

THE FESTIVAL  
*of the*  
**Reformation**



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**Sunday, October 26, 2025**  
Reformation / Church Anniversary

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Service Theme  
**Christ With Us**

As we reflect upon our past, we can't help but marvel at the LORD's faithfulness – working through our ministry of Word and Sacrament to enlarge His kingdom. What God has done in our past, He promises to do in our future as we continue to faithfully preach His Word and administer His Sacraments. No matter what obstacle the devil or world throws our way, Christ stands with us with His divine power and love to make sure His will is done.

# 582 Not unto Us

CW 582



1 Not un - to us, not un - to us be glo - ry, Lord;  
2 A - maz - ing grace— that chose us ere the worlds were made;  
3 O faith - ful love— that shep - herd - ed through faith - less years;  
4 Not un - to us but to your name be glo - ry, Lord,



not un - to us but to your name be praise;  
a - maz - ing grace— that sent your Son to save;  
for - giv - ing love— that led us to your truth;  
for grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.



not un - to us but to your name all hon - or be giv'n  
a - maz - ing grace— that robed us in your right - eous - ness  
un - yield - ing love— that would not let us turn from you  
A - bide with us till trav - 'ling days are o - ver and done,



for match - less mer - cy, for - give - ness, and grace.  
and taught our lips to sing glo - ry and praise.  
but sent us forth to speak par - don and peace.  
and pil - grim feet lead us home, Lord, to you.

## The Service

*Service of Word and Prayer (page 266)*

I rejoiced with those who said to me,

**“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”**

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!

**Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.**

The Lord is near to all who call on him,

**to all who call on him in truth.**

### Time of the Church

Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees,

**that I may follow it to the end.**

Your word is a lamp for my feet,

**a light on my path.**

Faith comes from hearing the message,

**and the message is heard through the word about Christ.**

Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*God promises to be with His people, whom He called from every corner of the earth.*

<sup>8</sup>But you, O Israel, my servant,  
O Jacob, whom I have chosen,  
the offspring of Abraham, whom I love,  
<sup>9</sup>whom I have snatched from the ends of the earth,  
whom I have called from its corners—  
I have said to you, “You are my servant.”  
I have chosen you and not rejected you.  
<sup>10</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you.

Do not be overwhelmed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help you.  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.  
<sup>11</sup>Just watch, they will be ashamed and humiliated—  
all those who are angry with you.  
They will become nothing and perish—  
those men who oppose you.

<sup>12</sup>You will look for them, but you will not find them—  
those men who contend against you.  
They will become absolutely nothing, less than nothing—  
those men who battle against you.

<sup>13</sup>For I am the LORD your God.  
I am the one who is holding on to your right hand.  
I am the one who says to you, “Do not fear. I myself am  
helping you.”

<sup>14</sup>Do not fear, you worm, Jacob, you few men of Israel.  
I myself am helping you, declares the LORD,  
your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

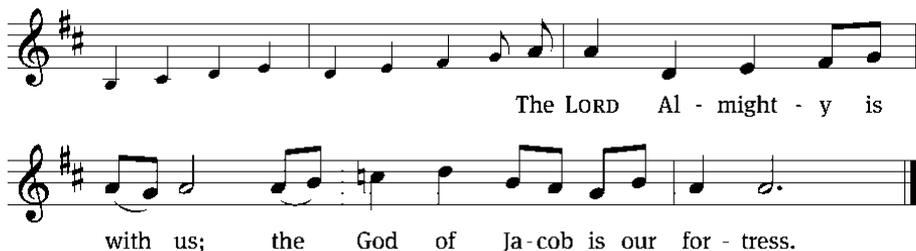
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# 46A The LORD Almighty Is with Us

Psalm 46A

## Refrain



The LORD Al - might - y is  
with us; the God of Ja - cob is our for - tress.

## Tone



God is our ref- / uge and strength,  
an ever-present help in / trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the / earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart / of the sea,  
though its waters / roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their / surging. *Refrain*

There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- / y of God,  
the holy place where the Most / High dwells.  
God is within her, she / will not fall;  
God will help her at / break of day.  
“Be still, and know that / I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted / in  
the earth.”

