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To Our Guests and Visitors
We *welcome* all our friends in Christ who have come to worship with us. If you are a guest, please feel at home with us, sign our guest register, and worship with us whenever you are able. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to consider becoming a part of our church family.

A Firm Foundation Worship For Reformation

Opening Litany ... *How Firm a Foundation*

**How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

P God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal:

C "The Lord knows those who are His."

**"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am Your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.**

P No one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid
C which is Jesus Christ.

**"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flames shall not harm you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine."**

P Your words have upheld him who was stumbling
C You have made firm the feeble knees.

**"Throughout all their lifetime my people will prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."**

Confession and Absolution

P In Exodus 14 we read, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord which He will work for you today" (Exodus 14:13). Yet in Psalm 32 we say with King David, "I said, 'I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord, and You forgave the iniquity of my sin'" (Psalm 32:5). Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. In the presence of God, do you confess that you are sinful and weak creatures, that you have fled from our firm foundation, Jesus Christ? Do your words bury God's Word? Do you put your trust in your own efforts? Have you put your faith in earthly possessions? If this is your confession, declare so by saying, "I do so confess."

C I do so confess.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you. Christ has restored your firm foundation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P Lord God, heavenly Father, You know that because of our human weakness we are not able to stand fast in life's many and great dangers: We beg You to again place us on a firm foundation. Fill us with true knowledge through Your Scriptures. Calm our quaking hearts with Your all-sufficient grace. Sustain our weak faith with Your strong love. Give us strength of body and soul, that by Your help we may overcome whatever troubles us because of our sins; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Responsive Psalm ... Psalm 102:25-28

P Of old You laid the foundation of the earth,

C **And the heavens are the work of Your hands.**

P They will perish, but You will remain;

C **They will all wear out like a garment.**

P You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away,

C **But You are the same, and Your years have no end.**

P The children of Your servants shall dwell secure;

C **Their offspring shall be established before You.**

Children's Message

Scripture Alone

Scripture Reading ... Luke 24:13-27

¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹ And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.

²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵ And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

Hymn ... “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Thy Word”

**Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word;
Curb those who fain by craft and sword
Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son
And set at naught all He hath done.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Thy power make known,
For Thou art Lord of lords alone;
Defend Thy Christendom that we
May evermore sing praise to Thee.**

**O Comforter of priceless worth.
Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.**

Homily I ... Listen To The Word

Grace Alone

Scripture Reading ... Matthew 9:9-13

⁹ As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him. ¹⁰ And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Hymn ... Amazing Grace

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.**

Homily II ... No Tax For Grace

Faith Alone

Scripture Reading ... Luke 7:36-39; 44-50

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. ³⁷ And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, ³⁸ and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." ...

⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." ⁴⁸ And he said to her, "Your sins

are forgiven." ⁴⁹ Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰ And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Hymn ... My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,

O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,

My zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me,

O may my love to thee

Pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,

Be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day,

wipe sorrow's tears away,

Nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

Homily III ... Your Faith Has Saved You

Apostles' Creed with Luther's Explanations

Offering

Solo by Mike Jones

Prayers

Each petition ends with this responsory:

P Lord of our firm foundation,

C Hear our prayer.

Preface to Holy Communion

(Please see our Communion Statement on Pg. 14)

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

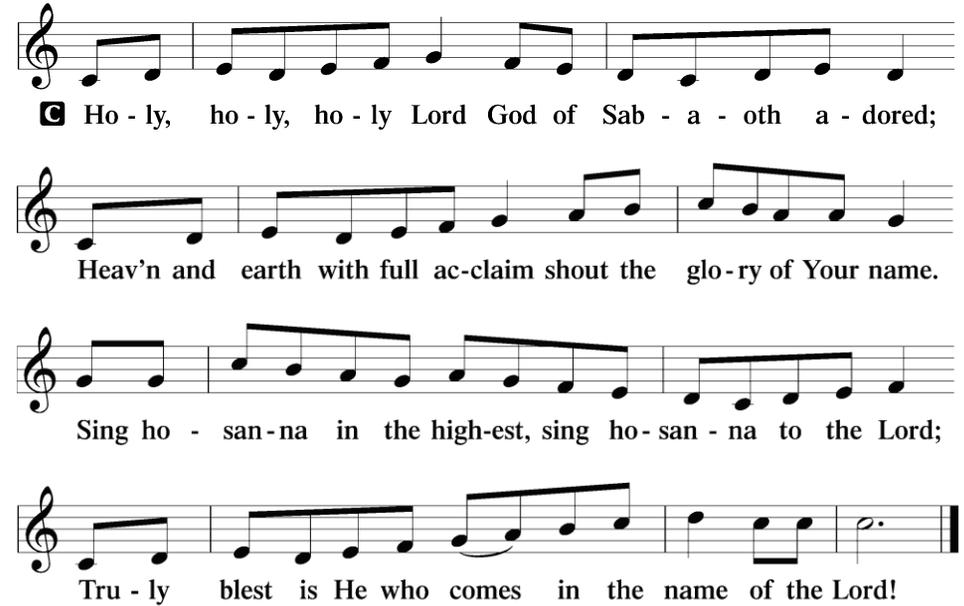
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C 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, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (Holy)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

C 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. *Matthew 6:9-13*

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini (*Peace of the Lord*)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*)

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

The congregation is seated.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn(s) 171, 570, 575, 644

The congregation rises to sing.

Nunc Dimittis (*Song of Simeon*)

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
John 1:29
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we will, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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 of firm foundations bless you and keep you. The Lord keep you strong in His might and solid in your faith. The Lord give you courage as you carry on through this life. The Lord look upon you with His grace, hold you close through His Word, and grant you + peace. Amen.

Closing Hymn ... A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

**A mighty Fortress is our God, A trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from every 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.**

**Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us.
We tremble not, we fear no ill, They shall not overpower 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.**

**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,
Let these all be gone, They yet have nothing won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.**

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Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another.

Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, guests who are not confirmed members of a LCMS congregation and have not previously communed at this altar, are asked to first speak with our pastor.

If you are unable to do so before the service, it is out of Christian love and care for your souls that we ask you to refrain from communing this morning.

For further study, please see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

If you desire to receive a blessing for yourself or your children, please approach during communion, cross your arms over your chest and bow your head as you kneel at the altar rail.

