

# *The Time In Between: A Time for Steadfast Faith*

**Festival of the Reformation**  
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### **WELCOME...**

- *May the Word of God bring you comfort in Christ alone.*
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  - *Please reserve **the BACK PEWS for parents with SMALL CHILDREN.***
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## **HYMN: 868 BY FAITH**

By faith we see the hand of God  
in the light of creation's grand design,  
in the lives of those who prove his faithfulness,  
who walk by faith and not by sight. (v. 2)

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
with the pow'r of his promise in their hearts,  
of a holy city built by God's own hand,  
a place where peace and justice reign. (Refrain)

We will stand as children of the promise;  
we will fix our eyes on him, our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day  
when the longed-for Messiah would appear

with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death  
and rise triumphant from the grave. (v. 4)

By faith the church was called to go  
in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost  
to deliver captives and to preach good news  
in ev'ry corner of the earth. (Refrain)

By faith this mountain shall be moved  
and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,  
for we know in Christ all things are possible  
for all who call upon his name. (Refrain)

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***(Please stand)***

## **INVOCATION**

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

## **CONFESSION**

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are  
covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against  
them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways  
like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and  
desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against  
your holy law. We have done those things that we should not**

**have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

***(Silence for meditation and reflection)***

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

*CW 190*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

# GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

CW 191



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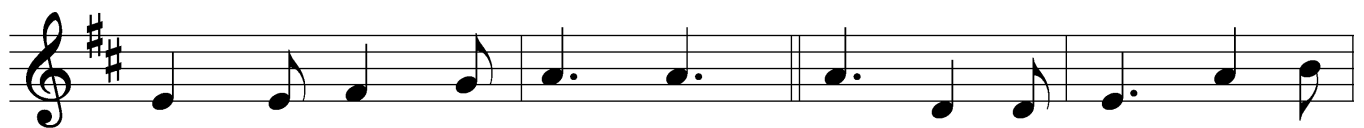
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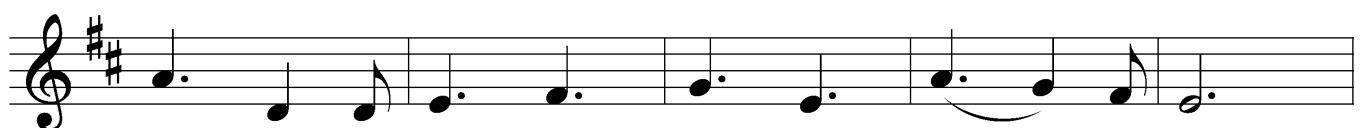
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



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us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus

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## **SALUTATION**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY: REFORMATION**

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

***(Please be seated)***

## **FIRST READING**

*Daniel 6:10–12, 16–23*

***Be faithful to God's word in times of peace and persecution.***

<sup>10</sup>Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. <sup>11</sup>Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. <sup>12</sup>So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: “Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions’ den?”

The king answered, “The decree stands—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.”

<sup>16</sup>So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!"

<sup>17</sup>A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed. <sup>18</sup>Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

<sup>19</sup>At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. <sup>20</sup>When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?"

<sup>21</sup>Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! <sup>22</sup>My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty."

<sup>23</sup>The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **ADULT CHOIR**

*"God Is Our Rock"*

## **SECOND READING**

*Romans 3:19–28*

***The righteous will live by faith.***

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>Therefore no one will be

declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup>This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup>God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— <sup>26</sup>he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. <sup>28</sup>For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*



# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - SETTING 3

Luke 12:32



Refrain



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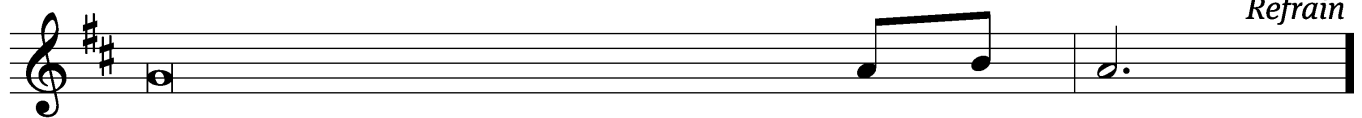


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Tone



Do not be afraid, lit - tle flock,



for your Father has been pleased to give you the king - dom.

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## GOSPEL

Matthew 10:16–23

**There's a time to be silent and there's a time to speak.**

<sup>16</sup>“I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup>Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. <sup>18</sup>On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, <sup>20</sup>for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

<sup>21</sup>“Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death.

