

Service Folder

for the Festival of the Reformation (Oct. 31)

October 26, 2025

THE INTROIT *(after the Absolution)*

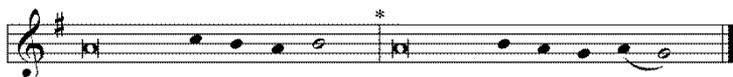
Psalm 46:7,2; Psalm 46:1, 4-6, 10

P *(Antiphon)* THE LORD of | hosts is with us; *

The God of Jacob | is our refuge. _

Therefore we will not fear, even though the | earth be removed, *

And though the mountains be carried into the | midst of the sea.



C God is our | refuge and strength, *

A very present | help in trouble. _

There is a river whose streams shall make glad the | city of God,

The holy place of the tabernacle | of the Most High. _

God is in the midst of her, she | shall not be moved; *

God shall help her, just at | the break of dawn. _

The nations raged, the | kingdoms were moved; *

He uttered His voice, | the earth melted. _

Be still, and know | that I am God; *

I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalt- | ed in the earth! _



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son



and to the Ho - ly Spirit; as it was in the be - gin - ning,



is now, and ev - er shall be, for - ev - er - more. A - men.

P *(Antiphon)*

THE GRADUAL & VERSE *(after the Epistle)*

Ps. 48:1, 12-13; Ps. 48:14

- P** Great is the Lord, and great- | ly to be praised *
In the city of our God, in His | holy mountain. __
- C** Walk about Zion, count her towers; mark well her bulwarks,
consider | her palaces; *
That you may tell it to the genera- | tion following. __
- P** Al- | - leluia. *
Al- | - leluia. __
- C** For this is God, our God forev- | er and ever; *
He will be our guide even to death. | Alleluia! __



HYMNS

- OPENING HYMN** *TLH #266 - O God, Our Lord, Thy Holy Word*
- HYMN (after the Creed)** *TLH #260 - O Lord Look Down from Heaven Behold*
- HYMN (after General Prayer)** *Preserve Your Word, O Savior (next page)*
- DISTRIBUTION HYMN** *TLH #385 - Now I Have Found the Firm Foundation*
- CLOSING HYMN** *TLH #262 - A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*
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SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Epistle: *Galatians 2:16-21*

Gospel: *John 8:31-36*

Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Article III

Christ says, "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36). Paul says in Romans 5:2, "Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand." By faith in Christ, therefore, the promise of the forgiveness of sins and of righteousness is received. Neither are we justified before God by reason or by the Law.

Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, Article II

There is a great difference between baptized and unbaptized people. According to the teaching of St. Paul in Galatians 3:27, "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ," and are made truly regenerate. They now have a freed will. As Christ says, they have been made free again. Therefore, they are able not only to hear the Word, but also to agree with it and accept it, although in great weakness.

Preserve Your Word, O Savior

Text: Andreas Gryphius, 1676

Freut euch, ihr lieben

Tr.: William J. Schaefer



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;
3 Pre - serve, O Lord, Your Zi - on, Bought dear - ly with Your blood;
4 Pre - serve, O Lord, Your chil - dren, Your own blest her - i - tage;



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.
Pro - tect what You have cho - sen A - gainst the foes' dread brood.
Re - sist, dis - perse, and scat - ter Those who a - gainst You rage.



Oh, 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, be her great De - fend - er When dan - gers gath - er round;
Let Your com - mand - ments guide us, Grant us Your heav'n - ly food;



Let naught from Your Word turn us While wand' - ring here be - low.
O Light of all the liv - ing— That men Your name may know.
E'en tho' the earth be crum - bling, Safe will Your Church be found.
Clothe us in Your rich gar - ments, Bought with Your pre - cious blood.

5 Preserve Your Word and preaching,
The truth that makes us whole,
The mirror of Your glory,
The pow'r that saves the soul.
Oh, may this living water,
This dew of heav'nly grace,
Sustain us while here living
Until we see Your face!

6 Preserve in wave and tempest
Your storm-tossed little flock;
Assailed by wind and weather,
May it endure each shock.
Oh, take the helm, dear Pilot,
And set the course aright;
Thus we shall reach the harbor
Of Your eternal light.

“I ask that men make no reference to my name; let them call themselves Christians, not Lutherans. What is Luther? After all, the teaching is not mine. Neither was I crucified for anyone. St. Paul, in 1 Corinthians 3, would not allow the Christians to call themselves Pauline or Petrine, but Christian. How then should I—poor stinking maggot-fodder that I am—come to have men call the children of Christ by my wretched name? Not so, my dear friends; let us abolish all party names and call ourselves Christians, after him whose teaching we hold. The papists deservedly have a party name, because they are not content with the teaching and name of Christ, but want to be papist as well. Let them be papist then, since the pope is their master. I neither am nor want to be anyone’s master. I hold, together with the universal church, the one universal teaching of Christ, who is our only master.”

- A Sincere Admonition by Martin Luther to All Christians to Guard Against Insurrection and Rebellion, 1521