

Order for the Worship of God

October 1, 2017

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am

During the month of October, we will commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Each Sunday will feature a different liturgy from the Reformation period. Today, The German Mass and Order of Service, 1526, by Martin Luther forms the basis of our service.

The drawing on the cover is of John Calvin preaching his farewell sermon in expectation of banishment, Geneva 1537.

Prelude

8:00	“Toccata in C major” BWV 564 Dr. Nathan Davy, organ	J. S. Bach
9:30/11:00	“Allegro” from Keyboard Concerto in A, BWV 1055 Dr. Nathan Davy, harpsichord • The PCPC Sinfonia	J. S. Bach

*Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00
The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

I will bless the Lord at all times:

His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord:

the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me,

and let us exalt His name together.

Psalm 34.1-3

***Hymn of Praise No. 30** “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”
Stanzas: 1-4, 7

ST. ANNE

Please be seated.

Minister: May He forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors so that our heart may have a calm and joyful conscience before Him and no sin may frighten us nor make us afraid.

**All: Lord, Have Mercy.
Christ, Have Mercy.
Lord, Have Mercy.**

Silent Meditation

The Collect

Minister: Almighty God,
Who art the protector of all who trust in Thee,
without Whose grace nothing is strong,
nothing is holy,
increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy,
that by Thy holy inspiration
we may think the things that are right
and by Thy power may perform the same,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Townend



1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all
2. Be - hold the man u - pon the cross, my sin u - pon His
3. I will not boast in a - ny thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no



mea - sure, that He should give His on - ly Son to make a
shoul - ders; a - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a -
wis - dom; but I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death and



wretch His trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss:
mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held Him there
re - sur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from His re - ward?



the Fa - ther turns His face a - way as wounds, which mar the
un - til it was ac - com - plished; His dy - ing breath has
I can - not give an an - swer, but this I know with



Cho - sen One, bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.
brought me life: I know that it is fin - ished.
all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Lamberth 8:00
Mr. Goebel 9:30
Mr. Scruggs 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00 "Now Thank We All Our God" Georg F. Kaufmann
Dr. Davy, organ

9:30/11:00 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" BWV 80/5 J. S. Bach
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, director
Nathan Davy, harpsichord • The PCPC Sinfonia
*That word above all earthly pow'rs no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.*

***The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you always

Romans 5.1

People: **And also with you.**

Presentation of Bibles to 2nd Graders

9:30

Mr. Austin Ariail
The Rev. Brent Baker

***The Scripture Reading**

Acts 1.12-26

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

¹³ *And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James.*

¹⁴ *All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and His brothers.*

¹⁵ *In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said,*

¹⁶ *"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.*

¹⁷ *For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."*

¹⁸ *(Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out.*

¹⁹ *And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)*

²⁰ *"For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and "Let another take his office.'*

²¹ *So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,*

²² *beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to His resurrection."*

²³ *And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias.*

²⁴ *And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two You have chosen*

²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.”

²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

The Sermon “Lessons Learned from Replacing Judas” Mr. Williams 8:00
Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

The Lord’s Prayer

Minister: Dear Friends of Christ. Since we are here assembled in the Name of the Lord, I admonish you first of all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me the Lord’s Prayer, as Christ our Lord has taught us and has given comfortable promise that it shall be heard.

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, please continue at the closing hymn on page six.

*The Great Thanksgiving 8:00

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

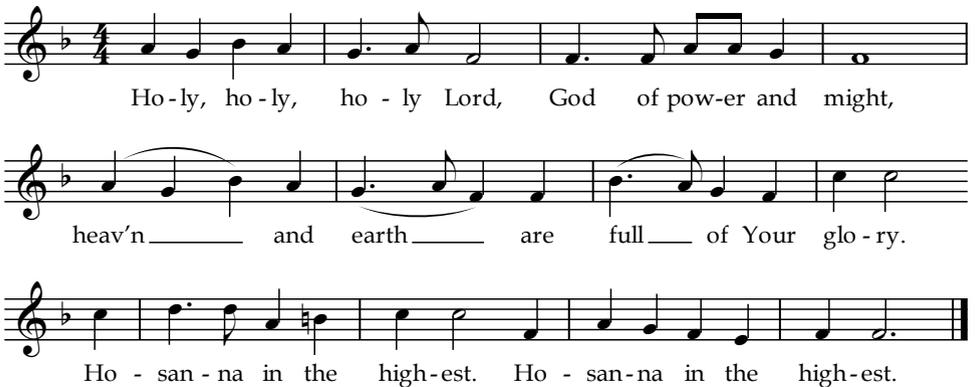
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Minister: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

