



The Collect of the Day:

P: The Lord be with you.     **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.     **C: 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. Amen. (please be seated)**

(10:30 a.m.) Choral Anthem: “How Firm a Foundation” (arr. by John Leavitt) *Choir*

The First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7

Then 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. And 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."

P: This is the Word of our Lord.     **C: Thanks be to God!**

The Gradual:

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised  
  **in the city of our God,**  
Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,  
  **Consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,**  
That you may tell the next generation  
  **that this is God, our God forever and ever.**

The Epistle Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Now 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. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all

have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom 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. It 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. Then 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. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

P: This is the Word of our Lord.     **C: Thanks be to God!**

(please stand if you are able)

Hymn for the Bible Readings: 582 “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”

The Holy Gospel: John 8:31-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered Him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that You say, 'You will become free'?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.     **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

(please be seated)

The Sermon Hymn: 682 “God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets’ Sons”

The Sermon: “Cracked Pots Proclaim the Power of a Timeless Treasure”

*1 Samuel 16:7 But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”*

*2 Corinthians 4:7a But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.*

(please stand if you are able)

Our Confession of Faith: 953 “We All Believe in One True God”

## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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MILITARY: (Please call with the names to include in prayer.) Army- Nathan Koen, Jonathan Koen, Tim Healy, Christopher Dupertius, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Casey Vallett, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner, Jessica DeMarco; Navy- Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; Air Force- Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich, Tanner Hackstadt, Ched Wagner; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Brent Knop, Thomas Lewis

+favorable weather for farming, safety in the fields and blessings on the harvest  
+the Christian ministry of our Lutheran schools, St. John's and Christ Our Savior

### The Prayer Litany:

**P** God of grace and glory, we give You thanks for the comfort of the Gospel restored to Your Church on earth through the work of Martin Luther and other faithful pastors and leaders during the Reformation era. We praise You that by Your rich grace we have come to the sure knowledge that we stand justified before You, not by what we have done, but rather by faith in what Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, has done on our behalf. We ask that You would defend Your Church from all enemies of Your saving Word. Cause the good news of the Gospel to be proclaimed in this time to every nation and tribe and language and people on earth, and graciously preserve the fruits of the Gospel for generations to come. O God, our refuge and strength,

**C in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty, everlasting God our heavenly Father, we thank You for the dedicated service of those in our nation's Armed Forces. We ask that You would bless them with Your loving presence. We pray for their safety and joyful return home for those who are deployed in hostile areas. O God, our refuge and strength,

**C in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord God, we thank You for Your blessings upon those who work the land in Your name and for Your glory. We are grateful for the bounty of the harvest that has been gathered this year and we ask for Your blessings upon that which is yet to be harvested. We trust that You will use it for the benefit of those who make their living from it and of those who are nourished by the produce it provides us. O God, our refuge and strength, **C in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**P** Healer of our every ill, touch the minds, bodies and hearts of those broken by sickness and injury and all those recovering from surgery. Especially do we remember by name Alice, Kenneth, Orville, C. John, Sharon, Pat, Peggy, Jane, Wayne, Stuart, Susie, Lori, Brenda, Derrick, Robin, Bobby, Kate, Jeff, Bob, Ruby, Danielle, Ruth, Dave, Henry, Sheri, Evelyn, Alan, John, Jennifer, Ruby, Margarete, and those we name in our hearts that they may be restored to health and life according to Your good and gracious will and as You best see fit. Let Your face shine upon them that they may be kept in Your peace. O God, our refuge and strength, **C in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord of the Church, You have given us Your Holy Spirit that we may boldly proclaim Your saving gospel to all our world. We ask that You would strengthen the efforts of Lutheran schools such as our St. John's Elementary and Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School in teaching Your Word of life in Christ. We ask that in this work all glory would be given to Your holy name. O God, our refuge and strength, **C in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful Lord, our Sun and our Shield, through His blood Your Son stands before You as our Great High Priest. By Your Spirit prepare our hearts to worthily receive the body and blood of our Savior who was sacrificed for us on the cross, believing His promise: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." O God, our refuge and strength, **C in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord of all life, we place into Your gracious care and keeping all those who mourn the loss of loved ones to physical death. We ask that You will comfort them with fond memories of their lives, with thanks for their faith in Jesus as Savior, and with joy in the resurrection to eternal life that Jesus won for them and now has fulfilled for them in this heavenward calling. O God, our refuge and strength,

**C in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**P** Holding fast to our confidence in Your Son and boasting in the glory of His resurrection, we entrust ourselves and all for whom we pray to Your loving care, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.** *(please be seated)*

The Offering: “All Glory Be to God Alone” *arranged by J. Wayne Kerr*

*(please stand if you are able)*

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THE PAX DOMINI:

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: (sung) “Amen.”**

THE AGNUS DEI: page 163

*(please be seated)* DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

*(10:30 a.m.)* “Set Free Within” (arr. by David N. Johnson) *Choir*

**617 “O Lord, We Praise Thee”**

**948 “All Glory Be to God Alone”**

**556 “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”**

*(please stand if you are able)*

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The Closing Hymn: 655 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

The Postlude: “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” *arr. by Benjamin M. Culli*

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