

REDEEMED BY HIS GRACE

A Hymn Festival Celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

3:00 pm, Sunday, September 17, 2017

OPENING VOLUNTARY

A Mighty Fortress

Charles W. Ore

PLEASE RISE

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

COMMENTARY

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

LSB 516

arr. Jeffrey Blersch

COMMENTARY

As Rebels, Lord, Who Foolishly Have Wandered

LSB 612

COMMENTARY

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

LSB 743

Organ variations by Johann Gottfried Walther (1684 - 1748)

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 2: All

Stanza 3: Organ only

Stanza 4: All, sung a cappella

Stanza 5: Organ only

Stanza 6: All

Postlude: Organ

COMMENTARY

PLEASE RISE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

LSB 549

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 2: men

Stanza 3: Choir (setting by Jeffrey Blersch)

Stanza 4: women

Stanza 5: Choir (setting by Paul Soulek)

Stanza 6: All, sung a cappella

Stanza 7: All

PLEASE BE SEATED

COMMENTARY

Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart

LSB 708

arr. Jeffrey Blersch

Stanza 1: Choir

Stanza 2: All

Stanza 3: All

COMMENTARY

Though All Our Life is Like a Scroll

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tune and arrangement by Jeffrey Blersch

The choir sings stanza 3

COMMENTARY

Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing

LSB 686

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 2: All, sung a cappella

Stanza 3: Choir (setting by Paul Soulek)

Stanza 4: All

COMMENTARY

Christ, Mighty Savior

LSB 881

The choir sings stanza 4 (setting by Kurt von Kampen)

COMMENTARY

PLEASE RISE

A Mighty Fortress

LSB 656

arr. Jeffrey Blersch

The choir sings stanza 3

An instrumental interlude precedes the singing of stanza 4

BENEDICTION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +

PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Dr. Jon Vieker, commentator

Dr. Jeffrey Blersch, organist

The University A Cappella Choir, Dr. Kurt von Kampen, conductor

Cantamus Women's Choir, Dr. Jeffrey Blersch, conductor

Concordia Male Chorus, Paul Soulek, conductor

Trumpet: Andrew Schultz, Jonathan Grant

Trombone: Wendy Schultz

Euphonium: Cole Wohlgemuth

Timpani: Nathan Klaumann

Though All Our Life Is Like a Scroll

1 Though all our life is like a scroll Un - rolled with blem - ished
 2 Though pomp - ous - ly we try to dress In cos - tumes of our
 3 Though earth's deep wa - ters foam and roar As surg - ing waves are
 4 Though crit - ics cut out Scrip - ture's claims And treat them with de -
 Δ5 Now sing a high dox - ol - o - gy To God who gives sal -

pa - ges; Though sin has shred - ded what was whole And death is
 mak - ing; Though fig leaves of self - righ - teous - ness Are fu - tile
 roll - ing; Though all the na - tions rage with war While bells of
 ri - sion; Though they con - duct their hos - tile aims With scal - pels
 va - tion. Both here and in e - ter - ni - ty Let this be

now our wa - ges; Yet here we stand in con - fi - dence, With
 and heart - break - ing; Yet filth - y rags Christ glad - ly wore So
 doom are toll - ing; Yet God gives peace - ful for - ti - tude, He
 of sus - pi - cion; Yet how the liv - ing, two - edged sword Pro -
 our vo - ca - tion. To Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it raise A

Je - sus as our sole de - fense, For He a - lone still saves us.
 we would per - ish nev - er - more. His grace a - lone still clothes us.
 nur - tures us with Heav - en's food. True faith a - lone still an - chors.
 claims the dead and ris - en Lord! God's Word a - lone: still truth - ful.
 sym - pho - ny of grate - ful praise, For He a - lone is wor - thy.

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 Music: Jeffrey N. Blersch

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Rom. 6:23; Gen. 3:7; Is. 64:6; 61:10; Ps. 46; Heb. 4:12

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REV. DR. JON VIEKER

SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

WELLER CHAPEL 7:00 PM

**“LUTHER AND THE LUTHERANS:
SINGING THE GOSPEL INTO PEOPLE’S EARS FOR 500 YEARS”**

REV. DR. JON VIEKER is senior assistant to Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, president of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. Prior to joining the president’s staff in September 2010, Vieker served as assistant director for the LCMS Commission on Worship, a position he began in November 1998. In that position, he was involved with all aspects of research, development, editing and production of Lutheran Services Book and its core companion volumes.

A native of Livingston, Calif., Vieker received a B.A. in music from California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, California., and M.Div., S.T.M. and Ph.D degrees from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri. Vieker’s area of academic interest is the history of American Lutheranism, specifically as viewed through its hymnals and hymnody and the wider American ecclesial context.

Vieker has served as editor for a number of publications, including, Festschrift volumes in honor of Norman Nagel and Ronald Feurhahn and *Through the Church the Song Goes On*, a collection of essays published by the LCMS Commission on Worship. He has also written a variety of articles on Lutheran hymnody and liturgy and is a composer with choral settings and organ preludes published by Concordia Publishing House and Liturgy Solutions.

Prior to serving with the LCMS Commission on Worship, Vieker was a parish pastor for nine years at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, West Bloomfield, Michigan. He has also served as organist and choir director in a variety of settings.

Vieker and his wife, Kim, live in Manchester, Missouri, and are members of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in De Peres, Missouri, where they serve in the parish choral and instrumental ensembles. They have two grown children.

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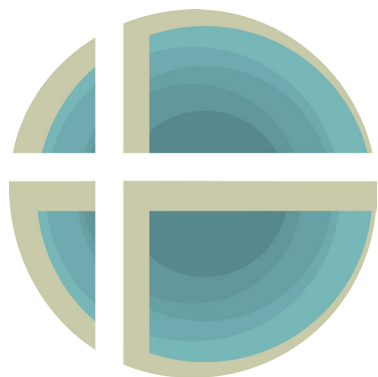
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