

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY—YEAR 1—WEEK 8 REFORMATION SUNDAY



“WISDOM DIVIDED OR WISDOM GUIDED?”

SOLOMON’S WISDOM
1 KINGS 3

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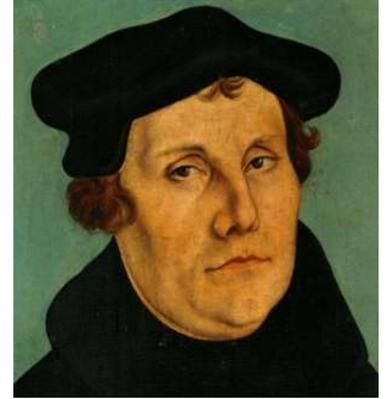
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The Reformation

Five hundred years ago, 32-year-old Martin Luther lived as a monk in Wittenberg. He earned his doctorate and soon began lecturing on the Psalms and Romans and would eventually preach well over 2,000 sermons in the City Church before he died in 1546. What began with Luther studying and lecturing on Scripture eventually led to an explosion that rocked the Christian world and continues to do so. That explosion can be summarized



by the three “solos” (Latin for alone) – that salvation is free by grace alone (*sola gratia*), apprehended by faith alone (*sola fide*) and believed from “Scripture alone” (*sola Scriptura*).

So what is the Reformation? Lutheran pastor/theologian Hermann Sasse described it as an episode in the history of the *Church*. It is foremost about the *Church of Jesus Christ*. “All [other] attempts to explain the Reformation [fail] . . . because they do not approach the Reformation from that point of view from which alone it can be understood—from the point of view of the reality of the church.”

The real story of the Reformation is about the march of the Church of Jesus Christ in the face of impossible odds – thirsting for Christ and His means of grace, trusting in the Bible as God’s inerrant Word, struggling in places in the world but growing tremendously in others. The Lord’s Church is one church— strong in the weakness of Christ, confident of eternal life.¹

TODAY’S LITURGY: 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION

*This service is compiled from Scripture and the Book of Concord
in celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation—October 31, 1517.*

“Concordia comes from two Latin words meaning ‘with’ and ‘heart.’ It describes a commitment to the truth so strong and so deep, it is as if those who share it have a single heart beat. The Book of Concord contains documents which Christians from the fourth to the 16th century A.D. explained what they believed and taught on the basis of the Holy Scriptures. It includes, first, the three creeds which originated in the ancient church, the Apostles’ Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed. It contains, secondly, the Reformation writings known as the Augsburg Confession, the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, the Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope, Luther’s Small and Large Catechisms, and the Formula of Concord.”²

¹ Adapted from “Does the Lutheran Reformation Have a Future?” by President Matthew Harrison, www.lcms.org

² Introduction/Overview, *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions—A Reader’s Edition*, pp. 9,13.



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Preface

- P: In these Last Times and in this old age of the world,
what a remarkable favor of Almighty God has arisen,
C: According to His unspeakable love, patience, and mercy,
P: He willed that the light of His Gospel and Word—
through which alone we receive true salvation—
C: This Gospel should arise and shine clearly and purely.
P: Therefore, a brief and concise Confession of faith—
C: a declaration of what we believe—
P: was prepared from God’s Word—
C: the most holy writings of the prophets and apostles.³
P: The first and chief article of faith is this:
C: Jesus Christ, our God and Lord,
“was put to death for our trespasses
and raised again for our justification.”
He alone is “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”
Alleluia. Amen.
P: On this article of faith rests all that we teach and practice.⁴

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³ Preface to the Christian Book of Concord, ¶ 2.

⁴ Smalcald Articles, Part II, I, ¶ 1-2,5.

