5TH SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH OCTOBER 30, 2022 6:30PM

PRELUDE

"Variation on 'A Mighty Fortress"

Various

As WE GATHER

Martin Luther and the Lutheran reformers in Germany and other northern European countries did much that added to the treasury of worship and hymnody of the Church. Centuries later, we find the thoughts that were put into writing more than five hundred years ago still express our faith. Their songs are our songs; the worship patterns of the 1500s continue to guide our devotion in a timeless manner. The psalmist writes, "Sing to the LORD, bless His name. . . . Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness" (Psalm 96:2, 9). As we reflect on the theme of worship and music of the Reformation, we find ourselves informed, enriched, and blessed.

We stand.





OPENING VERSES

Psalm 47:1-2, 6-7a, 9b

- L Clap your hands, all peoples!
- C Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
- L For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,
- C a great king over all the earth.
- L Sing praises to God, sing praises!
- C Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
- L For God is the King of all the earth;
- C He is highly exalted!

Let us pray. Almighty, everlasting God, whose Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, open and enlighten our minds that we may understand Your Word purely, clearly, and devoutly, and fashion our lives according to the same; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

We sit.

ABOUT REFORMATION MUSIC



A READING An eternal call to worship Revelation 14:6–7

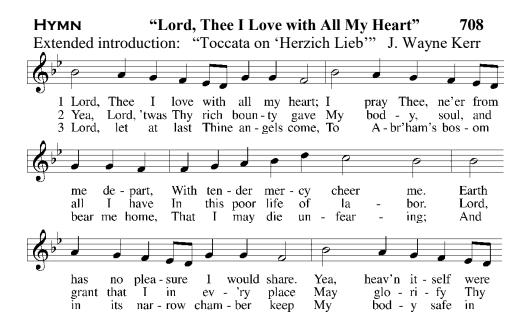
⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

ABOUT WORSHIP

A READING We are alive in Christ. Colossians 2:6–10

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.





A READING

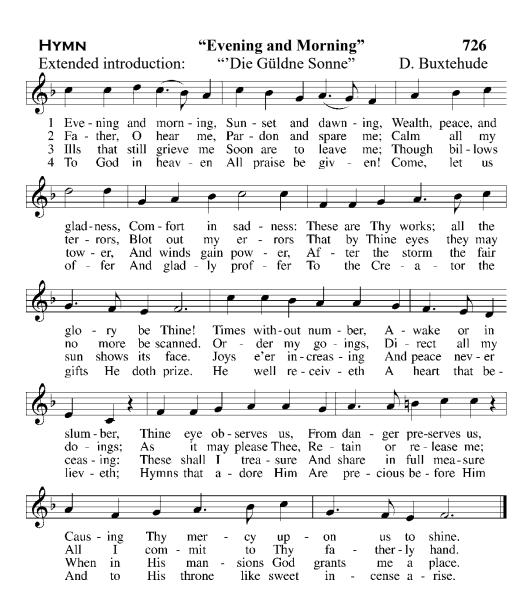
The ascension of our Lord is followed by worship. Luke 24:44–53

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.



REFORMATION-ERA HYMNODY



PLACES OF THE REFORMATION

We stand. "Now Thank We All Our God" HYMN 895 Extended introduction: "Nun Danket Alle Gott" Michael Burkhardt 1 Now thank all God With hearts and hands and voic - es. our 2 Oh. mav this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us. 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en, Who won-drous things has done, whom His world re - joic - es; In With ev - er And bless - ed peace to joy - ful hearts Son, and The Him who With them in reigns high - est heav - en. Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way when per-plexed And keep in His grace And guide us The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore; With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to - day. And all ills free us from In this world and the

CLOSING COLLECT

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L Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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C Amen.

For

We sit.

WE SING YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS