

Reformation Vespers

4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025
Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus



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A Service of Sacred Music for Reformation

Featuring

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ST. LOUIS LUTHERAN CHORALE
CONCORDIA SEMINARY YOUTH CHOIR
CONCORDIA SEMINARY CHILDREN'S CHOIR

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VESPERS

Iesu, iuva.

Welcome

Prelude

Wir glauben all

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Stand

Hymn

Lord of Our Life

LSB 659

Setting by Samuel Eatherton

1 Lord of our life and God of our sal - va - tion, Star of our
2 See round Your ark the hun - gry bil - lows curl - ing; See how Your
3 Lord, be our light when world - ly dark - ness veils us; Lord, be our
4 Peace in our hearts, where sin - ful thoughts are rag - ing, Peace in Your
night and hope of ev - 'ry na - tion: Hear and re - ceive Your
foes their ban - ners are un - furl - ing And with great spite their
shield when earth - ly ar - mor fails us; And in the day when
Church, our trou - bled souls as - suag - ing, Peace when the world its
Church's sup - pli - ca - tion, Lord God Al - might - y.
fi - ery darts are hurl - ing, O Lord, pre - serve us.
hell it - self as - sails us, Grant us Your peace, Lord:
end - less war is wag - ing, Peace in Your heav - en.

Text: Matthäus Apelles von Löwenstern, 1594–1648; tr. Philip Pusey, 1799–1855, alt.
Tune: *Antiphoner*, 1746, Poitiers.

Opening Versicles

L O Lord, o - pen my lips,
C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise,
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.
C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.
Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Sit



PSALMODY

Psalm 67

Let the People Praise Thee

Music by Walter Pelz

St. Louis Lutheran Chorale

Let all the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee.
O let the nations be glad and sing for joy:
 for Thou shalt judge the people righteously,
 and govern the nations upon earth.
God be merciful unto us, and bless us;
 and cause His face to shine upon us;
That Thy way may be known upon earth,
 Thy saving health among all nations.
Then shall the earth yield her increase;
 and God, even our own God shall bless us.
God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him. (KJV)

Psalm 115

Not Unto Us, O Lord

Psalm 115:1; Zephaniah 3:17, 20

Laudamus

Setting by Donald Busarow (1934–2011)

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to Your name give glory!
The Lord our God is in our midst, a helper who gives victory;
He will rejoice over us with gladness; He will renew us in His love.
Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to Your name give glory,
For the sake of Your steadfast love and faithfulness.
He will exult over us with loud singing as in the day of a festival;
And at that time He will bring us home, when He gathers us together.
Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to Your name give glory!

From the Psalms

Come with Rejoicing

Music by Robert Leaf (1936–2005)

Concordia Seminary Children's Choir

Come with rejoicing, Lift up your voices,
All Christians join in praise to the Lord.
Blessing and honor Be to the Savior,
Angels on high sing praise to the Lord.
Through ev'ry nation praises are ringing,
With adoration Christians are singing.
Praise Him with cymbal, Praise Him with trumpet,
Praise Him with singing, Praise to the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia! All praise to God!

Psalm 121**I Will Lift Mine Eyes**

Music by Howard Helvey

St. Louis Lutheran Chorale

I will lift mine eyes unto the hills; from whence comes my help?
 My help comes from the Lord, maker of heav'n and earth.
 God will not let you fall; God, who watches o'er your life, will not slumber,
 shall neither slumber nor sleep.
 Our God watches over you; our God grants you shade at your right hand.
 The sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
 The Lord will keep you from all evil; God will watch o'er your soul.
 The Lord will preserve your coming and going from now and forevermore.

Psalm 103**Like as a Father** Music by Luigi Cherubini (1760–1842)

Concordia Seminary Youth Choir

Arranged by Austin C. Lovelace (1919–2010)

Like as a father, filled with compassion, pities all his children,
 So the Lord has mercy on those who fear Him.

READINGS**First Reading**

Revelation 7:9–17

L A reading from the Revelation to St. John, the seventh chapter.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

“Therefore they are before the throne of God,
 and serve him day and night in his temple;
 and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
 the sun shall not strike them,
 nor any scorching heat.
 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
 and he will guide them to springs of living water,
 and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”)

L O Lord, have mercy on us.**C** Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

St. Louis Lutheran Chorale

Do Not Be Afraid

Isaiah 43, adapt. Gerard Markland

Music by Philip W. J. Stopford

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by your name;
You are mine.

When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you.
You will never sink beneath the waves.
When the fire is burning all around you
You will never be consumed by the flames.

When the fear of loneliness is looming
Then remember I am at your side
When you dwell in the exile of a stranger
Remember you are precious in my eyes.

