

# Confession and Absolution

## 657 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

sts. 1-4



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat -'ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -  
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -  
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not  
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to  
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of  
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle  
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He  
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's  
we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's  
child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

### Exhortation

LSB 184

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,  
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

## Absolution

LSB 185

- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 105:2–6; antiphon: v. 1*



- Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name; \*  
make known his deeds among the | peoples!  
Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him; \*  
tell of all his | wondrous works!  
Glory in his | holy name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!  
Seek the LORD | and his strength; \*  
seek his presence con- | tinually!  
Remember the wondrous works that | he has done; \*  
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,  
O offspring of Abraham, his | servant; \*  
children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning, \*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name; \*  
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

### Kyrie

LSB 186

- C **Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

- P Glory be to God on high:  
C **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
 For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.  
 C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.  
 Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Deuteronomy 7:6–9*

<sup>6</sup>“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup>but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.  
 C **Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual

*Romans 11:33, 36*



Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God! \*  
 How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable | his ways!  
 For from him and through him and to him are | all things. \*  
 To him be glory forever. | Amen.

### Epistle

*Romans 8:28–39*

<sup>28</sup>We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. <sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## **Alleluia**

*LSB 190*

- C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 13:44–52*

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.
- C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup>who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup>When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## **Apostles’ Creed**

- C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence 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.**

## 644 The Church's One Foundation

sts. 1-5



1 The Church's one foun-da-tion Is Je-sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E-lect from ev-'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
 3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib-u-la-tion And tu-mult of her war  
 5 Yet she on earth has u-nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre-a-tion By wa-ter and the Word.  
 Her char-ter of sal-va-tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 By schisms rent a-sun-der, By her-e-sies dis-tressed,  
 She waits the con-sum-ma-tion Of peace for-ev-er-more  
 And mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho-ly bride;  
 One ho-ly name she bless-es, Par-takes one ho-ly food,  
 Yet saints their watch are keep-ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 Till with the vi-sion glo-rious Her long-ing eyes are blest,  
 O bless-ed heav'n-ly cho-rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
 And to one hope she press-es With ev-'ry grace en-dued.  
 And soon the night of weep-ing Shall be the morn of song.  
 And the great Church vic-to-rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
 That we, like saints be-fore us, May see You face to face.

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## Sermon

## Votum

- P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.  
 C **Amen.**

## Stand

## Offertory

LSB 192

- C **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
 Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
 Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

## Sit

## Offering

### 783 Take My Life and Let It Be



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.  
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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### Prayer of the Church

O Lord, we are Your people, chosen by Your grace to be Your own possession and granted mercy upon mercy. Hear Your people who cry to You in need, and remember us according to the favor You have shown to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

#### *Brief silence*

That the Lord may open our hearts to prayer and guide us in this holy conversation so that we may know those things for which we ought to pray and seek them according to His grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Church may prosper, the good news of Jesus Christ go forth unhindered, and the Spirit bring many into the fellowship of the redeemed, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord may grant to us good and faithful pastors to preach and teach the whole counsel of His Word, and that we may receive their words with joy and thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may remember our Baptism into Christ and live boldly in our vocation as His children no matter the difficulties of this fallen world, within our families, in our neighborhoods and throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord may bless our nation and those who govern us, and that we may use the gift of freedom to live holy, upright and godly lives, to the praise of His glory, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord may bless all lawful occupations and professions, and that we may pursue honesty and virtue in all things, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That God's people may recognize the true treasure of the cross and rejoice in the resurrection, pursuing with all their hearts, minds, bodies and souls the things of His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the sick may be healed, the troubled granted peace, the grieving comforted and the dying kept in peace, [*and especially do we pray for \_\_\_\_\_*], let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord may grant us generous hearts so that we may honor Him with the worship of our hearts and bring to Him the tithes and offerings that support His work, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may be steadfast and immovable, abiding in Christ and in His Word of truth, and that we would be kept from error and delivered from temptation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord may watch over our comings and goings and deliver us safely into the arms of His mercy, in the blessed rest of the faithful, to receive with all the dead in Christ the gift of life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may receive with faith the Lord's body and blood today and by this Holy Communion be forgiven of our sins, strengthened in faith and equipped for His service, glorifying God with our words and works, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Holy God, mighty Lord, endless is Your mercy and eternal Your reign. Hear the prayers of Your people who cry to You in their need and who plead to You in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

*LSB 196*

- P 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.
- C **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## Salutation

*LSB 201*

- P The Lord be with you.  
C **And with thy spirit.**

## Benedicamus

*LSB 202*

- A Bless we the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction

*LSB 202*

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.  
C **Amen, amen, amen.**

## 935 Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!  
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of His name!  
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of His might!  
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of His Word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings, give my spir - it voice;  
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;  
Pow'rs and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
Firm is His prom - ise, and His mer - cy sure.



Ten - der to me the prom - ise of His Word;  
His mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord



In God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - jice.  
His ho - ly name, the Lord, the Might - y One.  
The hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
To chil - dren's chil - dren and for - ev - er - more!

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