

**In death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,  
We keep its teachings pure  
Throughout all generations.**

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## ***(Ringing of the Bells)***

**656 A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD** st. 1

**1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need  
That hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe  
Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.**

***(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)***

**☐** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*656 A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD* st. 2

**2 With might of ours can naught be done,**

**Soon were our loss effected;**

**But for us fights the valiant One,**

**Whom God Himself elected.**

**Ask ye, Who is this?**

**Jesus Christ it is,**

**Of Sabaoth Lord,**

You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### *BENEDICTION*

**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.**

### *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

*582 GOD'S WORD IS OUR GREAT HERITAGE*

**1 God's Word is our great heritage**

**And shall be ours forever;**

**To spread its light from age to age**

**Shall be our chief endeavor.**

**Through life it guides our way,**

**All our debt Thou hast paid;  
Peace with God once more is made:  
O Lord, have mercy!**

**3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
That we follow Christ our Savior  
And live together here in love and union  
Nor despise this blest Communion!**

**O Lord, have mercy!  
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;  
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
Days of peace and unity:  
O Lord, have mercy!**

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### *POST-COMMUNION COLLECT*

**P** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward

**And there's none other God;  
He holds the field forever.**

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** 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.

**P** 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 ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*(Stand)*

656 *A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD* sts. 3–4

3 **Though devils all the world should fill,  
All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill;  
They shall not overpow'r us.  
This world's prince may still  
Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none.  
He's judged; the deed is done;  
One little word can fell him.**

4 **The Word they still shall let remain  
Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain  
With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life,  
Goods, fame, child, and wife,  
Though these all be gone,**

617 *O LORD, WE PRAISE THEE*

1 **O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore  
Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst  
nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish:  
O Lord, have mercy!  
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead  
In all trial, fear, and need:  
O Lord, have mercy!**

2 **Thy holy body into death was given,  
Life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love than this to Thee could bind  
us;  
May this feast thereof remind us!  
O Lord, have mercy!  
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.**

**2 I was in slav'ry,  
Sin, death, and darkness;  
God's love was working  
To make me free. Refrain**

**3 He sent forth Jesus,  
My dear Redeemer,  
He sent forth Jesus  
And set me free. Refrain**

**4 Jesus, my Savior,  
Himself did offer;  
Jesus, my Savior,  
Paid all I owed. Refrain**

**5 Now I will praise You,  
O Love Eternal;  
Now I will praise You  
All my life long. Refrain**

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**Our vict'ry has been won;  
The Kingdom ours remaineth.**

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*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Jeremiah, chapter 31.

<sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD:

“Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
‘O LORD, save your people,  
the remnant of Israel.’

<sup>8</sup>Behold, I will bring them from the north country  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the  
earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
the pregnant woman and she who is in labor,  
together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come,  
and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back,  
I will make them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble,

**Christ yesterday, today, the same,  
And evermore, our Redeemer.**

**5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,  
That, when the church bells are ringing,  
Many in saving faith may come  
Where Christ His message is bringing:  
“I know My own; My own know Me.  
You, not the world, My face shall see.  
My peace I leave with you. Amen.”**

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**392 GOD LOVES ME DEARLY**

**1 God loves me dearly,  
Grants me salvation,  
God loves me dearly,  
Loves even me. Refrain**

**ref Therefore I'll say again:  
God loves me dearly,  
God loves me dearly,  
Loves even me.**

2 Surely in temples made with hands  
 God, the Most High, is not dwelling;  
 High above earth His temple stands,  
 All earthly temples excelling.  
 Yet He who dwells in heav'n above  
 Chooses to live with us in love,  
 Making our bodies His temple.

3 We are God's house of living stones,  
 Built for His own habitation.  
 He through baptismal grace us owns  
 Heirs of His wondrous salvation.  
 Were we but two His name to tell,  
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
 With all His grace and His favor.

4 Here stands the font before our eyes,  
 Telling how God has received us.  
 The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice  
 And what His Supper here gives us.  
 Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim

for I am a father to Israel,  
 and Ephraim is my firstborn.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*PSALM*

Psalm 46

- P** God is our refuge and strength,  
 a very present help in trouble.
- C** Therefore we will not fear though the earth  
 gives way,  
 though the mountains be moved into the heart of  
 the sea,  
 though its waters roar and foam,  
 though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
- P** There is a river whose streams make glad the city  
 of God,  
 the holy habitation of the Most High.
- C** God is in the midst of her; she shall not be  
 moved;  
 God will help her when morning dawns.

**P** The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

**C** **The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**P** Come, behold the works of the LORD,  
how he has brought desolations on the earth.

