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Featuring

LAUDAMUS

THE ST. LOUIS LUTHERAN CHORALE

Schola Cantorum
Village Lutheran Church, Ladue, Mo.

Reformation Sunday, A.D. 2023 October 29 • 3 p.m.

The Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

VESPERS

Iesu, iuva.

Prelude

Ein feste Burg (The Word They Still Shall Let Remain)

Karl Osterland (b. 1956)

Stand

Hymn

Church of God, Elect and Glorious

LSB 646

Adapted from an arrangement by Mark Bender The choir sings stanza 2.



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Opening Versicles



Sit



PSALMODY

Psalm 46

Antiphon by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-91), K.20

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

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 a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
 though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
 though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

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 her; she shall not be moved;

God will help her when morning dawns.

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth.

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

"Be still, and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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.

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

Organ Voluntary

Ein feste Burg

Michael Praetorius (1571–1621)

My faith is sure though yet I cried from depths of woe and anguish.

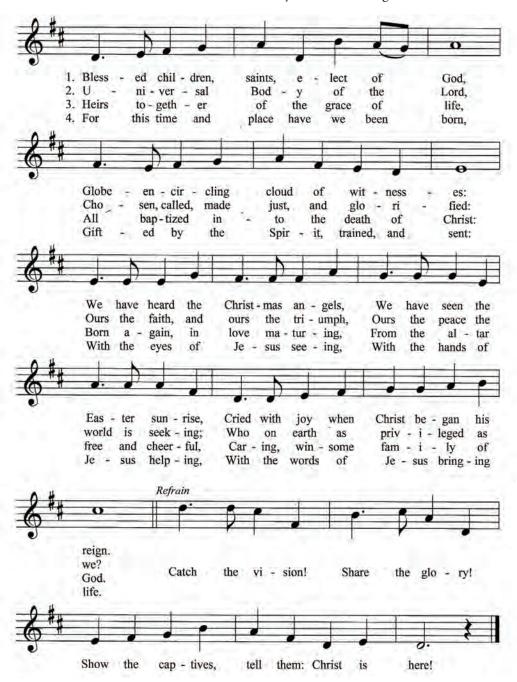
All trust in man I cast aside whose lies left me to languish.

What shall I render to my God for all the good he has bestowed?

I rest on his salvation.

Office Hymn Catch the Vision, Share the Glory Text by Jaroslav J. Vajda (1919–2008) Music by Carl Schalk (1929–2021)

The assembly is invited to sing the final stanza and refrain.



READINGS

Reading Micah 7:18–20

L A reading from Micah, the seventh chapter.

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance?

He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.

He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot.

You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.
You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

I Will Speak

Psalm 119:46; 145:5 (par.) Music by Phillip Magness

I will speak of your statues before kings, O Lord, and will not be put to shame.

I will sing and proclaim your truths, my God, for you have anointed me with grace.

Blessed is he whose help is in God, whose help is in the God of Jacob.

Blessed is the man who trusts in you.

Your strong Word, I confess; I believe and am saved. Princely powers I fear not, for your truth is my faith. Now my heart rests on roses.

Reading Revelation 14:6–7

 $\hbox{\ensuremath{\mathbb{L}}}$ A reading from Revelation to St. John, the 14th chapter.

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."

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

Text by Ludwig Helmbold (1532–96) Music by Jacob Weber

Lord, help us ever to retain
The Catechism's doctrine plain
As Luther taught the Word of truth
In simple style to tender youth.

Help us Your holy Law to learn, To mourn our sin and from it turn In faith to You and to Your Son And Holy Spirit, Three in One.

Hear us, dear Father, when we pray
For needed help from day to day
That as Your children we may live,
Whom You baptized and so received.

Lord, when we fall or go astray,
Absolve and lift us up, we pray;
And through the Sacrament increase
Our faith till we depart in peace.

Reading Matthew 11:12–19

L A reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

"But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

"'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C Thanks be to God.

The choir sings stanzas 1 and 3.



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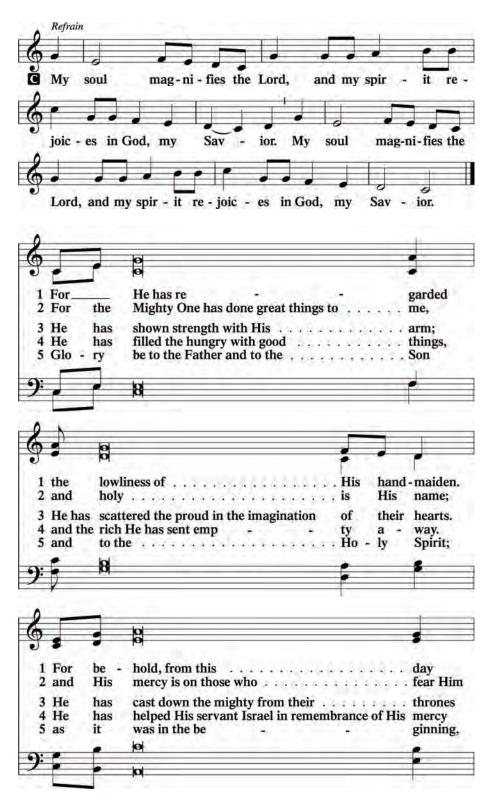
In 1966, Martin Franzmann was commissioned by the Lutheran Council in the USA to write this hymn for the 450th anniversary of the Reformation in 1967, with the theme "Life—New Life." The biblical text was Micah 7:18, a verse from the appointed reading for the Third Sunday after Trinity. In 1967, Lutheran composer Jan Bender composed the tune "Wittenberg New," and the text and tune first appeared together in a hymnal in Worship Supplement in 1969.

Sermon

CANTICLE

Stand

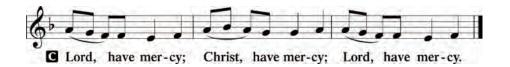
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PRAYERS

Kyrie



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.

Collect of the Day

L 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.

For Musicians and Artists

- © God of majesty, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven, be with Your servants who make art and music for Your people that with joy we on earth may glimpse Your beauty. Bring us to the fulfillment of that hope of perfection that will be ours as we stand before Your unveiled glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Collect for Peace

- C God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; 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 and Benediction



Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 656

The choir sings stanza 3, arranged by Benjamin Culli.





Text and tune: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.

Postlude Ein feste Burg Jan Bender (1909–94)

Soli Deo Gloria

You are cordially invited to join the musicians for refreshments in Koburg Hall immediately following the service.

PARTICIPANTS

Laudamus

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Brass

Dustin Shrum and Aaron Reynolds, trumpet John Miller and seminarian Owen Duncan, trombone

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Choir Director

Cantor Phillip Magness Interim Associate of Music Arts

Preacher

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Officiant

Rev. Dr. Jon D. Vieker Dean of Chapel

Pre-service and post-service music on the Luther Tower carillon provided by John Klinger, carillonneur.

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