



# Reformation 500

Fall Pastoral Conference

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# OPENING SERVICE

*Sola Scriptura*

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## GATHERING RITE

## "I Was Glad"

*Refrain*

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the

LORD." I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

**C: (Refrain)**

S: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name;  
To tell of your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. *Psalm 92:1,2*

**C: (Refrain)**

S: For you make me glad by your deeds;  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands.  
How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts. *Psalm 92:4,5*

**C: (Refrain)**

S: The righteous will flourish like a palm tree;  
They will flourish in the courts of our God,  
proclaiming, "The LORD is upright; he is my Rock!" *Psalm 92:12,13,15*

**C: (Refrain)**

M: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

M: We have gathered to worship the Lord, and to proclaim and meditate on his Word.  
Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? *Psalm 24:3*

**C: The one who has clean hands and a pure heart.  
They will receive blessing from the LORD.** *Psalm 24:4,5*

M: I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of  
unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty. *Isaiah 6:5*

**C: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions.** *Psalm 51:1*

M: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.  
Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.  
Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. *Psalm 51:3-5*

**C: Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.** *Psalm 51:7,10*

M: The blood of Jesus, God’s Son, purifies us from all sin. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 1:7,2:2*

Take heart! Your sins are forgiven. *Matthew 9:2*

Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! *Revelation 19:7*

*Refrain*

I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the  
LORD.” I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**C: Almighty God, in your mercy you chose to speak to us in your Holy Word, the Bible. You revealed your righteous law, which convicts us of our sinfulness. You proclaimed your grace in Christ Jesus, who earned us the forgiveness of sins. Lead us to always teach the truth of your Word, to treasure the gospel, and to let the love of Christ compel us to live according to your will. Amen.**

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## FIRST LESSON

**2 Kings 22:1-11, 23:1-3**

*God uses King Josiah to work a reformation in the land of Judah, the culmination of which is the rediscovery of the Book of the Covenant.*

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

**“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (CW#375)**

## SECOND LESSON

**1 Corinthians 2:1-14**

*Paul says that the message of wisdom, which the apostles spoke, was given to them by God the Holy Spirit.*

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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## GOSPEL LESSON

**John 8:31-36**

*Jesus says that being his disciple means remaining in the truth of his Word, which grants freedom.*

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

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## HYMN OF THE DAY

**"Thy Strong Word" (CW#280)**

## SERMON

**Jeremiah 23:1-6**

Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!" declares the Lord. <sup>2</sup>Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: "Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the Lord. <sup>3</sup>"I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. <sup>4</sup>I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the Lord.

<sup>5</sup> "The days are coming," declares the Lord,  
"when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch,  
a King who will reign wisely  
and do what is just and right in the land.

<sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved  
and Israel will live in safety.

This is the name by which he will be called:  
The Lord Our Righteousness.

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**HYMN**

**“Apostles’ Creed”**

1. I believe in God the Father,  
Maker of the heav’ns and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, Our Savior,  
God’s own Son, of human birth.  
Virgin-born, the Lord’s incarnate,  
Whom the Spirit did conceive,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate;  
Our salvation to achieve.
2. Crucified, was dead and buried,  
Down to hell in victory;  
From the dead he rose the third day;  
Up to heav’n triumphantly.  
There at God’s right hand he’s ruling,  
By his will the world is led.  
He will come to judge the nations,  
Both the living and the dead.
3. I believe in God the Spirit,  
In his church, his chosen band.  
They are joined in close communion,  
Holy in his sight they stand.  
I believe in sin forgiven;  
That the dead will rise again;  
I believe in life eternal.  
Amen! And again, Amen!

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**PRAYERS**

- M: Let us pray to the Lord for the Christian church on earth and for all people everywhere.  
For all who gather here today and for our congregations, that through the gospel the Lord  
would give us growth in faith and increase our love:
- C: We ask you to bless us, O Lord.**
- M: For the spreading of the gospel throughout the world; for all pastors, missionaries, and their  
families, that they may boldly proclaim Christ to the nations:
- C: We ask you to hear us, O Lord.**
- M: For the comfort of the gospel restored to the church on earth through your servant, Martin  
Luther, and other faithful pastors and leaders during the time of the Reformation:
- C: We magnify your name, O Lord.**
- M: For protection against all enemies of your saving Word; for the truth to be reclaimed in  
congregations that currently teach error; and for resolve to keep your Word holy among us:
- C: We humbly ask for your favor, O Lord.**

M: For the people of our country; for the Lord's blessings on your work; for those seeking employment; for good health; and for good weather:

**C: We beg for your mercy, O Lord.**

M: For all who are sick in body or mind; for the hungry and the homeless; for those who are in prison; for those who are dying and those who are mourning:

**C: We ask you to help them according to your will, O Lord.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYER*

M: All this we ask, O father, through your Son, Jesus Christ, who has taught us to pray:

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Take and Eat” (CW#741)

*Refrain*

Take and eat, take and eat, this is my bod - y  
 giv - en up for you. Take and drink, take and drink,  
 this is my blood giv - en up for you. *Last time*