<sup>22</sup>You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*(Please be seated)*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY: 864 A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD**

A mighty fortress is our God,  
a trusty shield and weapon;  
he helps us free from ev'ry need  
that has us now o'ertaken.

The ancient evil foe  
now means to work us woe;  
deep guile and awful might  
are his dread arms in fight;  
on earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done,  
soon were our loss effected;  
but for us fights the valiant one  
whom God himself elected.

You ask who this may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he,  
the Lord of hosts his name,  
from age to age the same,  
he holds the field forever.

Though devils all the world should fill,  
all eager to devour us,

we tremble not, we fear no ill;  
they shall not overpower us.  
The prince of darkness still  
may scowl fierce as he will,  
his raging harms 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 should they take our life,  
goods, honor, child, and wife,  
though all of these be gone,  
our victory is won;  
the kingdom's ours forever!

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## **SERMON**

*Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23*

### **LET'S REFLECT ON OUR REFORMATION TRANSFORMATION ...**

1. ... In our daily habits.
2. ... In our critical moments.
3. ... In our divine deliverance.

***(Please stand)***

## **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.**

***(Please be seated)***

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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. 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.**

*Special Intercessions*

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.**

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.**

### **OFFERINGS OF LOVE TO OUR LORD**

Please fill out the “Welcome to Grace” register in your pew at this  
time!

### **HYMN: 816 I AM TRUSTING YOU, LORD JESUS**

I am trusting you, Lord Jesus,  
trusting only you;  
trusting you for full salvation,  
free and true.

I am trusting you for pardon;  
at your feet I bow,  
for your grace and tender mercy  
trusting now.

I am trusting you for cleansing  
in the crimson flood;  
trusting you to make me holy  
by your blood.

I am trusting you to guide me;  
you alone shall lead,

ev'ry day and hour supplying  
all my need.

I am trusting you for power;  
you can never fail.  
Words which you yourself shall give me  
must prevail.

I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;  
never let me fall.  
I am trusting you forever  
and for all.

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***(Please stand)***

## **PRAYER**

**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 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.

**Amen.**

## **HYMN: 877 REFORMATION SONG**

Your Word alone is solid ground,  
the mighty rock on which we build.  
In ev'ry line the truth is found,  
and ev'ry page with glory filled. (v. 2)

Thro' faith alone we come to you;  
we have no merit we can claim.  
Sure that your promises are true,  
we place our hope in Jesus' name. (Refrain)

Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.  
Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.

In Christ alone we're justified;  
his righteousness is all our plea.  
Your law's demands are satisfied;  
his perfect work has set us free. (Refrain)

By grace alone we have been saved;  
all that we are has come from you.  
Hearts that were once by sin enslaved  
now by your pow'r have been made new. (Refrain)

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**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** were donated by Caroline Miller for the first birthday of her granddaughter, Joy Zagara. And also by Grace Lutheran in celebration of the 506th anniversary of the Lutheran reformation.

Worship attendance: 8:00 AM – 109; 10:30 AM – 154

Sunday School attendance: Adults – 88; Children – ??

Adult Bible Classes: TUE: 20; WED: 10; FRI: 9

Senior ushers – 8:00 AM: Bruce Rademacher

10:30 AM: Scott Gillespie

Organist: Jeff Wegner

**HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:**

Don Bonkosky

Janet Brussman

Dixie Carpenter

Sandra Lederer

**THIS WEEK AT GRACE:**

**TODAY: REFORMATION Worship Service, 8:00 & 10:30am, Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30am, **Joint Reformation Worship Service, 4:00pm****

MON - Choir Practice, 7:00 PM

TUE - Newsletter Assembly, 8:00 AM; Bible class, 2:00 PM

WED - ABC: Adult Breakfast & Coffee, 8:30 AM; Public School Confirmation Class, 6:30 PM; Bible Class, 7:00 PM

THUR - Elders, 3:00 PM; School Board, 6:30 PM

FRI - Bible Class, 10:00 AM

SUN - **Worship, 8:00 & 10:30 AM**; Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM; Voters Meeting, noon

**DIVINE CALL...**Grace has extended a Divine Call to Pastor John Raasch, who is currently serving at Bethel Lutheran Church in Menasha, WI. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. *Forward in Christ* and October Bible-reading and activity calendars are in the Narthex and south entrance to the church.
2. Thank you to the crew that cleaned the church last week. The cleaning crew for November 4th will be captained by Heidi Pedersen with Donald and Laurel Bollmeier, Pastor and Amy Jacobson, Eli, Owen, and Sam Jacobson, Glen, Hailey, and Kyla Pedersen, and Kevin and Diane Roevers.

**JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE...** You are cordially invited to the West Valley Joint Reformation Service at 4:00 PM **TODAY** here at Grace. Pastor Ross Else of Emmaus Lutheran Church in Phoenix will preach and Pastor John Sprain of Shepherd of the Valley in Surprise will serve as the presiding minister. Holy Communion will be celebrated. The liturgical color for Reformation is RED.

**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT...** Christmas will be here before we know it! What better way is there to start the Advent season than preparing our hearts with Advent by Candlelight on Sunday, November 26 at 5:00 p.m. All women are invited to come! If you are willing to host a table, be a reader, share your musical talents, or plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

**WELS NATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL LIVESTREAM...** WLC is hosting the 2023 Festival, with over 500 WELS Choral students attending. Two concert performances will take place in the Time of Grace Center, located in the Recreation Complex in Milwaukee, WI. A Pops Concert on November 3 at 5:00 PM Arizona Time and a Sacred Concert on November 5 at 2:00 PM Arizona Time. Both concerts will be livestreamed to those unable to attend in person. For links to the livestream, visit the Grace website at <https://www.graceglendale.org/WELSchoral>

**ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP SHEETS...** Please sign up for altar flower donations by filling out the Altar Flower binder in the narthex. Altar bouquets cost \$35 each. Enclose payment in a pink envelope (checks payable to Grace Ladies Aid) and place it in the collection plate.

**THANKSGIVING ALTAR FLOWERS...** If you would like to make a \$10 donation to help purchase our Thanksgiving altar bouquets, please sign

the sheet in the narthex and enclose payment in the pink envelope (make checks payable to "Grace Ladies Aid") You may drop the envelope in the offering plate or give it to Rebekah Frear. Please mark if you would like to take some flowers after the Thanksgiving service. An Altar Committee member will be in the sacristy to help split the bouquets.

**2024 SCRIPTURAL WALL CALENDARS...** are available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall before Bible Class for \$9.00 each. The proceeds support the Grace Ladies' Aid.

**SCRIPTURAL THANKSGIVING CARDS, CHRISTMAS CARDS, AND GREETING CARDS...** are available for purchase before Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall. Cards are \$6.00 per box or \$1.00 per card. Proceeds support the ministry of Grace Ladies' Aid.

**MLC EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES...** Martin Luther College is accepting applications for a full-time Director of Financial Aid, a full-time Director of Alumni Relations, and part-time Assistant Coaches in baseball and tennis. Interested individuals should apply online at [mlc-wels.edu/hr/](http://mlc-wels.edu/hr/).

**DONATE FROM YOUR SMARTPHONE!** Scan this image using your phone's QR code reader! Contact Debbie at ext. 322 if you have any questions or need help with setting this up. Automatic or one-time deductions for offerings may also be accessed from the [graceglendale.org](http://graceglendale.org) site with the "Click Here to Donate Online" button. A phone app is also available for donations: install Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement. Search organizations for Grace Ev Lutheran Church. Please use checking or savings account information rather than a credit or debit card to save the processing fees.



**FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

Need amounts are based on a goal of **\$947,436.00** by **6/30/2024**.

<b>Week ending 10/22/2023:</b>		<b>YTD 7/1/2023 through 10/22/2023:</b>	
Weekly Need:	16,200.00	YTD Need:	293,800.00
Weekly Actual:	13,798.00	YTD Actual:	295,255.14
Weekly +/-:	-2,402.00	YTD +/-:	+1,455.14

**VOTERS MEETING RESULTS...** Last week our final regular quarterly voters meeting of 2023 was held and the following motions were taken up...

**RECOMMEND TO VOTERS** that we reduce our Sunday Worship schedules on December 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> to have a single worship service at 9:00 AM.

– ***MOTION PASSED***

**OFFICER ELECTIONS** were also held, with the following being elected to office...

President – Jon Scheel

Treasurer – Mike Bales

Family Nurture – Chris Kallies

Outreach – Mark Breiling

Elders – Jerry Rovey, Keith Feldt, Larry White

School Board – Scott Hill, AJ McDunn

Please keep all these faithful servants who stepped up to serve our congregation in your prayers as they begin their new terms in January. A special thank you to those outgoing officers for their faithful service to Grace!