**C** **He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the chariots with fire.**

**P** “Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!”

**C** **The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

*EPISTLE*

Hebrews 7:23–28

**A** The Epistle is from Hebrews, chapter 7.

<sup>23</sup>The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office,  
<sup>24</sup>but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he

**“Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!  
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!  
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!  
His glory fills the heavens and the earth!”**

**The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,  
And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on  
high.**

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*PAX DOMINI*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

*645 BUILT ON THE ROCK*

**1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand  
Even when steeples are falling.  
Crumbled have spires in ev’ry land;  
Bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest,  
But above all the souls distressed,  
Longing for rest everlasting.**



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.”

*960 ISAIAH, MIGHTY SEER IN DAYS OF OLD*

**1 Isaiah, mighty seer in days of old,  
The Lord of all in spirit did behold  
High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,  
With robes that filled the temple courts with  
light.  
Above the throne were flaming seraphim;  
Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.  
With two they veiled their faces as was right,  
With two they humbly hid their feet from sight,  
And with the other two aloft they soared;  
One to the other called and praised the Lord:**

continues forever. <sup>25</sup>Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

<sup>26</sup>For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup>He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. <sup>28</sup>For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(Stand)*

*HOLY GOSPEL*

Mark 10:46–52

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>46</sup>They came to Jericho. And as Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>48</sup>And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>49</sup>And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” <sup>50</sup>And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” <sup>52</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**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.**

**P** In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD*

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**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

Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### *LORD'S PRAYER*

**C Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,**

### *953 WE ALL BELIEVE IN ONE TRUE GOD*

- 1 We all believe in one true God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Ever-present help in need,  
Praised by all the heav'nly host;  
All He made His love enfolds,  
All creation He upholds.**
- 2 We all believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Mary's son,  
Who descended from His throne  
And for us salvation won;  
By whose cross and death are we  
Rescued from all misery.**
- 3 We all confess the Holy Ghost,  
Who from both in truth proceeds,  
Who sustains and comforts us  
In all trials, fears, and needs.  
Blessèd, holy Trinity,  
Praise forever be to Thee!**

## *SERMON*

## *STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE*

## *CONSECRATION OF OUR PLEDGES OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE*

### *PRAYER*

**Most glorious Trinity, in Your mercy we consecrate to You this day our bodies and souls, all our ways and goings, all our deeds and purposes, along with the pledges of time, talent, and treasure we now bring to You. We pray You, so open our hearts and mouths that we may praise Your name, which above all names alone is holy. And since You have created for us the praise of Your holy name, grant that our lives may be for Your honor and that we may serve You in love and fear; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

all Your people shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the reward You have prepared for us and all who have loved His appearing; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**☩ Amen.**

### *PREFACE*

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**P** The Lord be with you.

**☩ And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**☩ We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**☩ It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Gracious God, remember all who face adversity of any kind [especially]. Comfort them by Your Holy Spirit, that they would acknowledge their afflictions as the manifestation of Your fatherly will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Heavenly Father, You have given us the certainty of sins forgiven in Your Son, set forth as the propitiation by His blood to be received by faith. So lead us to eat and drink Your holy body and precious blood in repentance and faith, now and always. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Preserve Your Church, O Lord, and each of us as members of Christ's Body, that we may not surrender the true Gospel for any reason, but be kept in this faith and fear throughout the days of our earthly pilgrimage, until that day when we and

555 *SALVATION UNTO US HAS COME* sts. 1, 6, 9–10

**1** **Salvation unto us has come**

**By God's free grace and favor;  
Good works cannot avert our doom,  
They help and save us never.  
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,  
Who did for all the world atone;  
He is our one Redeemer.**

**6** **Since Christ has full atonement made**

**And brought to us salvation,  
Each Christian therefore may be glad  
And build on this foundation.  
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,  
Your death is now my life indeed,  
For You have paid my ransom.**

**9** **Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone**

**And rests in Him unceasing;  
And by its fruits true faith is known,**

**With love and hope increasing.  
For faith alone can justify;  
Works serve our neighbor and supply  
The proof that faith is living.**

**△ 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise  
To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
The God who saved us by His grace;  
All glory to His merit.  
O triune God in heav'n above,  
You have revealed Your saving love;  
Your blessed name we hallow.**

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### *PRAYER OF THE CHURCH*

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, we give You thanks and praise for all Your goodness and tender care, especially on this Reformation festival. Thank You for the gift of Your Son and for the revelation of Your will and

grace. Implant Your Word in us, and give us fertile hearts to keep it and bring forth its good fruit in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** God of grace, keep us steadfast in Your Word, and prevent our wayward hearts from following false gospels that lead us away from You. Provide Your Church with faithful pastors who preach in purity and joy, that we are saved by Your grace alone, through faith alone, because of Christ alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Mighty God, You have great power and yet You act with mercy. Teach those who lead us to use power rightly for the preservation of order, the accomplishment of justice, the protection of life and the defense of the weak. Give us wise, godly and faithful leaders who will follow Your commands and serve with integrity. Lord, in Your mercy,