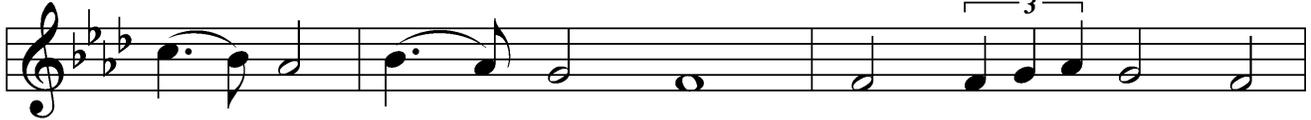
Opening Hymn

Thy Strong Word

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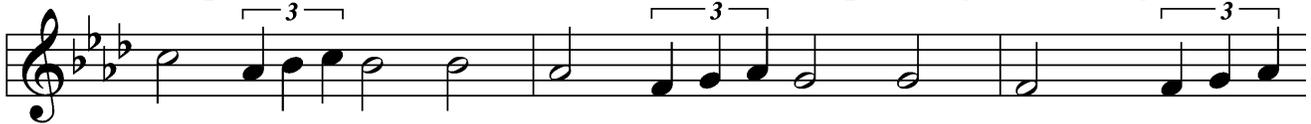
1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth
5 Give us lips to sing Thy glo - ry, Tongues Thy



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -
mer - cy to pro - claim, Throats that shout the



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.
hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy ho - ly name.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! May the



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ias, Al - le - lu - ias with - out end!

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Invocation and Declaration of the Trinity

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Our churches teach in accordance with the historic Creeds:

C: That there is one God—

P: One undivided divine essence,

C: And that this one God is Trinity—

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—

P: Three distinct and coeternal persons of the same divine essence.

C: And we believe that the Holy Scriptures truly testify to this. Amen.⁵

Confession (Admission) of Sin

P: We believe, teach, and confess that the distinction between law and Gospel is to be kept in the Church with great diligence as a particularly brilliant light, so that the Word of God may be divided rightly. The law is a divine doctrine which teaches what is right and God-pleasing

C: and which condemns everything that is sinful and contrary to God's will.⁶

P: Since the fall of Adam all people are conceived and born in sin.

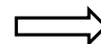
C: No one by nature is able to have true fear of God and true faith in God.

P: This inborn sickness and hereditary sin condemns and brings the eternal wrath of God on all those who are not born again through Baptism and the Holy Spirit.⁷

**C: This is the essence of a genuinely Christian life,
to acknowledge that we are sinners
and to pray for grace. Amen.**⁸

P: The crowd at Pentecost—confronted with their sin—they asked the Apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” Having heard the condemnation of our sin in the Law of God, we find ourselves asking the same question. For this, we turn to the Gospel which teaches what we are to believe:

**C: Christ has satisfied and paid for all guilt,
without any merit of our own,
and has won the forgiveness of sins and eternal life for us.**



⁵ Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Part I, ¶ 1-2.

⁶ Formula of Concord, Epitome, V, ¶ 1-2.

⁷ Augsburg Confession, II, ¶ 1-2.

⁸ Large Catechism, Part V, Exhortation, ¶ 9.

P: This Gospel is a comforting and joyful message which comforts our consciences terrified by the law, points us only to the merit of Christ, and raises us up again by the delightful proclamation of God's grace and favor.⁹ According to this Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in His stead, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Response of Thanksgiving for the Absolution

LSB 578 st. 6

△ 6 God the Fa - ther, light - cre - a - tor, To Thee
 laud and hon - or be. To Thee, Light of
 Light be - got - ten, Praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly.
 Ho - ly Spir - it, light - re - veal - er, Glo - ry,
 glo - ry be to Thee. Mor - tals, an - gels,
 now and ev - er Praise the ho - ly Trin - i - ty!

⁹ Formula of Concord, Epitome, V, ¶ 4,6.

Anthem**We Have Come This Far by Faith****Adult Choir**

- Use the anthem's music and words to help you to meditate on God's Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

We have come this far by faith, gently carried in the arms of love.
 We have come this far with confidence, our hope in God alone.
 And though the road is long, in His strength we carry on.
 We have come this far by faith and faith will lead us home.

