

Festival of the Reformation

October 29, 2023

Sola Gratia. Sola Scriptura. Sola Fidei.

Prelude

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Sola Gratia

*For our sake, God made Jesus to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God
[2 Corinthians 5:21]*

Opening Hymn "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 oth - er 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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Welcome to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church!

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we have come together to reaffirm again the truth of the Saving Grace of God through Jesus Christ Alone that the Reformation restored to the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. We are here to worship God because of His infinite grace in creating us, in saving us through the sacrifice of our Lord, and in working faith in our hearts so that we might receive His own righteousness. Indeed, without the gift of forgiveness, we would never be able to

admit to our failings, but would, in our fallen nature, constantly deny our sins, and flee from God. But, with the gracious promise of full and free forgiveness, let us consider our sins, and call on God for mercy.

[a moment of silence for personal reflection]

P The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. *[Psalm 103:8]*

C He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. *[Psalm 103:10]*

P Gracious God,

All: We confess that we have failed to rely completely on Your grace for Jesus' sake. We have presented ourselves as deserving of Your love; we have expected Your blessings. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and deeds; by what we have done, and what we have left undone. "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." *[Romans 3:23]* Forgive us, reform us to trust only in Your grace and mercy, and move us again to seek Your will, letting our "light shine before others, so that they may see our good works and give glory to The Father who is in heaven." *[Matthew 5:16]*

P "God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved." *[Ephesians 2:4-5]* "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace." *[Ephesians 1:7]* As a called and ordained servant of the Word, at His command, and in His stead, I therefore forgive you all of your sins: In the Name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Hymn of Praise "The Church's One Foundation"

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1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis-tressed,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
O bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

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Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

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.**

✚ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✚

Sola Scriptura

*For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:
that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures.*

[1 Corinthians 15:3]

The First Reading is from the Revelation to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

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.”

[Revelation 14:6-7]

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle is from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, the third chapter.

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.

[Romans 3:19-28]

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise - "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

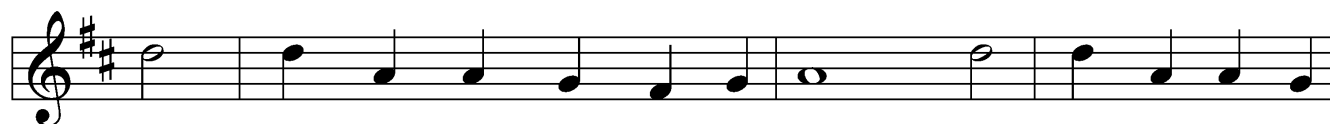
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1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
 2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -
 Δ 3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal



praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by
 Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and
 Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -



ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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P: As you are able, please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel

The Reading of the Holy Gospel

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.”

[St. John 8:31-36]

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Confession of Faith - Nicene Creed

C 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.

Hymn of the Day "Salvation unto Us Has Come"

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1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and
2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had
4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -
5 Yet as the Law must be ful - filled Or we must die de -



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They
ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For
giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And
ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our
spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled, Our



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus
man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those
by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a
guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's
hu - man na - ture shar - ing. He has for us the



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
pure de - sires The spir - it of the
mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our
Law o - beyed And thus the Fa - ther's



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.
ven - geance stayed Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.

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Homily - Why Are We Called 'Lutherans' ?

Hymn of the Day "Salvation unto Us Has Come"

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6 Since Christ has full a - tone-ment made And brought to us sal-
7 Let me not doubt, but tru - ly see Your Word can - not be
8 The Law re - veals the guilt of sin And makes us con-science-
9 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone And rests in Him un-
△ 10 All bless-ing, hon - or, thanks, and praise To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad And
bro - ken; Your call rings out, "Come un - to Me!" No
strick - en; But then the Gos - pel en - ters in The
ceas - ing; And by its fruits true faith is known, With
Spir - it, The God who saved us by His grace; All



build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear
false - hood have You spo - ken. Bap - tized in - to Your
sin - ful soul to quick - en. Come to the cross, trust
love and hope in - creas - ing. For faith a - lone can
glo - ry to His mer - it. O tri - une God in



Lord, I plead, Your death is now my
pre - cious name, My faith can - not be
Christ, and live; The Law no peace can
jus - ti - fy; Works serve our neigh - bor
heav'n a - bove, You have re - vealed Your



life in - deed, For You have paid my ran - som.
put to shame, And I shall nev - er per - ish.
ev - er give, No com - fort and no bless - ing.
and sup - ply The proof that faith is liv - ing.
sav - ing love; Your bless - ed name we hal - low.

