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# **Divine Service, Setting Five**

### As We Gather

It is easy to underestimate the darkness of that time prior to the Reformation. It is just as easy to underestimate the darkness in our own day. On this day, we do not simply recall an event but the work of God recalling His Church to the eternal Gospel. We proclaim with clarity that justification by grace through faith is not some Lutheran quirk but is the message of Christ, affirmed by Paul and kept in trust by the Church down through the centuries as our greatest treasure. Just as the world long ago needed to hear the Church proclaim in an unwavering voice Jesus Christ and His payment for our sin, so does our world long for the true freedom bestowed by grace and grasped by faith.

### 904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word



Text (sts. 1–3): Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–84; (sts. 1–3): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (st. 4): Geistreiches Gesang-Büchlein, 1707, Berlin; (st. 4): tr. unknown, alt. Tune: Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1625–73, alt.
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## **Confession and Absolution**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

## Service of the Word

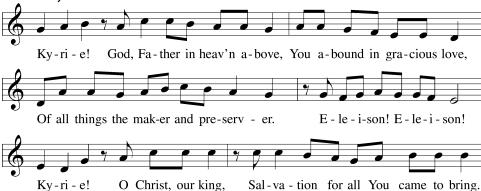
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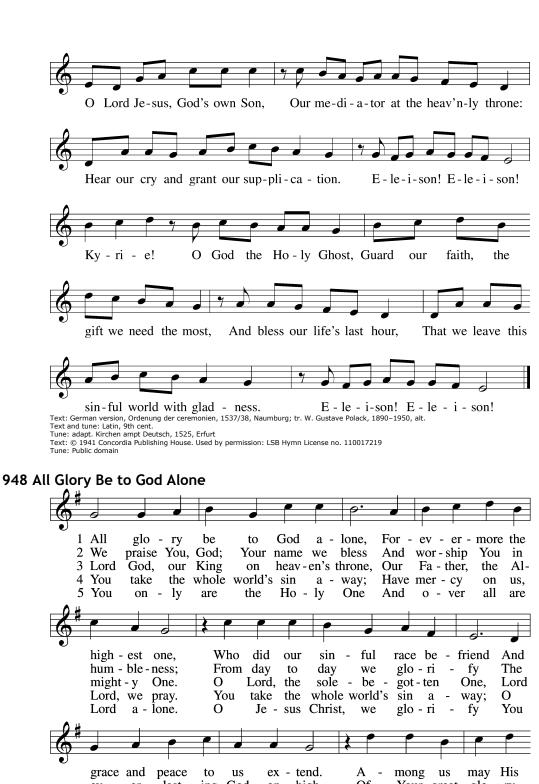
Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46

- P I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]\* and shall not be | put to shame.
- I will bless the LORD at | all times;\*
  his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.
- P My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;\* let the humble hear | and be glad.
- Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;\*

  I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.
- The LORD redeems the life of his | servants;\* none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\*
  - is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]\* and shall not be | put to shame.

### 942 Kyrie! God, Father





ev - er - last - ing God on high. Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, Lord, re - ceive our prayer this day. Spir - it, Lord Most High; and the

Of Your great glo - ry True God from all e -From God's right hand Your With Him You ev - er -



we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring. O Lamb of God, flee. ter - ni - ty, to You we mer - cy send, To all the world Your grace tend. ex more shall be One in the Fa - ther's maj es ty.

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## Salutation and 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.

Sit

First Reading Revelation 14:6–7

**R** The First Reading is from Revelation, chapter 14.

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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."

- **R** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle Romans 3:19–28

**R** The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 3.

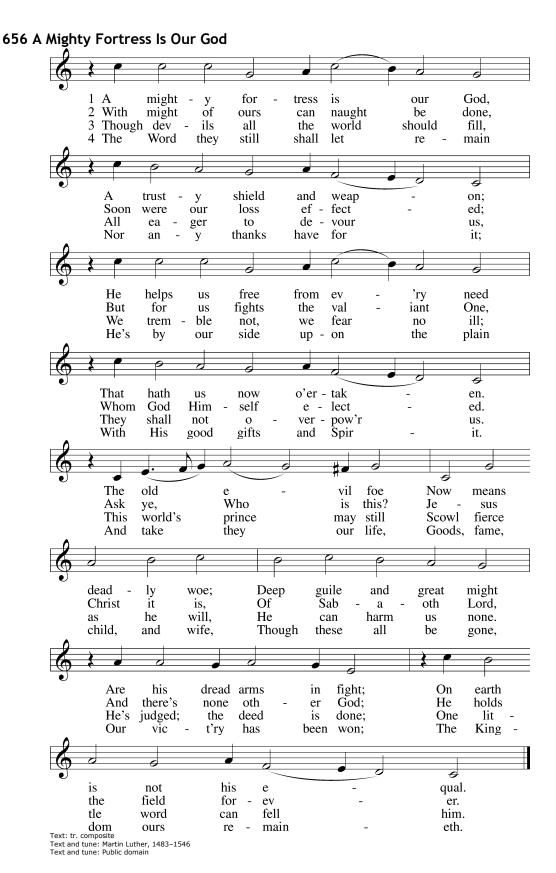
<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>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.

<sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

- **R** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand



Holy Gospel John 8:31–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

## Glory to You, O Lord.

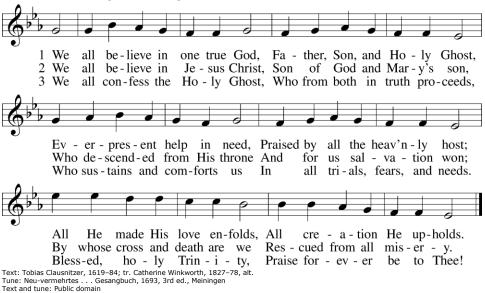
**P** <sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are

offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

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

## 953 We All Believe in One True God



Sit

Sermon Freedom!

Stand

### Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious God, You have renewed Your Church in every age with the voices of those who recall Your people to the Gospel and who speak Your Word in all circumstances. Receive our thanks for Martin Luther and those with him who contended for the Gospel against many and great enemies. Make us bold, that we would also contend for the faith against those who would silence our voices or distract Your people from the one true Gospel of the crucified and risen Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- P O Lord, guard and defend us and Your Holy Christian Church throughout the world, that we may be protected from the temptations of the devil, the world and our own sinful nature. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Lord, make us truly Your disciples. Keep us in Your Word, free us from all errors, and make our homes and families peaceful. Preserve all fathers and encourage them for their godly task, that children would be brought up in the fear and instruction of the Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Have mercy on our nation. Give us good and faithful rulers who will govern after Your good pleasure. Give us comfort and a right understanding of Your rule in this world, that we would not be deceived to think earthly powers will last forever, but have confidence in You alone. Your kingdom come! Lord, in Your mercy,
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- Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that You have brought us by Your Word out of the darkness of error and into the light of Your grace. Mercifully help us to walk in that light. Guard us from error and false doctrine, and grant that we would not become ungrateful and despise Your Word, but receive it with all our heart, conduct our lives according to it and put our trust in Your grace; through the merits of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

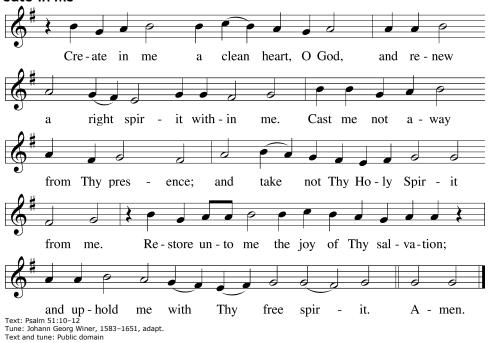
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### Offering

794 The Lord, My God, Be Praised sts. 1–2

Stand

### 956 Create in Me



### Lord's Prayer

- **P** Let us pray.
- 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.

### **Post-Communion Collect**

- Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

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- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

### **Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

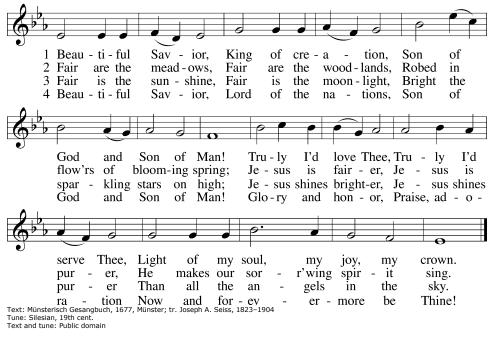
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and 

→ give you peace.

C Amen.

### 537 Beautiful Savior



## **Announcements**

Adult Sunday School has begun studying "How we got the Bible" at 9am on Sunday mornings.

The **Flowers** that beautify our altar this morning are given to God's glory.

The **Ladies Bible Study** meets Wednesdays at **10am**. They are studying the Book of Deuteronomy.

Church Council next meeting is Nov 13 at 8am.

October has a **Fifth Sunday!** Get your hymn ideas to Pastor Huston by today, the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Circuit Reformation Celebration** is **Oct 30** at **4pm** at Bethel Lutheran Church, 11211 E Northwest Hwy, Dallas, TX 75238 with potluck dinner afterwards.

We are having a **Nonperishable Food Drive** until **Nov 13**. Donations will go to the Manna Food Bank.

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