A simple childlike faith, a tiny mustard seed can change the world
 and move a mountain, calm the raging sea, calm the sea.

Blessed are the ones who trust in Christ the Lord,
 those who believe in His promises, those who believe in His word,
 for great is their reward.

We have come this far by faith, gently carried in the arms of love.
 We have come this far with confidence, our hope in God alone.
 And though the road is long, in His strength we carry on.
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Our Confession of Faith Regarding the Scriptures

P: We believe, teach, and confess that the only measure to which all doctrines and teachers are to be evaluated and judged are:

C: the prophetic and apostolic writings of the Old and New Testaments,

P: As it is written in Psalm 119,

C: "Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

P: We believe, teach, and confess that this faith
 is not a mere knowledge of the stories about Christ,

C: but it is God's gift.

P: By this gift we rightly recognize Christ as

C: our Redeemer in the Word of the Gospel.

P: We trust that only by His obedience, and by grace,

C: we have forgiveness of sins,

P: are regarded as holy and righteous by God the Father,

C: and shall be saved eternally.¹⁰

P: Hear now the Word of the Lord.

¹⁰ Formula of Concord, Epitome, 0, ¶ 1; III, ¶ 6.

This Week's Reading

1 Kings 3 (VOICE)

[After the kingdom of Israel and Judah was secured under King Solomon, he] then arranged a marriage alliance with Pharaoh, Egypt's king. He married Pharaoh's daughter and brought her to the city of David. *He kept her there* while he constructed his own house and the Eternal One's temple and completed the wall surrounding Jerusalem. ² However the people were still offering sacrifices at the high places because a temple had not been constructed for the Eternal until then.

³ Solomon's heart belonged to the Eternal. Solomon abided by the same laws as his father, David. The only difference was that Solomon offered sacrifices and incense at the high places. ⁴ Solomon went to Gibeon—the great high place—and presented 1,000 burnt offerings at the altar.

Note on the Story

(VOICE)

Before Israel united as one nation under David, the countryside was inhabited by people who worship other gods. As Solomon prepares to build the temple and centralize worship of the one God—the Lord—in one place—Jerusalem—he finds it necessary to visit the former shrines of local gods and convert them to shrines to God. While this may have worked in the short term by introducing the people outside of Jerusalem to the worship practices of the Eternal, those shrines, called "high places," will be the undoing of the entire country. By allowing people to worship at local shrines instead of only in Jerusalem, where the priests meticulously follow God's laws, Solomon and future kings are opening the door to the blending of God worship and pagan worship. Back to the story. . .

⁵ The Eternal revealed Himself to Solomon in a dream while he was still in Gibeon.

Eternal One: Tell me, what is your request of Me?

Solomon: ⁶ You have already revealed Your loyal love to my father, David, for he lived by Your truth and righteousness and honor *during the days of his life*. You have continued to show this loyal love to him by giving him a son who now reigns upon his throne. ⁷ Eternal One, my God, You have allowed me to serve as my father David served, but I am still young and inexperienced. I don't know much about anything, ⁸ yet I am supposed to lead Your chosen people who are innumerable and even uncountable. ⁹ Please give Your servant a listening heart

for judging Your people and for knowing the difference between what is good and what is evil. Who is capable of judging Your *chosen* ones, a great people?

¹⁰The Lord was delighted by Solomon's request.

Eternal One: ¹¹Since you have asked for wisdom and not for an extended lifetime or for personal wealth or for the annihilation of your enemies, since you have instead asked for the ability to understand justice, ¹²I will honor your request. I have planted the deepest human wisdom into your heart. There has never been nor will there ever be a man like you.

¹³I have also given you the things for which you have not asked—wealth and an honorable reputation. There will be no other kings like you for as long as you live. ¹⁴If you live a life devoted to Me, if you remain loyal to My laws and commands just as your father David did, then I will add days to your life.