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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## Revelation 3:7-13

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*Jesus promises to be with His Church, granting it victory as it faithfully keeps His Word.*

<sup>7</sup>To the messenger of the church in Philadelphia write:

The Holy One, the one who is true, the one who has the key of David, the one who opens and no one can shut, and who shuts and no one can open, says this:

<sup>8</sup>I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. <sup>9</sup>Look, I will make those who are from the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not but are lying—look, I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and make them realize that I have loved you.

<sup>10</sup>Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will also keep you from the hour of testing, which is about to come over the whole inhabited world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

<sup>11</sup>I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have so that no one takes your crown.

<sup>12</sup>The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he will never leave it again. I will also write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God—the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God—and my new name.

<sup>13</sup>Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Verse of the Day

John 8:31,32

Alleluia, alleluia.

If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. Alleluia.

## Matthew 28:16-20

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*Jesus commissions His Church to gather disciples from all nations, promising to be with them until the end of the age.*

<sup>16</sup>The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some hesitated because they were uncertain. <sup>18</sup>Jesus approached and spoke to them saying, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and by teaching them to keep all the instructions I have given you. And surely I am with you always until the end of the age.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# 641 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

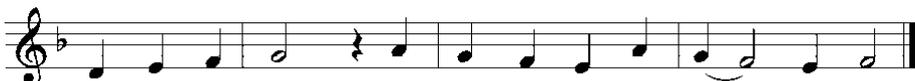
CW 641



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide, for round us  
2 In these last days of sore dis - tress grant us, dear  
3 O God, how sin's dread works a - bound! Through - out the  
4 Lord Je - sus, help, your Church up - hold, for we are



falls the e - ven - tide, nor let your Word,  
Lord, true stead - fast - ness that pure we keep,  
earth no rest is found, and false - hood's spir -  
slug - gish, thought - less, cold. O pros - per well



that heav'n - ly light, for us be ev - er veiled in night.  
till life is spent, your ho - ly Word and sac - ra - ment.  
it wide has spread, and er - ror bold - ly rears its head.  
your Word of grace, and spread its truth in ev - 'ry place.

5 O keep us in your Word, we pray;  
the guile and rage of Satan stay.  
Oh, may your mercy never cease;  
give concord, patience, courage, peace.

6 A trusty weapon is your Word,  
the Church's armor, shield, and sword.  
O let us in its pow'r confide  
that we may seek no other guide.

7 O grant that in your holy Word  
we here may live and die, dear Lord;  
and when our journey's ending here,  
receive us into glory there.

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## Sermon

**Matthew 28:16–20**

### Christ is with us.

- 1) His authority overcomes our uncertainty
- 2) As we proclaim His Gospel to the world.

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayer

Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;

**in your faithfulness and righteousness, come to my  
relief.**

Spare us, Lord, from the lies of the devil and the attacks of  
our conscience. Comfort and save us in your patient  
compassion.

**Have mercy on us, Jesus.**

Guide us, Lord, to the wisdom of your Word and the power of your promises. Take away our confusion and doubt.

### Have mercy on us, Jesus.

Hear us, Lord, when we come to you in prayer. Make us confident to take you at your word and to follow you in faith.

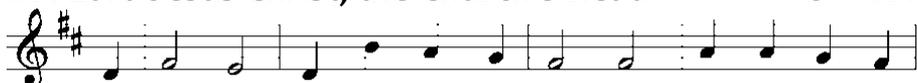
### Have mercy on us, Jesus.

Empower us, Lord, to walk in your ways and live in your truth. Fill us with your love, that we may love you and one another.

### Have mercy on us, Jesus.

## 861 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

CW 861



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, you are her one foun -  
2 O Lord, let this your lit - tle flock, your name a - lone con -  
3 Help us to serve you ev - er - more with hearts both pure and  
4 And for your gos - pel let us dare to sac - ri - fice all



da - tion; in you she trusts, be - fore you bows, and waits for  
fess - ing, con - tin - ue in your lov - ing care, true u - ni -  
low - ly; and may your Word, that light di - vine, shine on in  
tre - a - sure; teach us to bear your bless - ed cross, to find in



your sal - va - tion. Built on this rock se - cure, your Church  
ty pos - sess - ing. Your sac - ra - ments, O Lord, and your  
splen - dor ho - ly that we re - pent - ance show, in faith  
you all plea - sure. O grant us stead - fast - ness in joy



shall en - dure though all the world de - cay and all things  
sav - ing Word to us e'er pure re - tain; grant that they  
ev - er grow; the pow'r of sin de - stroy and e - vils  
and dis - tress. Lord, for your mer - cy's sake, let us by

pass a - way. O hear, O hear us, Je - sus!  
 may re - main our on - ly strength and com - fort.  
 that an - noy. O make us faith - ful Chris - tians.  
 grace par - take of end - less joy and glo - ry.

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## Prayer for Reformation

Almighty and eternal God, when the set time had come, you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to take our place under the demands of the law and endure the just punishment for our sins. You raised him from death in glorious splendor and for his sake, you richly and daily forgive sins.

**Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

When the set time had come, you poured out your Spirit on your people and called them to proclaim the gospel to every creature. Equipped and encouraged, they carried the story of salvation to all the world.

**The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.**

When the set time had come, you raised up your servant Martin Luther to destroy the idols of the medieval age and to restore the pure teaching of the Scriptures. You granted power and success to the proclamation of the gospel, and your holy Church grew and prospered throughout the world.

**God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.**

When the set time had come, you made our fathers bold to take their stand on the truth of your Word. Guided by your Spirit, they joined hands and hearts under a shared confession and with a determined resolve to work together in the ministry. You have blessed their sons and daughters and enabled us to preserve and proclaim the saving gospel of your Son.

**Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.**

Let this be the time when you renew us again by Word and Sacrament, when you reform our hearts and minds, and when you restore to us the joy of fellowship and service. Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of the fathers of our church's past.

**May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave us or forsake us.**

Let this be a time to imitate the kind-hearted souls in our church who served the sick, helped the disabled, cared for the abandoned, and comforted the dying. Provide occasions to serve them and times to pray for them. [*We pray especially today for...*] Keep all your children in your powerful and gracious care.

**As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.**

Let this be a time when we recommit ourselves to the ministry of the gospel of your Son. Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and, if it is your will, success in our labor. And give us faith to take up again the trumpet none can silence or mistake and grant us courage to proclaim once more for all the world to hear: The feast is ready! Come to the feast!

**May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer.*

Let this time and all our times be used to give thanks for your grace in Christ and to praise you for calling us into your mission to save.

**Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love and establish the work of our hands. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.

Amen.

### 863 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

CW 863



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a trust - y shield  
2 With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our loss  
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, all ea - ger to  
4 The Word they still shall let re - main nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; he helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
ef - fect - ed; but for us fights the val - iant one  
de - vour us, we trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
have for it; he's by our side up - on the plain



that has us now o'er - tak - en. The old  
whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,  
they shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's  
with his good gifts and Spir - it. And take



e - vil foe now means dead - ly woe;  
"Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,  
prince may still scowl fierce as he will,  
they our life, goods, fame, child, and wife,



deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight;  
the al - might - y Lord, and there's no oth - er God;  
he can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;  
though all may be gone, our vic - to - ry is won;

on earth is not his e - qual.  
 he holds the field for - ev - er.  
 one lit - tle word can fell him.  
 the king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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## **Announcements**

### ***Church Cleaners***

November 2 - Matthew / November 9 - Andrew

## DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

**Su (26) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**  
**10:30 am Anniversary/Reformation Worship**  
11:45 am *Anniversary/Reformation Potluck*

Tu (28) 6:00 pm Elders  
7:00 pm Council Meeting

We (29) 9:30 am Communicating Christ (Adult)  
5:15 pm Youth Confirmation (W)  
7:00 pm New Communicating Christ (Adult)

Fr (31) 3:00 pm Women's Bible Study

**Su (2) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**  
**10:30 am Worship with Communion**  
11:45 am *Coffee Hour*  
**3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore**  
4:00 pm Bible Study in Poltimore

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We (5) 5:15 pm Youth Confirmation (W)  
7:00 pm New Communicating Christ (Adult)

Th (6) 10:30 am Devotion at Longfield Manor

Fr (7) 3:00 pm Women's Bible Study

**Su (9) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**  
**10:30 am Worship**  
11:45 am *Coffee Hour*



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