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656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

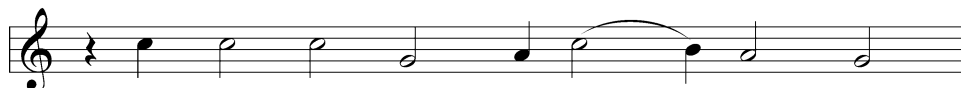
The choir sings stanza 2.



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
2 With might of ours can naught be done,
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
All ea - ger to de - vour us,
Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
But for us fights the val - iant One,
We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
He's by our side up - on the plain



That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means
Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
And take they our life, Goods, fame,

dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,

Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -

is not his e - qual.
 the field for - ev - er.
 tle word can fell him.
 dom ours re - main - eth.

Text: tr. Composite Text and tune: Martin Luther, 1483-1546

Baptism of Maddox Ryan LoVerde

Kyrie

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:

We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.

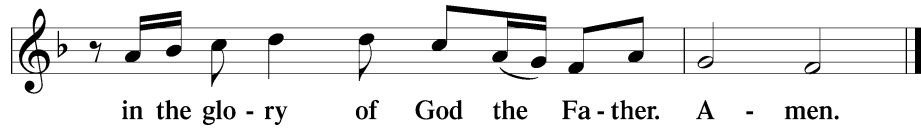
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so 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 A - men.

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.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

The alleluia is sung once by the choir and is then repeated by the congregation. The congregation sings the alleluia after the verse.



Verse: Fear not little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom!

Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

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



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.



655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Offertory



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

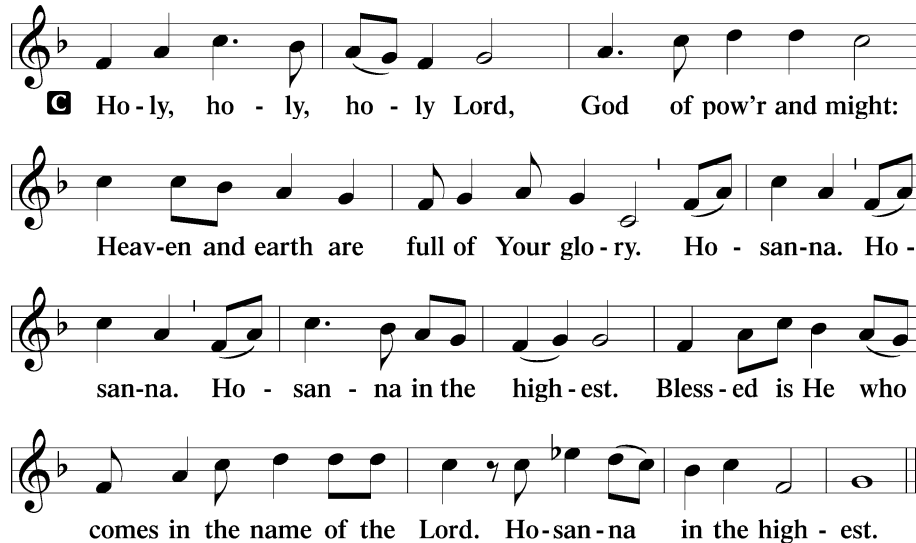
Preface



P The Lord be with you.
C And al - so 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.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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

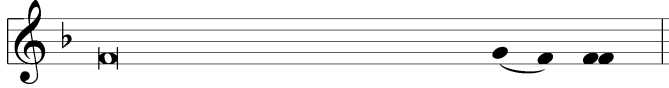
C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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 † 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 al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

561 The Tree of Life



1	The tree of life	with ev - 'ry good	In E - den's
2	The still - ness of	that sa - cred grove	Was bro - ken,
3	What mer - cy God	showed to our race,	A plan of
4	Now from that tree	of Je - sus' shame	Flows life e -



ho - ly or - chard stood,	And of its fruit	so pure and
as the ser - pent strove	With tempt - ing voice	Eve to be -
res - cue by His grace;	In send - ing One	from wom - an's
ter - nal in His name;	For all who trust	and will be -

sweet God let the man and wom-an eat. Yet in this
 guile And Ad - am too by sin de - file. O day of
 seed, The One to fill our great-est need— For on a
 lieve, Sal - va-tion's liv - ing fruit re - ceive. And of this

gar - den al - so grew An - oth - er tree, of which they
 sad - ness when the breath Of fear and dark - ness, doubt and
 tree up - lift - ed high His on - ly Son for sin would
 fruit so pure and sweet The Lord in - vites the world to

knew; Its love - ly limbs with fruit a -
 death, Its aw - ful poi - son first dis -
 die, Would drink the cup of scorn and
 eat, To find with - in this cross of

dorned A - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.
 played With - in the world so new - ly made.
 dread To crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!
 wood The tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

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556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

Stanzas 1-8

1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion
 2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark - ly
 3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer - it
 4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be - fore the world's foun -

spring-ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly
 o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my
 gain - ing; Free will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, Dead to all
 da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for

rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How
 moth-er bore me. But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; My
 good re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair Left
 my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He

His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!
 life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
 on - ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf - fered.
 did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure.

