

Festival of the Reformation

October 27, 2024

Order of Worship: Holy Communion, Setting Four

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PRELUDE & BELLS *We observe a moment of silence for prayer and meditation.*

WELCOME

Blessed be the Kingdom...now and forever **and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

We stand OPENING HYMN

#654

“The Church’s One Foundation”

✠BRIEF RITE FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS✠

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

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.

1John 1:8-9

Most merciful God... **we confess that we are born captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you- who believe and repent- of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

✠HOLY COMMUNION✠

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

“Glory to God in the Highest”

9 AM p167 Luke 2:14

5 PM see p148

Refrain **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

1 Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

2 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. *Refrain*

3 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Last refrain **Glory to God in the highest. Amen, amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

Next Steps Weekly Memory Verse: JOHN 8:31-32

*If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth,
and the truth will make you free.*

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

RESPONSE & MEDITATION: PSALM 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;**

³ though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

**⁴ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

⁵ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**⁶ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;
God shall help her at the break of day.**

⁷ The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

**⁸ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

⁹ Come now and look upon the works of the LORD,
what awesome things he has done on earth.

**¹⁰ It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.**

¹¹ “Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

**¹² The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

We stand. GOSPEL VERSE

9 AM only p151

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING: MARK 10:42-52

Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵² Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to You, O Christ!**

We sit. SERMON

Rev. Jared Stillions, STS

It's Not About Me

My Service

We stand. PROFESSION OF FAITH Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the + resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*means whole, entire Christi

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us intercede before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for the sake of the Church, the world, and one another.

A brief silence

Thank you, heavenly Father, for your Holy Spirit. Thank you for his life-giving and purifying fire. Thank you for his gifts of wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and fear of the Lord, and joy in your presence. Thank you for reforming, renewing, and sustaining your one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church on earth.

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

Pour out your Spirit upon the Church. Make it your holy habitation. Keep it steadfast in your Word. Strengthen it in the face of temptation and defend it from evil. Reform and purify it from sin and error, and bestow on it your saving peace.

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

Be the refuge and strength of Christians when they are persecuted for confessing Jesus as Lord. Grant them the strength to endure, even to giving their life, in faithful witness to him. Give us the courage and will to defend their witness, provide for their needs, and boldly confess the faith and the hope we share in Christ.

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

Be to this congregation our help and our redeemer. Gladden our hearts with the joy of your saving love. Empower us to share our joy, and your love, with those who do not know either. We pray for our mission to develop fully devoted followers of Jesus; to support Solid Rock our mission in action; and that you send us adults for baptism.

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

Pour out your Spirit upon the teachers and theologians of the Church. Cause them to hand on, as of first importance, the Gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ. Bless church schools, colleges, and seminaries, so that they write your words upon the hearts of many.

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

Exalt yourself among the nations, and speak your holy word to the leaders of the world. Establish among all peoples that peace which the world cannot give; and teach us to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before you.

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

We long for you to break the bow, shatter the spear, and make war to cease throughout the world. Until that day, direct and strengthen all who take up arms in defense of life and liberty. Be their very present help in times of trouble and places of danger. Prosper all they do that accomplishes your will. Bring them home safely and soon.

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

We lift before you the needs of all whose lives are shaken by suffering. Especially we pray for: {List}. Be in their midst, and let them not be overthrown. Give them your saving help, and say to them, 'be still, and know that I am God.' Restore them to health and hope, that they may proclaim the awesome things you have done.

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

Most holy Lord, we give you thanks for the lives of all your faithful people whom you have claimed and redeemed through the precious blood of Jesus. We pray especially for the families of {List}. Grant that we may humbly follow in their footsteps; boldly trust in your promises; faithfully proclaim your Word; and cheerfully serve in your Name. Bring us, through the merits of our Savior, into your Kingdom. There, with all the redeemed, we shall glorify you in the power of your Spirit forever.

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

Hear our prayers, gracious Father; and answer them in accordance with your will, for the sake of your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also, with you.**

We briefly greet those in our row with the words "Peace be with you."

We sit. OFFERING, OFFERTORY SONG & PRAYER- *Giving back to God*



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STEWARDSHIP TALK (*Clayton Muehr*)

We stand #692

“We Are an Offering”

1 We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

Lord use our voices

Lord use our hands

Lord use our lives they are Yours

We are an offering

2 All that we have

All that we are

All that we hope to be

We give to You

We give to You

3 We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

We are an offering

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, king of the universe. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.

♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.

♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary . . . and join their unending hymn:

5PM Spoken

♪ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

You are indeed holy...

In the night in which he was betrayed, ... Do this for the remembrance of me.

All honor and glory are yours...now and forever. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

We sit. INVITATION TO COMMUNION

As often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ present and received in, with, and under the bread and wine. All who are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and who believe the Lord's words "This is my body given for you" and "This is my blood poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins" may receive Communion. Young children, not yet receiving Communion, may receive a blessing.

(Matt 26:26ff, Mark 14:22ff, Luke 22:19ff, 1 Cor. 11:24ff)

Communion administration occurs in a continuous fashion at the Communion rail. The ushers will guide you to the rail. To receive the elements, extend your hand, palm up, to the ministers. White grape juice is available in the center of the trays. For those unable to consume either bread or wine, the Church affirms the Lord's full presence in each element alone. Once you have received the elements, return to your seat by the side aisles. If you do not desire to receive Holy Communion, you may remain seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMN

#195

"Lamb of God"

John 1:29

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

We stand POST-COMMUNION BLESSING, SONG, & PRAYER
May the true body and blood...keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

“Thank the Lord”

9AM only



☞ **Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.**



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Let us pray, Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

#504

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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Our mission is Christ's mission – "I will build my church"
by developing fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Congratulations to Bryce Ulrich & Olivia Lewis who were united in marriage on Saturday.

Please keep the family of Milton Mika (*Kayla Sralla's dad*) in your prayers.

YOU ARE AWESOME! Thank you to EVERYONE who made the Women in Mission Country Store a Success this year!! Whether you donated items, your time, or a monetary donation it was really appreciated!!

Solid Rock Bingo "Let's Fiesta" One-half Hog Processed Raffle Tickets are available in the office for \$5.00. *Only 500 tickets will be sold, and you have 2 chances to win.*

Monday, Oct 14th- Nov 15th Solid Rock RADA Fundraiser (*order forms can be found in the Church Office*)

Thursday, Oct 31st Trunk or Treat in the parking lot 5:30 pm -7:30 pm (*Thank you for all the candy donations so far!*)

Friday, Nov 1st Tickets go on sale for Solid Rock "Let's Fiesta Bingo" (*see Kari DeForest*)

Sunday, Nov 3rd Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting (*immediately following the 9:00 am Service*)

Sunday, Nov 3rd St. Peter Blood Drive 8:00 am-1:00 pm:

The last Blood Drive of 2024. At a time we reflect on the past generosity of those who have donated blood, we remain aware of the importance and need of continued blood donations. The statistic of every 2 seconds someone in the U. S. needing blood or platelets reminds us that we as donors are the **ONLY** way this life-giving gift can be available. This being the weekend that daylight savings time ends-yes, we "fall back", as well as the opening of hunting season, those persons who are available are pleased asked to consider this opportunity to register to be a donor for those lives depending on others for their gift of life.

Sign up online at

https://donor.southtexasblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/142924)

YTD (Jan-Aug '24) \$186,900.05; EXPENSES \$214,718.49

DIFFERENCE +/- -\$27,818.44(*due to increased insurance rate*)

Serving This Weekend Oct 27

Sunday AM: *Assisting:* Barbara Grindeland

Communion Set Up: Tammy Garner

Communion Clean Up: Judy Drozd

Organist: Denise Drozd

Ushers: Rodney Horton, Richard Renger, & Clint Satterly

Acolytes: Benson Adee & Allie Kocian

Power Point Sunday: Summer Leopold

Altar Flowers given by In celebration of the Ulrich/Lewis Wedding

Radio Ministry given by Leonard & Carol Hollas for all of God's blessings

Sunday PM: *Assisting:* Aileen Peck

Communion Clean Up: Aileen Peck

Organist: Janis Muehr

Festival of the Reformation

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; Mark 10:42-52

Attendance:

