

The Festival of the Reformation:

The 500-Year Anniversary of Martin Luther and the Ninety-Five Theses

> Cantata Vespers 29 October 2017 four o'clock in the afternoon

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

The Rev'd Jeff Zell, presider • The Rev'd Dr. Maxwell Johnson, preacher Mr. John Miller, lector • Ms. Lisa Suter, thurifer Mr. Jack Seifer, cantor • Dr. Kevin Vaughn, organist The Festival Choir & Orchestra

Prelude

Ein feste burg, BWV 720

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

LUCENARIUM

All stand as the Paschal Candle is borne into the church; individual candles are lit from the Paschal Candle. The presider or cantor begins the dialogue, pausing at three stations;



As the ministers take their places in the chancel, all sing the Evening Hymn.

Evening Hymn

Phos hilaron

The presider or cantor intones the Hymn; all continue together.



Evening Thanksgiving

The presider or cantor begins the dialogue.



All extinguish their candles and sit for the Psalmody.

PSALMODY





Psalm Prayer all stand

Pastor Let us pray.

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O God, and let your lovingkindness descend upon us, that with purified hearts we may sing your praises with the church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever. **Amen.**

At the conclusion of the prayer, all sit.

Psalm 46

The antiphon is sung first by the choir, then repeated by all. The choir and congregation alternate verses as indicated.



Choir Glory to the Father, and | to the Son, and to the | Holy Spirit; All As it was in the begin | ning, is now, and will be forev- | er. Amen.

[Ant.]

Psalm Prayer all stand

Pastor Let us pray.

Lord God, our refuge and strength, when raging waters rise up against your holy city, watch over it and keep it safe. Make us still in your presence, and bring an end to war and violence, that all people may dwell in safety along the river that flows in the city of God; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**.

At the conclusion of the prayer, all sit for the Lessons.

THE LESSONS

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians.

Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."... The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the Gospel according to St. John.

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Homily

The Rev'd Dr. Maxwell Johnson

A period of silence for reflection follows the Homily; then, all stand for the Hymn. **Hymn** *sung by all, standing* Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice

Nun freut euch

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Cantata all sit

Gott der Herr ist Sonn und Schild, BWV 79

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

- Chorus Gott der Herr ist Sonn und Schild 1.
- 2. Gott ist unsre Sonn und Schild Aria (alto)
- 3. Chorale Nun danket alle Gott
- Recitative (bass) Gottlob! wir wissen den rechten Weg 4.
- Duo (soprano, bass) Gott, ach Gott, verlaß die Deinen nimmermehr 5.
- 6. Chorale

Erhalt uns in der Wahrheit

The German text and English translation may be found beginning on pg. 15 of this leaflet.

Silence is kept for a time at the conclusion of the Cantata. All stand for the Gospel Canticle.

The Gospel Canticle sung by all, standing

Magnificat anima mea





THE PRAYERS



the final petition...

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of *the Blessed Virgin Mary, and* all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you, through Christ our Lord.



The Collects

Pastor Let us pray.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Most high and holy God, pour out upon us your one and unifying Spirit, and awaken in every confession of the whole Church a holy hunger and thirst for unity in you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Draw your church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever you will send us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Pater noster

PastorLord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.AllOur Father, who art in heaven...(trespasses)

THE BENEDICTION



Ein feste Burg Setting: Michael Praetorius

The Postlude all may be seated

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the Service for beer and brats to continue the celebration! All are welcome.

Thank you for your offerings this evening. The collection will support this and future musical events at Gloria Dei.

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Cantata Musicians:

Jessica McCormack, soprano Paulette Curtis, alto Stephen Lancaster, baritone

Tricia Park, violin Tamara Stojanovic Albahari, violin Rosalyn Troiano, viola Lara Turner, cello

> Tony Kamnikar, oboe Jason Gresl, flute

Benjamin Stone, organ Kevin Vaughn, harpsichord

The Festival Choir with members drawn from Indiana University-South Bend, the University of Notre Dame, and several area congregations including Gloria Dei, First English, and Hilltop Lutheran Churches.

Cantata Text & **Translation**

Gott der Herr ist Sonn und Schild, BWV 79 Cantata for the Reformation First Performance: Leipzig, 31 October 1725

1. Chorus

Gott der Herr ist Sonn und Schild. Der Herr gibt Gnade und Ehre, er wird kein Gutes mangeln lassen den Frommen.

God the Lord is sun and shield. The Lord gives blessing and honor, he will no worthy thing withhold from the righteous.

2. Aria (Alto)

Gott ist unsre Sonn und Schild! Darum rühmet dessen Güte Unser dankbares Gemüte, Die er für sein Häuflein hegt. Denn er will uns ferner schützen, Ob die Feinde Pfeile schnitzen Und ein Lästerhund gleich billt.

God is our true sun and shield! We thus tell abroad his goodness With our spirits ever thankful, For he loves us as his own. And he shall still further guard us Though our foes their arrows sharpen, And the hound of hell should howl.

3. Chorale (S, A, T, B)

Nun danket alle Gott Mit Herzen, Mund und Händen, Der große Dinge tut An uns und allen Enden, Der uns von Mutterleib Und Kindesbeinen an Unzählig viel zugut Und noch itzund getan.

Now thank ye all our God With heart and tongue and labor, Who mighty things doth work For us in all endeavor, Who since our mother's womb And our first toddling steps Us countless benefit Until this day hath brought.

4. Recitative (Bass)

Gottlob, wir wissen Den rechten Weg zur Seligkeit; Denn, Jesu, du hast ihn uns durch dein Wort gewiesen, Drum bleibt dein Name jederzeit gepriesen. Weil aber viele noch Zu dieser Zeit An fremdem Joch Aus Blindheit ziehen müssen, Ach! so erbarme dich Auch ihrer gnädiglich, Dass sie den rechten Weg erkennen Und dich bloß ihren Mittler nennen.

Thank God we know it, The proper path to blessedness, For Jesus, thou hast shown it to us through thy Gospel, Wherefore thy name in ev'ry age is honored. But since so many still Until this day An alien yoke For blindness' sake must carry, Ah, such compassion give E'en these, Lord, graciously, That they the proper path acknowledge And call thee their one intercessor. 5. Duo (Soprano, Bass)

Gott, ach Gott, verlass die Deinen Nimmermehr! Lass dein Wort uns helle scheinen; Obgleich sehr Wider uns die Feinde toben, So soll unser Mund dich loben.

God, O God, forsake thy people Nevermore! Let thy word o'er us shine brightly; Even though Sorely rage our foes against us, Yet shall these our mouths extol thee.

6. Chorale

Erhalt uns in der Wahrheit, Gib ewigliche Freiheit, Zu preisen deinen Namen Durch Jesum Christum. Amen.

Preserve us in the true path, Grant everlasting freedom To raise thy name in glory Through our Christ Jesus. Amen.

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