*Verses*

1 I am the Word that spoke and light was made;  
 2 I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;  
 3 I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;  
 4 I am the cor - ner - stone that God has laid,  
 5 I am the Light that came in - to the world;  
 6 I am the First and Last, the liv - ing One;

I am the seed that died to be re - born;  
 I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;  
 I am the gate that guards you night and day.  
 A chos - en stone and pre - cious in his eyes.  
 I am the Light that dark - ness can - not hide;  
 I am the Lord who died that you might live;

I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;  
 I am the life that rais - es up the dead;  
 You are my flock: you know the Shep - herd's voice;  
 You are God's dwell - ing place; on me you rest  
 I am the Morn - ing Star that nev - er sets.  
 I am the Bride - groom, this my wed - ding song. *To Refrain*

I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.  
 I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.  
 You are my own: your ran - som is my blood.  
 Like liv - ing stones, a tem - ple for God's praise.  
 Lift up your face; in you my light will shine.  
 You are my bride; come to the mar - riage feast.

*Martin Luther reminds us in his Small Catechism that the power of the Sacrament is not our “eating and drinking . . . but the words ‘Given’ and ‘poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.’” This hymn underscores the powerful and creative Word of our Savior.*

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## **CLOSING PRAYER**

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

M: Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

**“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (CW#200)**

# EVENING DEVOTION

*Sola Gratia*

## RESPONSES

*Sermons of Martin Luther, 3.2.142*

M: The delusive doctrine of works blinds the Christian and forces him from the way of salvation.

**C: Works never merit heaven; heaven is conferred purely of grace.**

M: Works contribute nothing to justification.

**C: It is effected by pure grace richly poured out upon us.**

M: We receive absolution and grace at no cost or labor on our part,

**C: but not without cost and labor on the part of Christ.**

## MEDITATION

**John 1:1-3,14,16,17**

## HYMN

**"Salvation Unto Us Has Come" (CW#390)**

## PRAYER

M: Heavenly Father, according to your pleasure and will, in Christ you chose us by grace to be holy and blameless in your sight. We thank you for your amazing grace, your undeserved love for sinners. May we always treasure your grace as our dearest possession, and proclaim it to the ends of the earth.

**C: Amen.**

## LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

**In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

## BLESSING

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (+), and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: Amen.**

# MORNING DEVOTION

*Sola Fide*

## RESPONSES

*Luther's Works, 3:22-24*

M: Faith is the sure trust that through Christ God is propitious

**C: and that through Christ his thoughts concerning us are thoughts of peace, not of wrath.**

M: This confident laying hold of the promise justifies, not as our work but as the work of God.

**C: For the promise is a gift; we receive something from Him, and that solely by his mercy.**

M: Therefore he who believes God when he promises, who is convinced that God is truthful,

**C: is righteous or is reckoned as righteous.**

## MEDITATION

**Hebrews 11:1-2,8-12**

## HYMN

**"By Faith" (see next page)**

*A small group will sing the first two verses and the refrain; please join in for the final verses and refrains.*

## PRAYER

M: O Holy Spirit, by the power of the gospel you created faith in our hearts – faith in Jesus as your only Savior and faith to live as his disciples. Never let us doubt that you have the power to do what you have promised. Instead strengthen our faith as we grow in your Word. And finally, lead us by faith to the eternal Promised Land.

**C: Amen.**

## LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

**In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me.**

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

M: May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

**C: Amen.**

# By Faith

Words and Music by  
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1. By faith we see the hand of God in the  
2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the  
3. By faith the pro - phets saw a day when the  
4. By faith the church was called to go in the  
5. By faith this moun - tain shall be moved and the



light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign, in the lives of those who prove His  
pow'r of His prom - ise in their hearts, of a ho - ly ci - ty built by  
longed- for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear with the pow'r to break the chains of  
pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost to de - liv - er cap - tives and to  
pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail, for we know in Christ all things are



faith - ful - ness, who walk by faith and not by sight.  
God's own hand, a place where peace and jus - tice reign.  
sin and death and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. We will  
preach good news in ev' - ry cor - ner of the earth.  
pos - si - ble for all who call up - on His name.



stand as children of the prom - ise; We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's re - ward. Till the



race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

# CLOSING DEVOTION

*Solus Christus*

## RESPONSES

M: You shouldn't think of any other God than Christ.

**C: Those who don't seek God or the Lord in Christ won't find him.** *"Luther's Works," AE 54:155*

M: He who is a Christian has Christ.

**C: He who has Christ has all things that are Christ's.** *"Luther's Works," 36:117*

M: The first care of every Christian ought to be to grow in the knowledge, not of works,

**C: but of Christ Jesus, who has suffered and risen again for him.**

M: Christ's righteousness rises above the sins of all men; his life is more powerful than all death;

**C: his salvation is more unconquerable than all hell.** *"On the Freedom of a Christian," p. 14,31*

## MEDITATION

**Acts 4:1-12**

## HYMN

**"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (CW#382)**

## PRAYER

M: Heavenly Father, in your undeserved love you sent us your Son, Jesus, to be the only Savior this world will ever know or need. He who had no sin became sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Help us to daily live in repentance and to cherish his saving work for us, so that we no longer live for ourselves but for him who died for us and was raised again.

**C: Amen.**

## BLESSING

M: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**