

**February 24 am  
St. James Lutheran Church in St. Jacobs**

**PRELUDE: *HOLY, HOLY, HOLY* ARR.B.M. CULLI**

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE HYMN *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*  
(*isometric*) (ELW 504)**

**INTROIT:**

**With a voice of singing declare and tell this, alleluia;  
utter it even to the end of the earth: The Lord has  
redeemed his servant Jacobs. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Make a joyful noise unto God, all the earth, sing forth the  
honour of His name; make his praise glorious. Glory  
be to God the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

**COLLECT:**

**O God from whom all good things do come: grant to  
us your humble servants, that by your holy inspiration  
we may think those things be right, and by your  
merciful guiding may perform the same; through your  
Son, Jesus Christ our lord, who lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.  
Amen.**

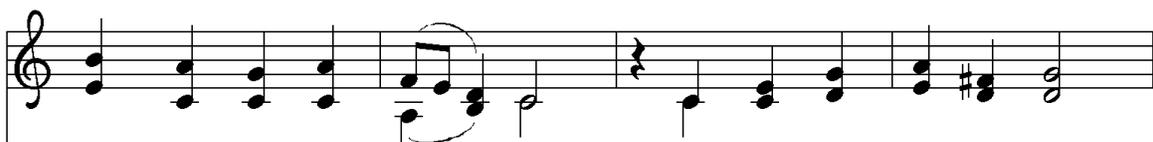
# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



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;  
 weap - ons 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!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
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## Isaiah 55: 6-11

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
 call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way,  
 and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
 let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on  
 them,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
 nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

### **1 Cor 3: 9-17**

A reading from 1 Cor.

<sup>9</sup>For we are God's servants, working together; you are  
God's field, God's building.

<sup>10</sup>According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled  
master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is  
building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to  
build on it. <sup>11</sup>For no one can lay any foundation other than  
the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

<sup>12</sup>Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver,  
precious stones, wood, hay, straw — <sup>13</sup>the work of each  
builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it,  
because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test  
what sort of work each has done. <sup>14</sup>If what has been built  
on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a  
reward. <sup>15</sup>If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer  
loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

<sup>16</sup>Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? <sup>17</sup>If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

### **John 16: 23b-30**

A reading from John. <sup>23</sup>

Jesus said,  
On that day you will ask nothing of me.  
Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. <sup>24</sup>

Until now you have not asked for anything in my name.  
Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

<sup>25</sup>I have said these things to you in figures of speech.  
The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures,  
but will tell you plainly of the Father. <sup>26</sup>  
On that day you will ask in my name.

I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf;  
<sup>27</sup>

for the Father himself loves you,  
because you have loved me and have believed that I  
came from God. <sup>28</sup>

I came from the Father and have come into the world;  
again,

I am leaving the world and am going to the Father."

<sup>29</sup>His disciples said, "Yes, now you are speaking plainly,  
not in any figure of speech!" <sup>30</sup>

Now we know that you know all things, and do not need to  
have anyone question you;  
by this we believe that you came from God."

## Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the  
Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was  
crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

# Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,  
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,

who, from our moth-ers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878  
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

## Homily

# #595 Jesus Loves Me

## Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

*Refrain*

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

## **Offering and Offertory Hymn to Freedom**

When every heart  
joins every heart and together yearns for liberty  
That's when we'll be free.

When every hand  
joins every hand and together molds our destiny  
That's when we'll be free.

Any hour  
any day,  
the time soon will come when all will live in dignity  
That's when we'll be free.

When every voice joins in our song  
and together singing harmony  
That's when we'll be free

That's when we'll be free.

**Offertory Prayer** Lord, we thank you that you have taught us what you would have us believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep your Word in pure hearts, that thereby we may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and in death.

**Amen**

## **BENEDICTION**

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**Amen**

**Postlude : *Built on the Rock* arr.J.B. Weber**

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Sr. for Sunday Evening Service May 27, 1962 at 7 pm  
during the celebrations of the dedication of the new  
building for St. James Lutheran Church.

## The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended

1 The day you gave us, Lord, has end - ed;  
 2 We thank you that your church, un - sleep - ing  
 3 As to each con - ti - nent and is - land  
 4 The sun, here hav - ing set, is wak - ing  
 5 So be it, Lord; your realm shall nev - er,

the dark - ness falls at your be - hest.  
 while earth rolls on - ward in - to light,  
 the dawn leads on an - oth - er day,  
 your chil - dren un - der west - ern skies,  
 like earth's proud em - pires, pass a - way;

To you our morn - ing hymns as - cend - ed;  
 through all the world - ing watch is keep - ing,  
 the voice of prayer is nev - er si - lent,  
 and hour by hour, as day is break - ing,  
 but stand and grow and rule for - ev - er,

your praise shall hal - low now our rest.  
 and nev - er rests by day or night.  
 nor dies the strain of praise a - way.  
 fresh hymns of thank - ful praise a - rise.  
 till all your crea - tures own your sway.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826–1893, alt.

Music: ST. CLEMENT, Clement C. Scholefield, 1839–1904