People: Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name; evermore praising You, and singing:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n _____ and earth _____ are full _____ of Your glo-ry.
Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

Reformation 500



Martin Luther
1483-1546

Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason, I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. May God help me. Amen.

—Martin Luther, Diet of Worms 1521

Today we begin our commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. According to God's sovereign providence, there were many people and events which helped launch the Reformation; Martin Luther's nailing of the ninety-five theses on October 31, 1517—and the ensuing debate it initiated—has come to represent the beginning of this pivotal movement.

At the time, few would have suspected that the sound of a hammer striking the castle church door in Wittenberg, Germany, would soon be heard around the world and lead ultimately to the greatest transformation of Western society since the apostles first preached the Gospel throughout the Roman empire.

An heir of Bishop Augustine of Hippo, Martin Luther is one of the most significant figures God has raised up since that time. This law student turned Augustinian monk became the center of a great controversy after his theses were copied and distributed throughout Europe. Initially protesting the pope's attempt to sell salvation, Luther's study of Scripture soon led him to oppose the church of Rome on issues including the primacy of the Bible over church tradition and the means by which we are found righteous in the sight of God.

This last issue is probably Luther's most significant contribution to Christian theology. Though preached clearly in the New Testament and found in the writings of many of the church fathers, the medieval bishops and priests had largely forgotten the truth that our own good works can by no means merit God's favor. Salvation is by grace alone through faith alone, and good works result from our faith, they are not added to it as the grounds for our right standing in the Lord's eyes (Eph. 2:8-10). Justification, God's declaration that we are not guilty, forgiven of sin, and righteous in His sight comes because through our faith alone the Father imputes, or reckons to our account, the perfect righteousness of Christ (2 Cor. 5:21).

Martin Luther's rediscovery of this truth led to a whole host of other church and societal reforms and much of what we take for granted in the West would have likely been impossible had he never graced the scene. Luther's translation of the Bible into German put the Word of God in the hands of the people, and today Scripture is available in the vernacular language of many countries, enabling lay people to study it with profit. He reformed the Latin mass by putting the liturgy in the common tongue so that non-scholars could hear and understand the preached word of God and worship the Lord with clarity. Luther lifted the unbiblical ban on marriage for the clergy and by his own teaching and example radically transformed the institution itself. He recaptured the biblical view of the priesthood of all believers, showing all people that their work had purpose and dignity because in it they can serve their Creator.

Today, Luther's legacy lives on in the creeds and confessions of Protestant bodies worldwide. As we consider his importance, let us equip ourselves to be knowledgeable proclaimers and defenders of biblical truth. May we be eager to preach the Gospel of God to the world and thereby spark a new reformation of church and culture.

—Robert Rothwell (ed.)

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SERMON NOTES

Acts 1.12-26

“Lessons Learned from Replacing Judas”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of October 1, 2017

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

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“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” *(read or sing these words together)*

Please refer to the hymn on page three.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Acts 1.12-26 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

Questions for Discussion *(may be answered in one worship time or spread over several)*

1. Where did the Apostles go after Jesus ascended?
2. What did they do?
3. What did Peter say had to be fulfilled?
4. How was the replacement for Judas determined?
5. What does this passage teach us about God leading His Church?

Questions for older children

1. What can we learn from the Apostles about how to wait on the Lord?
2. Why don’t we cast lots anymore?
3. Describe how you see the Lord fulfilling Scripture in this passage.
4. How do you see the Lord fulfilling Scripture today?

Scripture Memory for October: *(memorize this passage of Scripture this month)*

Acts 2.42-43

And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

Prayer

Prayer *(saying together)*

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.