Let Us Thank the Lord with the Offering

Prayers of the Church

P: Let us pray for all of our brothers and sisters of Our Redeemer, for all true Christians in every place, and for all people in every place in need of the Lord's graciousness and mercy. ◇◇◇ Mighty Fortress, Rock of Refuge, hear today our prayers for Your whole Church. Deliver her from every error that would cloud the joy of Your salvation. Preserve in her the proclamation of the eternal Gospel. Make it resound to every nation and tribe, people and language, that its mighty power might bring all to fear You and give You the glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Mighty Fortress, Rock of Refuge, hear today our prayers for all ministers of the Word. Help them to proclaim Your Law in such a way that every excuse is stripped from the mouths of their hearers and all are held accountable to God. Help them to proclaim Your Gospel, that they may know Jesus Christ as their sole righteousness before You, the propitiation You have set forward by His blood to be received by faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Mighty Fortress, Rock of Refuge, hear today our prayers for all who know the bondage of sin and yet imagine themselves free. Open their eyes by the words of Jesus, and grant them the true freedom of son-ship and a permanent place in Your household through Him. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Mighty Fortress, Rock of Refuge, hear today our prayers for all who cry to You for healing in body or mind, heart or soul. Have mercy upon each one. In Your own time and way, grant them release from their afflictions. Sustain their confidence and hope in the full and final healing that awaits the day of our Lord's appearing and the resurrection of the body. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Mighty Fortress, Rock of Refuge, hear today our prayers for all who come to the Altar to partake of Christ's own body and blood for the forgiveness of their sins, the propitiation which You provide for us in His blood. Grant them the gifts of repentance and faith and, by the power of Your Spirit, the intention to amend their lives and align them with Your will and purpose. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Mighty Fortress, Rock of Refuge, Your people have sheltered in You from age to age. Receive our thanks for all Your servants who have departed this life in Your fear and friendship. We especially bless You today for the great reformers of Your Church who ever call us back to the Gospel and to the righteousness we have in Christ alone. Keep us in fellowship with them, and bring us at last by Your truth to the heavenly home and the joy of seeing our Redeemer face to face. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

[thanksgiving and special intercessions are offered]

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

✠ THE FEAST OF THE LORD ✠

Sola Fidei

*In the Gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith, from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."
[Romans 1:17]*

The Preface

P To strengthen our faith our Lord comes to us under bread and wine. "Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need." *[Hebrews 4:16]*

P The Lord be with you. *[2 Timothy 4:22]*

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P Heavenly Father, it is only by Your infinite grace that the Holy Spirit planted faith in our hearts. Only thereby are we able to put our trust in Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and receive the righteousness He won for us. We rejoice that You have not left us to attempt to understand You, but have moved people of faith to write the Holy Scriptures, our only rule for faith and life. Therefore we praise You, Holy Trinity, and with all Your faithful people in time and eternity, with the holy angels and archangels, singing:

The Sanctus

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The Epiclesis

P Blessed are You, Lord our God, for making Your gracious promises and keeping them in the person of Your Son, who entered our world of time and space to live the perfect life in our place, to give Himself as the complete sacrifice for all sin, and to open heaven to all who call upon Him in faith. Grant us now to faithfully eat His body and drink His blood as He has commanded us to do. May it be a foretaste of the feast to come, where we shall, with angels and archangels, praise Your Holy Name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, into all eternity.

C Amen.

The 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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the same night that He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My \dagger Body which is given for you. Do this in My remembrance.” In the same way also, after He had eaten, He took the cup, 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 \dagger Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in My remembrance.”