Sunday, Oct 20: 9AM 87

This Week @ St. Peter

Sun Oct 27, 9:00 am Worship Service, 10:00 am Coffee Time,

10:30 am Adult/Youth Christian Learning

5:00 pm Worship Service

Mon Oct 28, 1:00 pm Quilting, 5:00 pm Social Ministry, 7:00 pm FH Rental

Tue Oct 29, 5:15 pm Add Value, 6:00 pm Property, 7:00 pm Prayer Group

Thu Oct 31, 5:30 pm -7:30 pm Trunk or Treat, 7:30 pm AA/Al-Anon

Sun Nov 3, 9:00 am Worship Service -All Saints Day (*Congregational Meeting*),

10:00 am Coffee Time, 10:30 am Adult/Youth Christian Learning,

5:00 pm Worship Service

Serving Next Weekend Nov 3

Sunday AM: *Assisting:* Marilyn McAda

Communion Set Up: Linda Smith

Communion Clean Up: Ruth Muehr

Organist: Denise Drozd

Ushers: Kevin Sullivan, Trent Skelton, Cal Bonzer, & Michael Woytek

Acolytes: Kaylie Hotz & Clay Henke

Power Point Sunday: Judy Garmon

Altar Flowers given by Lee & Cindy Rother in memory of Edwin Rother

Radio Ministry given by Kay Rother & family in memory of Edwin's Birthday

Sunday PM: *Assisting:* Aileen Peck

Communion Clean Up: Aileen Peck

Organist: Denise Drozd

Our Prayer List:– *Requests listed 4 weeks under **Concerns For** unless otherwise requested.*

Concerns for: The Wick family, Mary Ward, Heather Smith, Kris Shafer, Bernice Brown, Pr. Amy Little, Barbara Steen, Lisa Beyer, James Kubecka, Glenn & Pat Pagel, Pr. Brian McGee, Barb Grindeland, Jeanette DeBord, Debbie Hopper, Charlotte Hartmann, Bill Beaver, Christine Guidry, Barbara Tackett, Larry Stillions

Extended concerns: Melissa Grice, Michael Drozd, Misty Fletcher Remmers, Cody Rice Jr, William Lane, Brandi Orsak, Jeffrey Morgenroth, Charlie Garmon, Carrie Besetsny, DeWayne Dixon, James Evans, Pr. John Schmidt & family (*Missionary in Ghana*)

Other Concerns: first responders (*military, law enforcement, firefighter, medical*), Safe House Church (*Hallettsville*); San Miguel (*Ft. Worth*) and Houston Oromo Lutheran Churches, President Biden; our country; and those facing unrest & unemployment, & those affected by Helene

Grieving Families of: Billy Hrcir, Milton Mika, Aleks Medrano, Gene Adee, Patsy Klimitchek, Victor Vasek, Evelyn Lishinski, Bessie Garner, Sarah Sralik, Bubba Pustejovsky, Louis Kopnick, Haleigh Matchett, Kylie Folmar, Rebecca Spies, Rogers Paul Guidry Jr, Irene Gummelt, Pr. Phil Baker, Carl Tieken, Dorothy Ehler

SAVE THE DATES IN NOVEMBER

Wednesday, Nov 6th Hallettsville Lunch & Learn 10:30 am (*First United Methodist Church*)

Thursday, Nov 7th SHARPS Drive (*LMC parking lot*)

Saturday, Nov 9th Vavrusa/Benz Wedding

Sunday, Nov 10th Congregational Thanksgiving Meal and 80 & Older Celebration 10:45 am

Friday, Nov 15th Solid Rock's RADA Fundraiser ends

Sunday, Nov 17th 1st Steps Class 10:30 am-3:30 pm (*lunch provided*)

Tuesday, Nov 26th Community Thanksgiving Service 7:00 pm *Sacred Heart*

Openings for:

Radio: Dec 25 (*Please check to see you are paid up for the Radio Sponsorship of \$50*)

Flowers: Dec 1, 8

Entrance Hymn (ELW) *The Church's One Foundation* (ELW 654)

1 The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us,
may see you face to face.

Hymn of the Day (ELW) *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* (ELW 517)

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;
curb those who by deceit or sword
would wrest the kingdom from your Son
and bring to naught all he has done.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
for you are Lord of lords alone;
defend your holy church, that we
may sing your praise eternally.

3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
send peace and unity on earth;
support us in our final strife
and lead us out of death to life.

Closing Hymn (ELW) *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (isometric)* (ELW 504)

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

2 No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

3 Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

4 God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
through life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!