

TODAY'S FOCUS

As we approach the 504th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, we still need clear teaching and practice to shape our thinking, acting and witness. We explore these all October long in our series "RE-Form Us, O Lord," starting today with "Our Foundation."

+ ALL GLORY TO GOD +

LSB 901 OPEN NOW THY GATES OF BEAUTY sts. 1–2, 4

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty; Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessèd is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!
- 2 Gracious God, I come before Thee; Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, There a heav'n on earth
must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou; Let it be Thy temple now!
- 4 Thou my faith increase and quicken; Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howsoe'er temptations thicken; May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life, As my comfort in all strife.

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the
Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 27:7, 11a, 13–14; 51:15; 70:1

P O LORD, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.

C Make haste, O God, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!

P Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

C Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path.

P I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

C Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

C Gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We know well that we are by nature sinful and unclean. Morning, noon, and night we have done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your faithful servants. We have neglected the salvation You so graciously have provided for us. Indeed, we deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is not in ourselves but in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and lead us to renewed lives that reflect Your goodness, mercy, and love.

P With confident joy, I announce to you that God is gracious and merciful and hears our supplications. Upon your confession, by the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained

servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 154

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P In his Small Catechism section on Daily Prayers, Martin Luther included what he called a “little prayer” to be said as part of a personal devotion at the start of the day. We speak the words together.

© I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

+ GOD'S WORD FOR US +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 11:1-7 NIV

¹ In the LORD I take refuge.

How then can you say to me:

“Flee like a bird to your mountain.

² For look, the wicked bend their bows;

they set their arrows against the strings
to shoot from the shadows at the upright in heart.

**³ When the foundations are being destroyed,
what can the righteous do?”**

⁴ The LORD is in his holy temple;

the LORD is on his heavenly throne.

He observes everyone on earth;

his eyes examine them.

⁵ The LORD examines the righteous,

but the wicked, those who love violence,
he hates with a passion.

⁶ On the wicked he will rain fiery coals and burning sulfur;
a scorching wind will be their lot.

⁷ For the LORD is righteous, he loves justice;

the upright will see his face.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 3:10–15 NIV

¹⁰ By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, ¹³ their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. ¹⁴ If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 20:9-19 NIV

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus said] He went on to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. ¹⁰ At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the

tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. ¹² He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.

¹³ “Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.’

¹⁴ “But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. ‘This is the heir,’ they said. ‘Let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ ¹⁵ So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

“What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.”

When the people heard this, they said, “God forbid!”

¹⁷ Jesus looked directly at them and asked, “Then what is the meaning of that which is written:

“The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone”?

¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

¹⁹ The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

LSB 728 HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

sts. 1–3

1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

2 “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!

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MESSAGE "RE-FORM US, O LORD!" PART 1: OUR FOUNDATION

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**☐ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the
living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

OUR PRAYERS

+ SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER +

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

**☩ 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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

+ COMMUNION SONG +

BROKEN & BEAUTIFUL

1 Verse 1

As we break this bread as we drink this cup
Lord we remember
How You gave Your life on a brutal cross
Lord we remember

2 Pre-Chorus

This is the way
You've chosen to save
This is the way You make all things new
(REPEAT)

3 **CHORUS**

Broken and beautiful
Extravagant love prodigal grace
Broken and beautiful
God's perfect justice mercy's embrace

4 Verse 2

As we break this bread as we drink this cup
Lord we remember
It was for my sin that Your flesh was torn
Lord we remember

5 Pre-Chorus and CHORUS

P 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.

LSB 528 OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING sts. 1–3, 5, 7

1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing; My great Redeemer's praise,

The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!

2 My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.

3 Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own;
Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone,
Be justified by grace.

7 To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n.

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