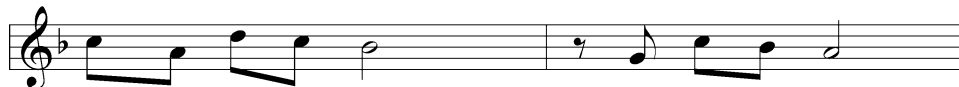
- 5 God said to His beloved Son:
 "It's time to have compassion.
 Then go, bright jewel of My crown,
 And bring to all salvation.
 From sin and sorrow set them free;
 Slay bitter death for them that they
 May live with You forever."
- 6 The Son obeyed His Father's will,
 Was born of virgin mother;
 And God's good pleasure to fulfill,
 He came to be my brother.
 His royal pow'r disguised He bore;
 A servant's form, like mine, He wore
 To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me,
 I am your rock and castle.
 Your ransom I Myself will be;
 For you I strive and wrestle.
 For I am yours, and you are Mine,
 And where I am you may remain;
 The foe shall not divide us.
- 8 "Though he will shed My precious blood,
 Me of My life bereaving,
 All this I suffer for your good;
 Be steadfast and believing.
 Life will from death the vict'ry win;
 My innocence shall bear your sin,
 And you are blest forever.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800-87, alt.
 Tune: Etlich Cristlich liden, 1524, Wittenberg

629 What Is This Bread



1 What is this bread?	Christ's bod - y
2 What is this wine?	The blood of
3 So who am I,	That I should
4 Yet is God here?	Oh, yes! By
5 Is this for me?	I am for -



ris - en from the dead:	This bread we break,
Je - sus shed for mine;	The cup of grace
live and He should die	Un - der the rod?
Word and prom - ise clear,	In mouth and soul
giv - en and set free!	I do be - lieve



This life we take,	Was crushed to pay for our re -
Brings His em - brace	Of life and love un - til I
My God, my God,	Why have You not for - sak - en
He makes us whole—	Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
That I re - ceive	His ver - y bod - y and His



lease.	O taste and see—	the Lord is peace.
sing!	O taste and see—	the Lord is King.
me?	O taste and see—	the Lord is free.
meal.	O taste and see—	the Lord is real.
blood.	O taste and see—	the Lord is good.

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Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

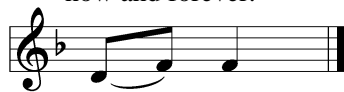


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

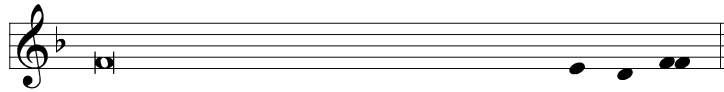
A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction



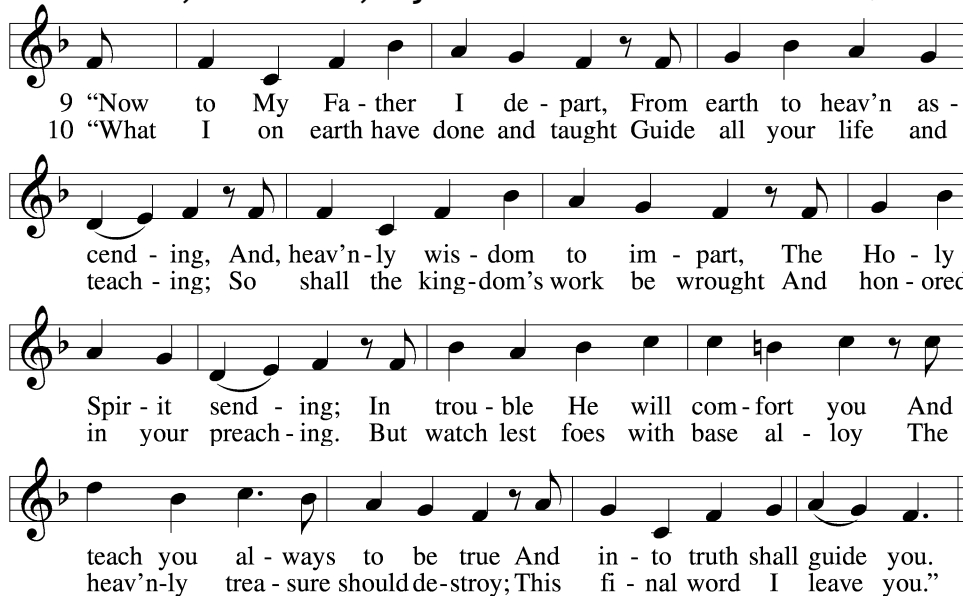
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