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes again. *[1 Corinthians 11:26]*

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus, come. *[Revelation 22:20]*

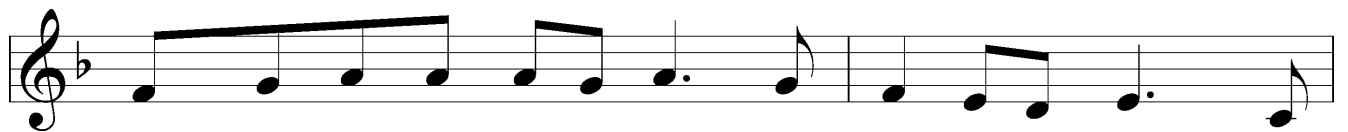
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always. *[Saint John 20:19]*

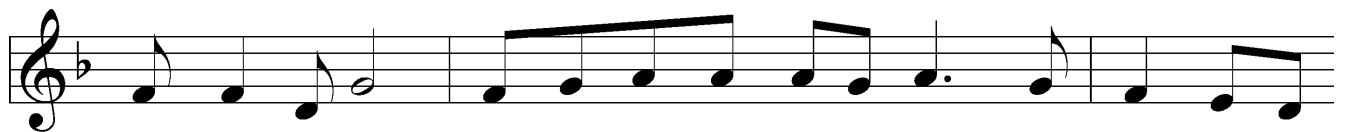
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

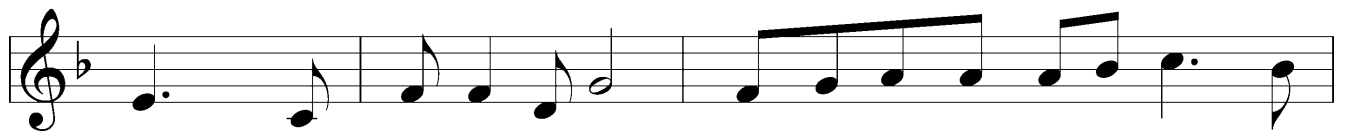
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C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



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.

Distribution Hymn "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

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1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
 3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
 4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -

are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
 deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
 mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'
 on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a

these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
 these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
 lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
 ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

5 When from the dust of death I rise
 To claim my mansion in the skies,
 This then shall be my only plea:
 Jesus hath lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
 Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
 For me, and all Thy hands have made,
 An everlasting ransom paid.

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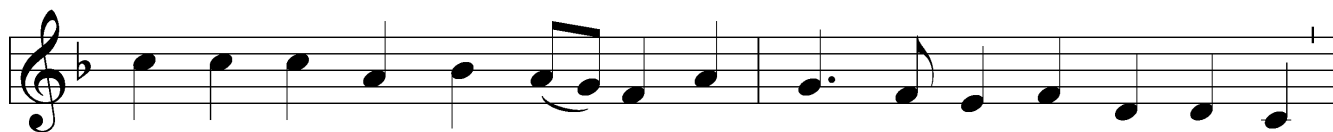
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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Thanksgiving

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

C for His steadfast love endures forever! [*Psalm 118:1*]

P We give thanks, Heavenly Father, that You have strengthened us through this salutary gift. We pray that this Heavenly Food we have received will strengthen us in body, mind, and spirit, so that we endure all trials, temptations, and sickness, until You grant us deliverance, peace, and health, through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you;

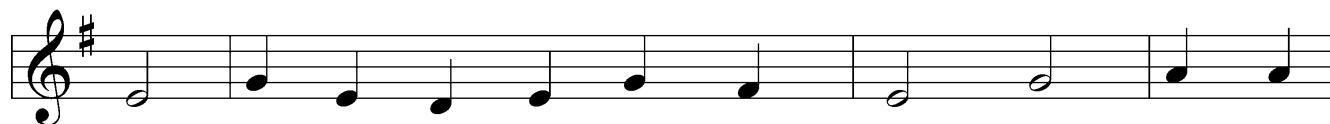
The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you;

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you ☩ peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

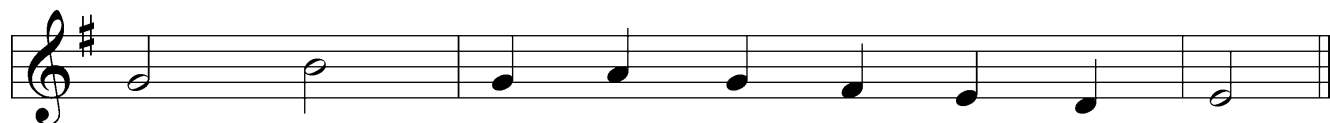
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1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

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