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DOVE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Pastor Stephen Springer

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

PROLOGUE

Kevin Seal, pipe organ

Dies sind der heilige zehn Gebot (These are the Holy Ten Commandments)
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Our organ music on this Reformation Sunday is focused on two works based on chorales written by the reformer himself, Martin Luther. Dies sind is from a group of chorales Luther wrote to help Lutherans to learn the catechism, and it helps to explicate his catechism about the Ten Commandments. This particular setting is taken from J. S. Bach's Clavierübung III, which has at its center a collection of chorale preludes based on Luther's catechetical chorales. The work features an ornate three-part trio which supports the chorale melody in two-part canon. This work also features the newest stop on our organ, the tremolo stop! A tremolo provides for slight variations in wind pressure, creating a wavering effect not unlike vocal vibrato.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.**

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you**

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world.

Amen.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Draw your church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever you will send us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY (ELW): Psalm 124

The refrain is first introduced by the leader, then repeated by the assembly.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the
God of Ja - cob is our strong - hold.

Psalm 46:7

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- ¹God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.
- ²**Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;**
- ³though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
- ⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.**
- ⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.
- ⁶**The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away. REFRAIN**
- ⁷The Lord of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
- ⁸**Come now, regard the works | of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;**
- ⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.
- ¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”**
- ¹¹The Lord of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. **REFRAIN**

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

A reading from Romans.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #169



Cantor: Sin will have no dominion | over you,
since you are not under law but | under grace. [Romans 6:14]*

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13

Jesus tells the people around him: his mission is mercy for sinners. Not sacrifice.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' ¹²But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

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1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition: "Lord in your mercy," the assembly responds "Hear our prayer."

With the whole people of Gd, let us pray.

Let us pray for the church, speaking on this Reformation Sunday the reverent language of the church's tradition.

Grant we beseech Thee, Almighty God, unto Thy Church, Thy Holy Spirit and the wisdom which cometh down from above that Thy Word, as becometh it, may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve Thee and in the confession of Thy name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Thy son our Lord.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the world, its lands and people.

O Gd, guide nations and peoples away from aggressive pride and posturing and harmful practices of belligerent voices and threatening retaliations. Bring to light and correction the folly of selfish living, and bring to safety and rest the persecuted and distressed. Let your righteousness, the justice that rights things, be known in the lands and among the people of all nations. Write it on our hearts, we pray.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Gd, we pray that humankind, when enslaved by fears and their effects, may by your mercy, have courage to enter the freedom that comes when truth is known.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us prayer for those in need.

O Gd, heal the broken hearted and be a refuge and strength to those wounded in these days of distress and disease and dying. Remembering those we know, and aware of so many others, we pray O Gd, strengthen all our hearts with a stillness and trust, knowing that you are God and you are with us.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Finally O Gd, let us sit with your word and learn your ways, that we then may rise and sing and serve in patterns of gratitude and praise for the justice and rightness of your grace, which in mercy grants to us peace.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The presiding minister concludes the prayers:

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

In the sanctuary, the presiding minister and those physically present greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

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Grant Peace, We Pray

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)

Mendelssohn's parents had their children baptized into the Lutheran faith at a young age. More than an act of assimilation into German society, Mendelssohn embraced his faith, and expressed it in his music that often contained Lutheran chorales, including cantatas and even symphonies. Verleih uns Frieden, here translated as "Grant Peace, We Pray," does not include a chorale tune, rather a chorale-like melody to a text by Martin Luther, which echoes themes from Luther's signature A Mighty Fortress is Our God.

Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord;
in our time peace, oh, send us!
For there is none on earth but thee,
none other to defend us.
Thou only, Lord, can fight for us.

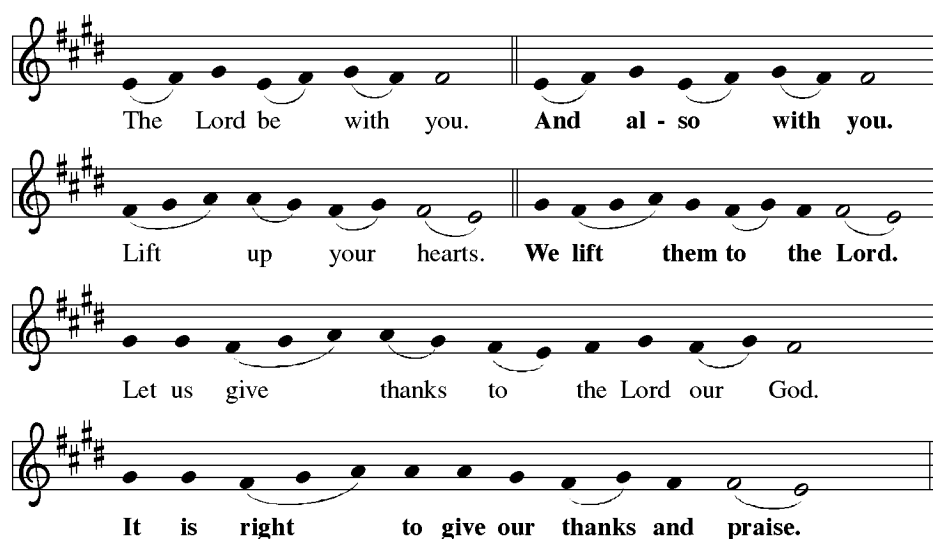
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Amen.