Stanzas 9–10



9 "Now to My Fa - ther I de - part, From earth to heav'n as -
10 "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and
cend - ing, And, heav'n-ly wis - dom to im - part, The Ho - ly
teach - ing; So shall the king-dom's work be wrought And hon - ored
Spir - it send - ing; In trou - ble He will com - fort you And
in your preach - ing. But watch lest foes with base al - loy The
teach you al - ways to be true And in - to truth shall guide you,
heav'n-ly trea - sure should de-stroy; This fi - nal word I leave you."

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Music During Offering *Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord*

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Stewardship Emphasis 2024

On this Reformation Sunday we give thanks to God for his preservation of the pure teaching of the Gospel through the ages. This also marks the conclusion of our examination of the Sunday readings in light of our calling as stewards in God's kingdom. May the Lord continue to strengthen our service in his kingdom as we steward all the gifts that he has given us.

Monday—John 8:31–36

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? Do we seek opportunities to sit at the feet of his Word so that we might grow daily in the faith? Are there ways you might like to manage your time better in the coming year in order to be refreshed through your study of the Scriptures? In what ways will this set you free?

Tuesday—Romans 3:19–28

Though we may not always feel it to be true, God has given us the Law for our good. In what ways does it prevent us from deceiving ourselves (v. 20)? How is it freeing to hear that our standing before God is not dependent on anything we bring to God but instead upon Christ's work for us?

Wednesday—Matthew 11:12–19

This is an optional Gospel reading for Reformation Day. In many ways it's a hard saying. What does it mean that the kingdom of God has suffered violence? Why do Satan and all his followers rage so furiously against Jesus and his church? Are we prepared to suffer all, even earthly gain and honorable reputation, for the sake of confessing Jesus to those who do not know him?

Thursday—John 8:31–36

Returning to this reading one more time, what the freedom that Jesus speaks of entail? If we are truly set free from our old nature, what will our lives look like? Read 2 Cor. 9:9–13. Note how St. Paul links God's generosity toward us with an expectation of generosity toward others. What does that look like in your life? Are you willing to give of your time or talent or treasures for others? Even when it's inconvenient?

Friday—Philippians 1:3–11

What does St. Paul mean by "partnership in the Gospel?" In what way are we, as members of this congregation, partners? Are we open to giving of our time for the sake of that partnership? Are we open to serving our fellow Christians in ways that may require that we sacrifice our time for the good of the whole congregation? Or our treasures? When we doubt that we have it in us to do so, what does Paul say by way of encouragement (v. 6).

Saturday—Matthew 5:1–12

This is the Gospel for tomorrow as we celebrate All Saints' Day. As we read through these Beatitudes, do you find it difficult to see yourself in Jesus' descriptions? Are we completely poor in spirit in the way that Jesus expects? Or pure in heart? Now ask instead whether all of these statements are perhaps fulfilled most truly in Jesus himself. How has he been

poor in spirit for you? And a peacemaker? Even when tribulations come, where is our hope (vv. 10–12)?

Prayer

Read the Collect of the Day on the reverse side every day! Then conclude with this prayer:

Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in Your mercy You have caused the light of the Gospel to shine brightly through Your holy church. Bless, strengthen, and uphold our pastors as they carry out their calling to hold Jesus before our eyes. Give them faithfulness in their proclamation, patience in times of testing, and joy in their service, that by their guidance this congregation may grow in steadfastness of purpose; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

A prayer at the conclusion of our 2024 stewardship emphasis.

Merciful God, You have blessed me in ways that I often fail to recognize. Continue to create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me. Forgive me for moments of selfishness, and teach me to look beyond my own cares and worries to trust that You will bear me upon whatever the circumstances. By Your Holy Spirit, grant me joy for the sake of Your holy name. Amen.

Readings from Holy Scripture

These are the daily readings that regularly appear each week.

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Sunday	Deut. 29:1–29	Matt. 18:21–35
Monday	Deut. 30:1–20	Matt. 19:1–15
Tuesday	Deut. 31:1–29	Matt. 19:16–30
Wednesday	Deut. 31:30–32:27	Matt. 20:1–16
Thursday	Deut. 32:28–52	Matt. 20:17–34
Friday	Deut. 34:1–12	Matt. 21:1–22
Saturday	Jer. 1:1–19	Matt. 21:23–46