. If you do not have a Mite Box but wish to contribute to this Mission Offering, please come forward and put it in the Big Mite Box.

Prayer of the Church and Blessing of the Mission Quilts

Those for whom we are praying are listed in the bulletin. Each petition of the prayer will end, "Lord, in Your Mercy." ***The worshipers respond, "Hear our prayer."***

Lord's Prayer

C **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.

Benediction

Hymn to Depart: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee *LSB 803*

1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

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