¹⁵Solomon woke up from his dream. He then returned to Jerusalem and visited the Eternal's covenant chest and presented burnt offerings and peace offerings. Then he prepared a great feast for all those who were in his service.

¹⁶Two prostitutes visited Solomon asking for a judgment.

First Woman (*indicating the other*): ¹⁷My lord, [this woman] and I live under the same roof. She was in the house when my child was born. ¹⁸Three days after my child was born, she had her own child. She and I were alone in the house *with our newborns*. ¹⁹One night her baby died because she lay on it during her sleep. ²⁰She woke up, and *after seeing her dead baby*, she stole my baby out of my arms while I was sleeping and placed her dead baby in my arms. ²¹When I woke up the next morning to feed my son, I found him dead. When I took a closer look at him, I saw that it was not the same child who came from my womb.

Second Woman: ²²She lies! My son is alive, and her son is dead!

First Woman: She lies! Her son is dead, and my son is alive!

Solomon: ²³This woman says, "My son is alive, and your son is dead." The other woman says, "My son is alive, and your son is dead." ²⁴Bring me a sword.

²⁵(*receiving a sword*) Cut the living child in half, and give each woman one of the halves.

²⁶The woman who truly was the mother of the living child was overcome with compassion and pleaded with the king.

First Woman: Please *don't cut the child in half!* Just give the whole child to her!
Please do not kill him!

Second Woman: *Nonsense!* The child will belong to neither one of us! Cut him in half!

Solomon: ²⁷The living child belongs to the first woman. Give the boy to her, and do not harm him. She is the true mother.

²⁸When the news of the king's wise judgment spread throughout Israel, they all feared him. *They respected him* because they perceived God's wisdom in his just judgment.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ***And also with you.***

P: Let us pray. God of All Wisdom, You granted Your servant, Solomon, wisdom to know that without Your Word and Your works, all is foolishness. You also granted wisdom to Martin Luther and the Reformers of the Church, who taught this truth again, that we cannot be Your true Church without Your Word and Your works. Guide us this day in this same wisdom, to leave behind the foolishness of only listening to our own mind and thoughts, and instead, cling to Your Word and Your works as the source of the Gospel and our true life in You, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ***Amen.***



Song of Praise

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your
prais - es. I'm so glad You're in my life;
I'm so glad You came to save us. You came from heav - en to earth.
to show the way, from the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

Confession of Faith

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. —I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 656



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



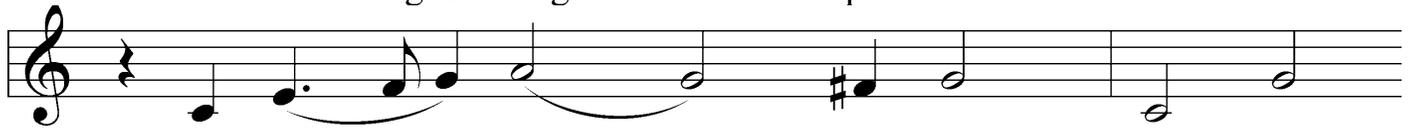
A trust - y shield and weap - on;
Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
All ea - ger to de - vour us,
Nor an - y thanks have for it;



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 other 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.

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Sermon **“Wisdom Divided or Wisdom Guided?”** **1 Kings 3**

Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

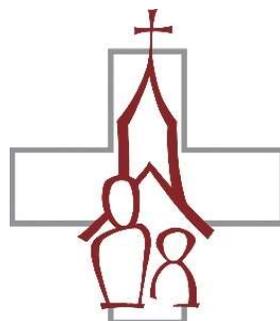
Church Imitating Christ

- P: Bethel as a congregation seeks to be a
- C: **Church imitating Christ.**
- P: We devote ourselves to mercy and compassion,
- C: **sharing with one another.**
- P: We serve the community with love and grace,
- C: **as the hands and feet and mouths of Jesus.**
- P: When we devote ourselves to mercy, we are a
- C: **Church imitating Christ. Amen.**

