



October 25, 2020, 9:00 am

Presiding Minister & Preacher - Deacon Linda Bobbitt
Reformation Organ Festival featuring Cynthia Choi, organist

Gathering

Prelude

Jubilation..... Gordon Payne

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth:
make a joyful noise and rejoice and sing praise. - Psalm 98:4*

O God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE, arr. William Croft

Words of Welcome

Litany & Greeting

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

A river makes glad the city of God,

the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;

God will help it when the morning dawns.

“Be still, and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations.”

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



Gathering Hymn: ELW #858 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, vss 1, 4



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you.
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878. alt.
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

Commentary on "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Organ Solo: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty.....arr. Paul Manz

Reading: Romans 3:19-28

A reading from the book of Romans.
Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Reformation Gospel: John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
The Gospel of God. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

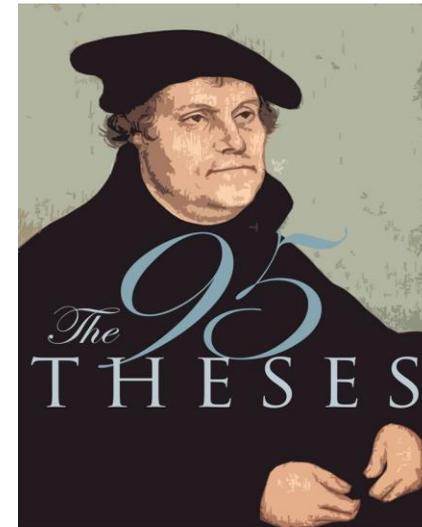
Message

Hymn of the Day: ELW #505 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, vss 1-2

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Solo: Ein Feste Burg Ist Unser Gott, BWV 712.....Johann Sebastian Bach

Hymn of the Day: ELW #505 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, vss 3-4





1 A migh - ty for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 If we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing turns to
 3 Though all the world with dev - ils fill and threat - en to de -
 4 God's Word shall stand a - bove the pow'rs, shall end all their thanks-



fail - ing; our help - er frees us from the flood of
 los - ing; the righ - teous one fights by our side, the
 vour us, we trem - ble not, we trust God's will: they
 giv - ing. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe,
 one of God's own choos - ing. You ask who this may be:
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Though Sa - tan rant and rage,
 God with us is liv - ing. Let goods and kin - dred go,



for - sworn to work us woe, with guile and dread - ful might
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, the Lord of hosts by name.
 in fierc - est war en - gage, this ty - rant's doomed to fail;
 this mor - tal life al - so; though all of these be gone,



is armed to wage the fight: on earth there is no e - qual.
 No oth - er God we claim! None else can win the bat - tle.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word shall tri - umph.
 they yet have noth - ing won. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1805–1890, alt.
 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546
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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly ComePaul Manz

He who testifies to these things says, Surely I am coming quickly. Amen.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus! - Revelation 22:20

Offering Prayer

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.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Opportunities for Service / Announcements

Blessing

Mothering God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

Amen.

Commentary on "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Sending Song: ELW #705 God of Grace and God of Glory, vss 1, 4

Introduction & Interlude: "God of Glory"arr. Paul Manz

- 1. God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story: bring it bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour [repeat]

- 4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grand us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you who we adore, [repeat]

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Toccata from "Thy Strong Word"arr. Benjamin M. Culli
The grass withers, the flowers fades, but the word of our God stands forever.
Isaiah 40:8

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Cynthia Choi was born in South Korea. A pastor's daughter, she started playing the piano when she was five and at the age of ten, she started playing for her father's church at Wednesday Prayer Meetings. She loved playing hymns which made her parents very happy, and that was her first step toward becoming a church musician. Cynthia began college as a piano performance major but would eventually turn to the pipe organ her junior year. She earned a bachelor's degree in Church Music from Seoul Bible College. After she came to the United States, she studied with Wolfgang Rubsam at Northwestern University in Illinois where she earned the Master's Degree in Church Music and Organ.

As a seasoned church organist and as a military chaplain's wife, Cynthia has played for over 30 years in many churches and army chapels in the USA, Europe, and Korea. Her performances include an Organ Dedication Recital in Wheeling, IL; an Organ Recital for Military Heroes at Fort Leavenworth, KS; a Christmas Organ Recital at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington D.C.; a Good Friday Organ Meditation, Camp Walker, Korea and Cello and Organ Duo Recital in Oklahoma.

Cynthia and her husband James have 3 children and 2 grandchildren.

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Paul Manz (1919-2009) was an American organist, composer, teacher and church musician and Cynthia is playing a number of pieces composed by him for today's service. Manz trained as an educator at Concordia Teacher's College in River Forest, IL (now Concordia University Chicago) and earned a Master's Degree in Music at Northwestern University. He studied organ with Flor Peeters in Belgium and Helmut Walcha in Germany. He served the greater church as recitalist, composer, teacher and leader in worship. He was Cantor at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saint Luke, Chicago and at Mt Olive Lutheran Church in Minneapolis and he was Professor of Church Music at Christ Seminary Seminex at the Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago. As a performer, Manz was most famous for his celebrated hymn festivals. Instead of playing traditional organ recitals, he would lead a "festival" of hymns from the organ. It caught on like wildfire, and he subsequently presented hymn festivals all over the world.

His most famous choral work is the choral motet E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come, which Cynthia is playing for the Offering today.