

Sunday Order of Service

Reformation
October 30, 2024

Divine Service Setting Three Lutheran Service Book p. 184

Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 184. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.

Preservice Music:

Three Motets by Johann Walter (1496-1570)

1. From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee
2. O Lord, We Praise Thee
3. Salvation unto Us Has Come

Walter, known as the “first cantor of the Lutheran Church,” was a musical advisor to Martin Luther, and in 1524 published “Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn” a collection of forty-three pieces for three to five voices. These are among the first arrangements that rely on chorale tunes rather than only chant melodies. This groundbreaking set of hymn-based music for choirs established the foundation of Lutheran choral music beginning in the early 1500s, passing on through Praetorius, Schütz, Bach and many others up to the present. These motets, originally for choir, have been arranged for instruments for this evening.

Processional Hymn 578

“Thy Strong Word”
Choir sings stanza 3

Introit *sung by the choir*

Antiphon (Ps. 46:7, 2)

The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our Refuge.
Therefore we will not fear though the earth be removed
and though the mountains be carried into the midst of sea.

Psalms (Ps. 46:1)

God is our Refuge and Strength, a very present Help in trouble.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

(Antiphon is repeated.)

First Reading

Revelation 14:6-7

The Proclamation of the Everlasting Gospel

Choral Response

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” Praetorius

Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word,
Curb those who fain by craft and sword.
Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son
And set at naught all He hath done.

Lord Jesus Christ, Thy pow’r make known,
For Thou art Lord of Lords alone;
Defend Thy Christendom that we
May evermore sing praise to Thee.

O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife,
And lead us out of death to life.

Epistle

Romans 3:19-28

The Righteousness of God Through Faith in Christ

Holy Gospel

John 8:31-36

The Truth Will Set You Free.

Hymn of the Day

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“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”
Choir sings stanza 2

Offertory Hymn

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“Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide”
Choir sings stanzas 2 and 4

Distribution Hymns

“Seek Where You May to Find a Way” **557**
“Word of God, Come Down on Earth” **545**
“I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name” **734**

Hymn to Depart

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“The Church’s One Foundation”