Based on Acts 2:42-47 (ESV)

Church Imitating Christ

- Scripture
- Fellowship
- Sacraments
- Prayer
- MERCY**
- Generosity
- Winsomeness



Offertory (we join in singing as the offerings are brought forward to the altar) LSB 785, sts. 1&3



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Prayers

The Lord's Supper: What We Believe

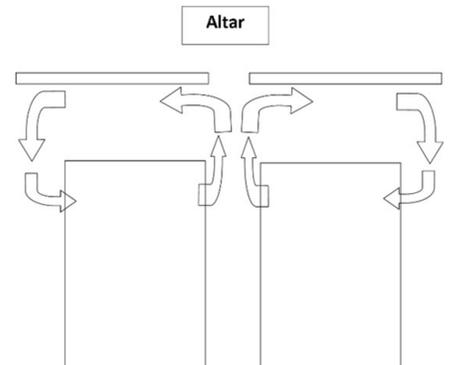
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed
are invited to receive Communion with us
if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ,
and the wine is the blood of Christ,
truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe,
we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite
those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing
from the Lord.



Communion Distribution

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.
- Use the distribution time to prepare yourself for communion, sing the hymns as prayers to God, and maintain this as meditative time.



Preparation for the Lord's Supper

P: We believe, teach, and confess that in the Holy Supper

C: the body and blood of Christ are truly present and that they are truly given and received with the bread and wine.¹¹

P: It is the Word of God that makes and sets this Sacrament apart.

So it is not mere bread and wine, but it is:

C: The body and blood of Christ.¹²

P: And we believe, teach, and confess that

we will not receive the Holy Supper to our condemnation,

C: no matter how weak our faith, as long as we retain a living faith.

P: Christ instituted this Supper especially for Christians who are weak in faith but repent of their sins,

C: to grant us comfort and strengthen our weak faith.¹³

P: Let us pray: 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.

C: Amen.

¹¹ Formula of Concord, Epitome, VII, ¶ 6.

¹² Large Catechism, Part 5, ¶ 10.

¹³ Formula of Concord, Epitome, VII, ¶ 19.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

(We greet one another in peace saying "God's peace" or "The Lord be with you.")

First Distribution Hymn

By Grace I'm Saved

LSB 566 sts. 1-4



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our

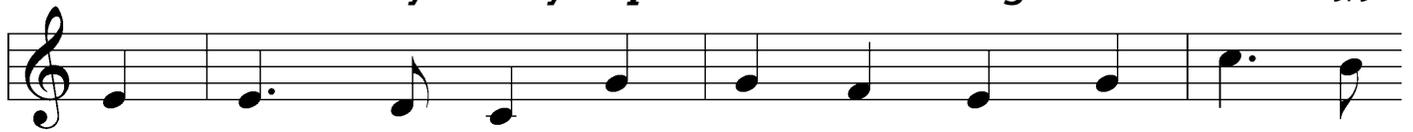


true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

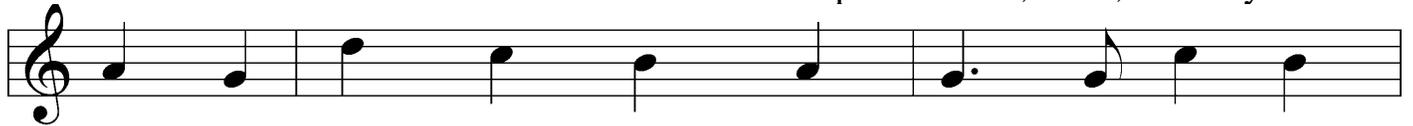
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Tune: Cornelius Heinrich Dretzel, 1697-1775

