

Early and Late Service Order of Worship Divine Service Setting Five

As We Gather As we observe Reformation Day today, you may notice that one of our banners is adorned with the letters VDMA. VDMA is an acronym that stands for the Latin phrase *Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum* ("the Word of the Lord endures forever"), which was used as a motto by the Lutheran reformers from as early as 1522. This phrase appears in Isaiah 40:8 and was also used by the Apostle Peter in his first epistle (1 Peter 1:24-25). Both scripture passages refer to the eternal faithfulness of God and His Word. Through these words, we are reminded that God has spoken the living Word of His grace in Jesus Christ and has overcome sin, death, and the devil. To God alone be the glory!

Prelude

Entrata Festiva, Op. 96

Flor Peeters
(1903-1986)

Confession and Absolution

Please stand as you are able

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20 LSB 213

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalms 91:11, 103:1

P He will command his angels concerning you

G to guard you in all your ways.

P Bless the LORD, O my soul,

G and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Opening Hymn

Thy Strong Word

LSB 578

Exhortation

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5 LSB 213

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

G who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Please kneel as you are able

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

Confession of Sins

John 20:19–23 LSB 213

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

[John 20:19–23] LSB 213

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Please stand as you are able

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46

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

C I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

P My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

C Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

P The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

C **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.**

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

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

C **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

All Glory Be to God on High

LSB 947

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



1 All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks for all His
 2 We praise and laud and wor - ship You; We give You thanks for -
 3 O Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son Be - got - ten of the
 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, our de - light And source of con - so -



fa - vor; No harm can touch or ter - ri - fy A
 ev - er, O Fa - ther, for Your rule is true And
 Fa - ther, Your sav - ing death has made us one With
 la - tion, Pro - tect us from the dev - il's might Through



child of God for - ev - er. God shows His good and
 just and chang - es nev - er. With bound - less pow'r, Your
 God and with each oth - er. O Lamb of God, to
 Je - sus, our sal - va - tion, Who by His death up -



gra - cious will And grants His peace, the world to fill—
 might - y reign Ful - fills what - ev - er You or - dain.
 You on high In our dis - tress we sin - ners cry,
 on a tree Has res - cued us from mis - er - y:



All strife at last has end - ed.
 Lord, grant us ev - ery bless - ing!
 Have mer - cy on us, a - men!
 To this we hold for - ev - er.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 214

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

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 Amen.

Please be seated

First Lesson

Revelation 14:6–7

A The First Lesson for Reformation Day is from Revelation, chapter fourteen.

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.

Psalm

God is Our Refuge
Sanctuary Choir

Psalm 46
Allen Pote
(b. 1945)

*God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble.
Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
Though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.*

*Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.
He is in the midst of His people, in all the earth.*

*He is the Word, we are His hands, He will lead us.
He is the air, we are His song. We will celebrate His presence all the day long.*

*He is the rain, we are the stones, He will cleanse us.
He is the air, we are His song, we will celebrate His presence all the day long.*
--Psalm 46, paraphrase by Jay Johnson

Epistle

Romans 3:19–28

A The Epistle is from Romans, chapter three.

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.

Please stand as you are able

Alleluia

LSB 951

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 8:31-36

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated

Children's Message

Please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day

A Mighty Fortress

LSB 657

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Nicene Creed

☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen.

Offering

During this time, please fill out and pass the blue Friendship Register. Please indicate if you plan to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion and whether you are a member or visitor. If you do not currently have a church home, we invite you to join the family of believers here at Christ the Redeemer.

Voluntary

A Mighty Fortress, BuxWV 184 Dietrich Buxtehude
(c. 1637-1707)

Please stand as you are able

Offertory Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Stanza 1 All

Stanza 2 Women

Stanza 3 Men

Stanza 4 All

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with
 and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

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Service of the Sacrament

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession that we receive not just bread and wine but the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which we eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Our Lord invites to His table those who have faith in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to love and forgive as He loves and forgives us.

Holy Communion also signifies a unity of faith and belief with those who gather at this altar. Baptized Christians who share the confession of the Lutheran church are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you are unsure what you believe or have questions, we invite you to speak with the Elder on duty or the Pastor before the service. Grape juice is available in the center circle of the individual cup trays.

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136 LSB 216-217

P The Lord be with you.

C And also 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, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. 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.

Sanctus

Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old

LSB 960

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it
 did be-hold High on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, With robes that
 filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;
 Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of Him. With two they veiled their
 fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight,
 And with the oth-er two a-loft they soared; One to the oth-er

called and praised the Lord: "Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth!
 Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of
 Sab - a - oth! His glo - ry fills the heav - ens and the earth!" The beams and lin - tels
 trem - bled at the cry, And clouds of smoke en - wrapped the throne on high.

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Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13 LSB 217

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

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

Matthew 26:26-27; Mark 14:22-24 LSB 217

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

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

John 1:29 LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Please be seated

Voluntary

Lord, In Thy Mercy
Sanctuary Choir

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

*Lord, in thy mercy grant us peace throughout all generations;
Thou art alone our sword and shield, Lord, who dost guide the nations.
Defend us, O God, we pray thee.*

--Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Distribution Hymns

By Grace I'm Saved

LSB 566



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.

**5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?**

**6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.**

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LSB 790



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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Please stand as you are able

P Now may this body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Hymn *O Lord, We Praise Thee*

LSB 617, st. 1

I O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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Post-Communion Collect

LSB 218

P Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve 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.

Benedicamus*Psalm 103:1 LSB 218***P** Let us bless the Lord.**C** Thanks be to God.**Benediction***Numbers 6:24–26 LSB 218***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 Amen.**Closing Hymn***We Praise You and Acknowledge You**LSB 941***Announcements****P** Go in peace, serve the Lord.**C** Thanks be to God.**Postlude***A Mighty Fortress*Charles Ore
(b. 1936)

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Music Notes for October 27, 2024 – Reformation Day

The Prelude for Reformation Day is *Entrata Festiva*, Op. 96 by the Belgian composer and organist Flor Peeters (1903-1986). This majestic composition, written in 1959, incorporates brass, timpani, and organ. This exciting work alternates between festive fanfare figurations and more lyrical chorale-like passages.

The Sanctuary Choir will sing Allen Pote's (b. 1945) choral anthem, "God is Our Refuge." The text is a paraphrase of Psalm 46, the appointed Psalm for Reformation Day.

The Voluntary is a richly ornamented chorale prelude on the Hymn of the Day, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" (LSB 657), by Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707). Buxtehude was one of the preeminent organists of his time and counted a young Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) among his students. Bach held Buxtehude in such high esteem that, in 1705, he made the 250-mile journey from Arnstadt to Lübeck on foot to study with Buxtehude and hear him play the great organ of the *Marienkirche*.

The Communion Voluntary is "Lord, In Thy Mercy," by German Romantic composer Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847). Mendelssohn wrote this beautiful piece in 1831, inspired by the words and music he found in a Lutheran hymnal given to him by his friend Franz Hauser (1794-1870), a Viennese singer. The music is based on an original tune by Mendelssohn, while the text was written by Martin Luther (1483-1546).

The Postlude is an energetic setting of "A Mighty Fortress" by American organist and composer Charles Ore (b. 1936). Ore's setting treats this familiar German chorale in a thoroughly modern fashion, with brilliant fanfares, rhythmic ostinatos, colorful extended harmonies, and a wide array of odd time signatures. Dr. Ore is Emeritus Professor of Music at Concordia University Nebraska and maintains an active career as a church musician as organist of First Presbyterian Church in Lincoln, Nebraska.