October 31, 2021 9:15 a.m.

OPENING HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress"

LSB 657



- 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 -
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re-4 God's Word for ev er shall a bide, No thanks to foes, who



rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's wins sal -And rod fight, Whom God Himcham-pion comes ed. But now a ject to For God Him-self fights by side it; our With weap-ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old Has sa - tan - ic foe sworn to this may be? e - lect - ed. You ask The Lord of who the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



With craft and dread - ful He work might us woe. He. Christ Je -God's hosts is might Lord. sus, У Though life child, or spouse, be wrenched They a way,



him - self fight. to On earth he has no e qual. Son, a - dored. He holds the field _ ly vic - to rious. The King-dom's ours win the day. for - ev er! can - not

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray . . .

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Please join me in this prayer to confess our sin and ask God for

forgiveness

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and

ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of

the A Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

₩ WORD ₩

EPISTLE READING

Romans 3:19–28 (ESV)

¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

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

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

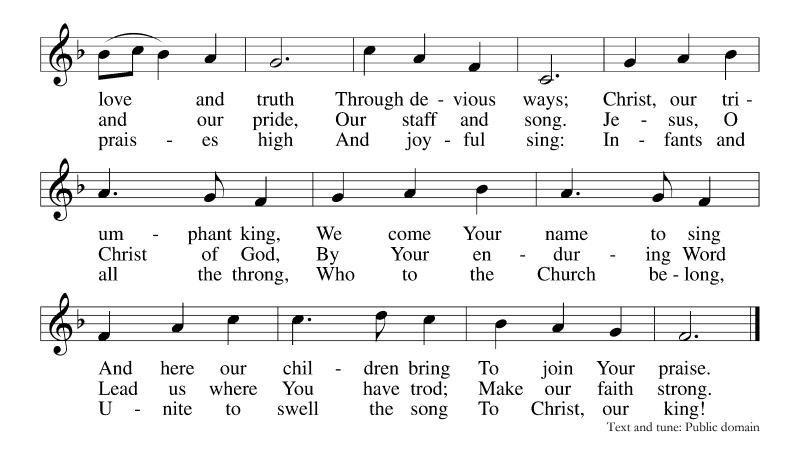
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

"Shepherd of Tender Youth" (sts. 1, 4, 5) LSB 864





HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31–36 (ESV)

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

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

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

"Saved by Grace" Romans 3:19-28

THE NICENE CREED

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 \blacksquare of the world to come. Amen.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION



"By Grace I'm Saved" (sts. 1-4) LSB 566



- 1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
- 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer it; Our works and con duct
- 3 By grace God's Son, our on ly Sav ior, Came down to earth to
- 4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer-tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. have no worth. bear our sin. true, it stands.

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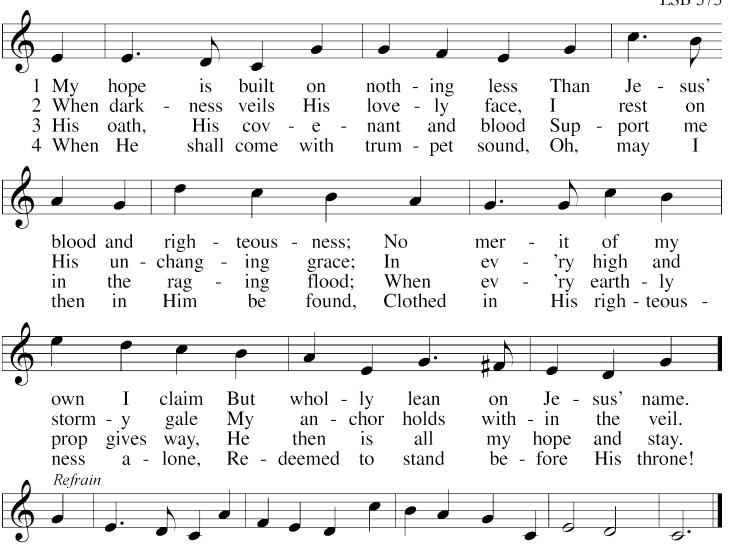
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re - main: By you will life ob - tain. grace true too sins And are saved by a - lone. a - tone, we grace That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne. a - lone, grace God done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son. has

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On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand. Tune and text: Public domain

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with

His favor and grant you His peace.

People: Amen.

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