Second Distribution Hymn *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

LSB 575



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt., Tune: John Stainer, 1840–1901

Common Dismissal

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord... **C: Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we thank You, O Lord, that You forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit through this Holy Sacrament. 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.**

Benedicamus Domino ("Let us bless, the Lord") & Benediction (Blessing)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: It is also taught among us that faith in Jesus Christ should produce good fruits and good works and that we must do all such good works as God has commanded,

C: but we should do them for God's sake and honor, to the praise of His Holy Name.¹⁴

P: The Lord grant you His Fatherly mercy through Jesus Christ giving you forgiveness of sin and all things pertaining to life and godliness, sending you His Holy Spirit so that He may rule your hearts and you may serve Him in holiness and thanksgiving.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Preserve Your Word, O Savior

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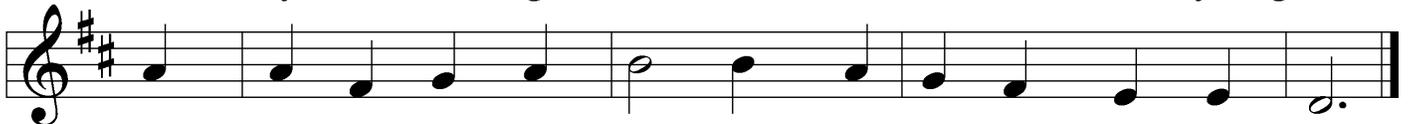
1 Pre - serve Your Word, O Sav - ior, To us this lat - ter day,
2 Pre - serve, O Lord, Your hon - or, The bold blas - phem - er smite;
4 Pre - serve Your Word and preach - ing, The truth that makes us whole,



And let Your king - dom flour - ish; En - large Your Church, we pray.
Con - vince, con - vert, en - light - en The souls in er - ror's night.
The mir - ror of Your glo - ry, The pow'r that saves the soul.



O keep our faith from fail - ing; Keep hope's bright star a - glow.
Re - veal Your will, dear Sav - ior, To all who dwell be - low,
Oh, may this liv - ing wa - ter, This dew of heav'n - ly grace,



Let noth - ing from truth turn us While liv - ing here be - low.
Great light of all the liv - ing, That all Your name may know.
Sus - tain us while here liv - ing Un - til we see Your face.

Text: Andreas Gryphius, 1616-64; tr. William J. Schaefer, 1891-1976, alt., Tune: Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 1693, 3rd ed., Meiningen
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Announcements

¹⁴ Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Part I, VI ¶ 1.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN GYM W/COMMUNION) – 9AM

FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM

EDUCATION HOUR 10:30AM-11:30AM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN GYM W/COMMUNION) – 9AM

FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM

EDUCATION HOUR 10:30AM-11:30AM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN GYM) – 9AM

FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM

EDUCATION HOUR 10:30AM-11:30AM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN GYM W/COMMUNION) – 9AM

FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM

EDUCATION HOUR 10:30AM-11:30AM

THANKSGIVING EVE, NOVEMBER 23

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 6:30PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN GYM) – 9AM

FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM

EDUCATION HOUR 10:30AM-11:30AM

WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICE, NOVEMBER 30

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 6:30PM

SUMMER SERVICES BEGIN MAY 26TH. CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SCHEDULE. USHERS, READERS, AND VARIOUS OTHER VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP AND COMMUNION. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR ONE OF THOSE ROLES, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT OFFICE@BETHELGURNEE.ORG.



Senior Pastor of Iglesia Evangelica Luterana San Pablo, in Aurora IL

He will be with us to preach a message on being God’s witnesses for the Gospel, as well as, to share stories about how Escuela Misionera (School for Missionaries) at San Pablo has raised up lay leaders, deaconesses, and pastors for God’s Church.



Be with us for worship (9AM) and stay for Bible Study (10:30AM), and celebrate how God is at work through our brothers and sisters in Christ in Aurora and in Hispanic ministry.