EUCHARIST: THE DIALOG

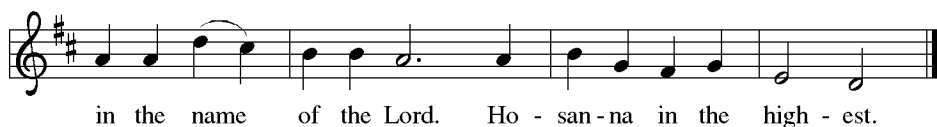
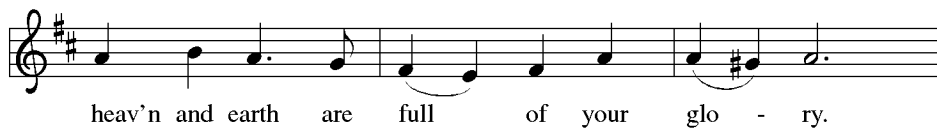
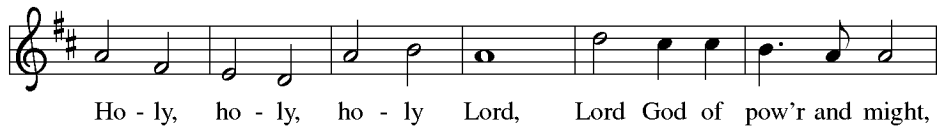


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCHARIST: THE PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

EUCCHARIST: SANCTUS



EUCCHARIST: PRAYER AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

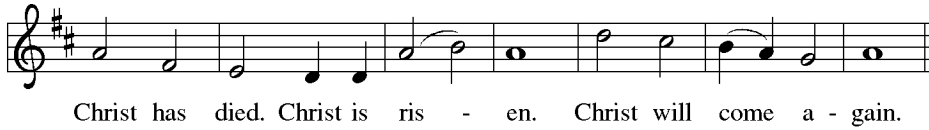
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



EUCCHARIST: THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

EUCHARIST: LAMB OF GOD

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, grant us peace.

EUCHARIST: SHARING BREAD AND WINE

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Lead On, O King Eternal
Arr. Barbara Kinyon

The basis for this rousing anthem is the much-loved hymn that speaks to the strength we receive from God's grace, and to his holiness from which we experience the "sweet Amen of peace." The militaristic images in the text refer to Christ our champion who leads us with his love and might.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

COMMISSION

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BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

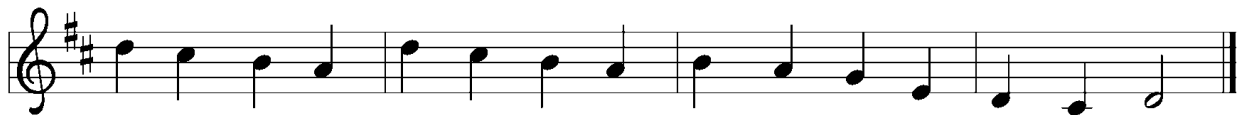
Amen.



- 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your trib - ute bring.
- 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis - tress.
- 3 Tend - er - ly he shields and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows.
- 4 An - gels help us to a - dore him, who be - hold him face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais-es sing.
 Praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
 In his hands he gent - ly bears us, res-cues us from all our foes.
 Sun and moon bow down be - fore him; all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847

Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

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EPILOGUE

Kevin Seal, pipe organ

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott (A Mighty Fortress is our God)
Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Perhaps the hymn most strongly associated with Lutheranism, Ein feste Burg is Martin Luther's paraphrase of Psalm 46. Buxtehude's setting is typical of his chorale settings, featuring an ornamented chorale melody over a three part accompaniment.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Assisting Minister: Dianne Huston
Lector: Gail Eifrig
Cantor: Eric Holtan
Trumpet: Ben Tucker