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Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod
REFORMATION SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 25 at 4:00 PM



Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's Work. Our Hands.

Presented by the Virginia Conference

Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod Reformation Sunday, October 25, 2020

Prelude

"A Mighty Fortress", arranged by Eric Carlson
Joy Mentzel, organist, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in McLean

Welcome and Worship Theme

From the Washington and Old Dominion Trail

Pastor Tony Prinsen, Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Vienna
Pastor Hank Langknecht, Christ the King Lutheran in Great Falls

*"The Bible is alive! It speaks to me. It has feet.
It runs after me. It has hands. It lays hold of me." - Martin Luther*

Thanksgiving for Baptism

From Redeemer Lutheran Church

Pastor Sandy Kessinger, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in McLean

Pastor In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Pastor Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Pastor We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

From Meadowlark Gardens

Kathy Uffelmann, Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Vienna

Let us pray.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and
comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the
church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

From Meadowlark Gardens

Christian Marbach, Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Vienna

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader Word of God, word of life.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

From George Mill's Farm

Pastor Krista Vingelis, New Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Lovettsville

Psalm 46

From the Udvar-Hazy Center

Pastor Tom Montgomery, St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Centreville

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore I will not fear, though the earth shall change,
and though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it in the morning dawn.
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
He utters his voice, and the earth melts.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
Come, behold the works of the Lord,
see what desolations He has brought on the earth;
He makes war cease to the ends of the earth;
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear. He burns the shields with fire.
"Be still and know that I am God;
I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

From W&OD Trail, Historic Herndon

Pastor Martin Eldred, Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Herndon

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Pastor Word of God, word of life.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: John 8:31-36

Pastor Hank Langknecht, Christ the King Lutheran in Great Falls

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th Chapter.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Jews who had believed in him, Jesus said, "If you hold my teaching, you really are my disciples; then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say we shall be free?"

Jesus replied, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family; but the son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Hank Langknecht, Christ the King Lutheran in Great Falls

Bishop Leila Ortiz, Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod

Pastor Tony Prinsen, Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Vienna

Hymn of Day

Choir at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in McLean

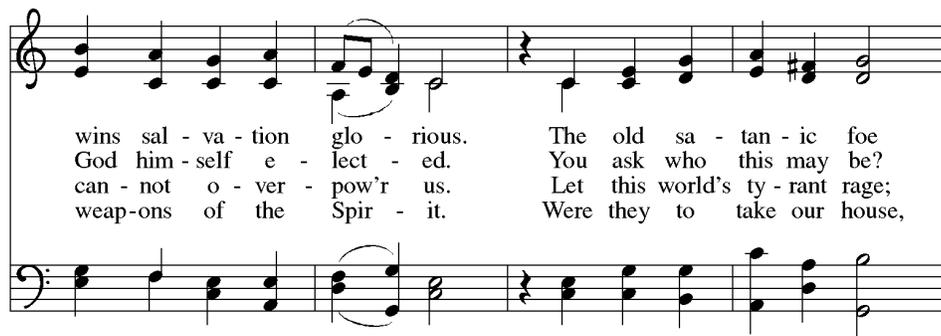
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



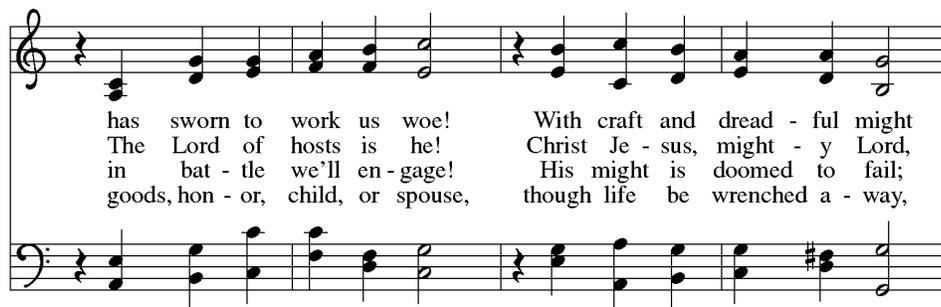
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weapon - s of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Apostles' Creed

Pastor Annabelle Markey, Community Lutheran Church in Sterling (First Article)
Pastor Andreas Armstrong, Bethel Lutheran Church in Lovettsville (Second Article)
Pastor Tiffany Towberman, Zion Lutheran Church in Lovettsville (Second Article)
Pastor Phillip Carl, Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Reston (Third Article)

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Pastor Gerry Johnson, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Leesburg From Belmont Slave Cemetery
Pastor Lynn Miller, King of Kings Lutheran Church in Fairfax From Fair Oaks Hospital
Pastor Phillip Carl, Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Reston From Hunters Woods Plaza
Pastor Garrett Wolf, King of Kings Lutheran Church in Fairfax From Goshen Post Elementary School

Pastor Lord, in your mercy.

All **Hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

From Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp and Retreat Center

Pastor Andreas Armstrong, Bethel Lutheran Church in Lovettsville
Assisting Pastor Tiffany Towberman, Zion Lutheran Church in Lovettsville

Pastor Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

All **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.**

Benediction

From Bluemont, VA

Pastor Annabelle Markey, Community Lutheran Church in Sterling

Pastor O God, you have called us 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; in the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Dismissal

Pastor Tony Prinsen, Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Vienna
Pastor Hank Langknecht, Christ the King Lutheran in Great Falls

From W&OD Trail and Beltway

Pastor Go in peace and serve all God's creatures!
All **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn - Earth and All Stars!

Adapted for this Setting.
Choir at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in McLean

Postlude

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer", arranged by J. Bert Carlson
Joy Mentzel, organist, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in McLean



**Stained Glass Window
Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
McLean, VA**

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