You are mine, O my child
I am your Father, and I love you
With a perfect love.

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by your name;
You are mine.

Second Reading

Matthew 16:13–20

L A reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Response*Laudamus***Salvation Belongeth to Our God**

Russian Orthodox Liturgy

Setting by Pavel Chesnokov (1877–1944)

Salvation belongeth to our God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Sermon

Stanza 1: Seminary Children's Choir

Stanzas 2–3: Congregation

1 We all be - lieve in one true God, Who cre - at - ed
 2 We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, His own Son, our
 3 We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who, in high - est

earth and heav - en, The Fa - ther, who to us in love
 Lord, pos - sess - ing An e - qual God - head, throne, and might,
 heav - en dwell - ing With God the Fa - ther and the Son,

Has the right of chil - dren giv - en. He in soul and
 Source of ev - 'ry grace and bless - ing; Born of Mar - y,
 Com - forts us be - yond all tell - ing; Who the Church, His

bod - y feeds us; All we need His hand pro - vides us;
 vir - gin moth - er, By the pow - er of the Spir - it,
 own cre - a - tion, Keeps in u - ni - ty of spir - it.

Through all snares and per - ils leads us, Watch - ing that no
 Word made flesh, our el - der broth - er; That the lost might
 Here for - give - ness and sal - va - tion Dai - ly come through

harm be - tide us. He cares for us by
 life in - her - it, Was cru - ci - fied for
 Je - sus' mer - it. All flesh shall rise, and

day and night; All things are gov - erned by His might.
 all our sin And raised by God to life a - gain.
 we shall be In bliss with God e - ter - nal - ly.

A - men, a - men. A - men.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941, alt.

Tune: Latin, 14th cent., adapt.

CANTICLE

Magnificat

Laudamus

Luke 1:46–55

Music by Richard Hillert (1923–2010)

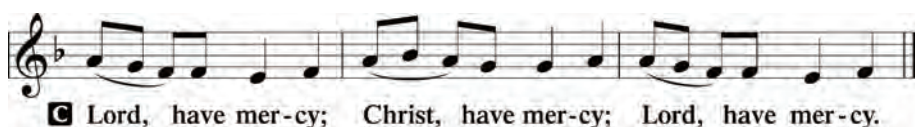
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
My spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
For He has looked with favor on His lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed.
The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name.
He has mercy on those who fear Him in every generation.
He has shown the strength of His arm; He has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of His servant Israel, for He has remembered His promise of mercy,
The promise He made to our fathers, to Abraham and His children forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Stand

PRAYERS

Kyrie



Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spir - it.

- L** Let us pray.
- 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.

Choral Collect Luther's Evening Prayer
Concordia Seminary Children's Choir

Collect for Peace

- L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction



L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God

and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

C A - men.

Stanza 1: All; Stanza 2: *Laudamus*; Stanza 3: All in harmony

Stanza 4: Youth Choir; Stanzas 5–6: All in harmony

1 A - bidē with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
 4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bidē.
 What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;

Help of the help - less, O a - bidē with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bidē with me.
 Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bidē with me.
 O Thou who chang - est not, a - bidē with me.

5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
 Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
 I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
 Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
 In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, alt.

Tune: William H. Monk, 1823–89; setting *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941.

Soli Deo Gloria

*You are cordially invited to join the musicians for
an Oktoberfest-style reception in Koburg Hall immediately following the service.*

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Sunday, October 26, 2025, 4 p.m.

Featuring *Laudamus*, St. Louis Lutheran Chorale, Concordia Seminary Children's Choir, Concordia Seminary Youth Choir and instrumentalists

Advent Lessons and Carols

Tuesday, December 2, 2025, 7 p.m.

Featuring the Seminary Chamber Choir, *Laudamus*, St. Louis Lutheran Chorale, Concordia Seminary Children's Choir, Concordia Seminary Youth Choir and instrumentalists

Children's Choir Festival

Friday, February 6, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

Featuring Joshua Pedde, executive artistic director of the Indianapolis Children's Choir and children's choirs from St. Louis area Lutheran congregations

A Hymn Festival Featuring the Hymns of Lisa Clark and Katie Schuermann

Sunday, March 1, 2026, 4 p.m.

Featuring *Laudamus*, St. Louis Lutheran Chorale, Concordia Seminary Youth Choir and instrumentalists

St. John Passion by Johann Sebastian Bach (1725)

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026, 3 p.m.

Featuring the American Kantorei and Orchestra and the Concordia Seminary Children's Choir

Choral Evening Prayer for Eastertide

Sunday, May 10, 2026, 3 p.m.

Featuring the Seminary Chamber Choir, *Laudamus*, St. Louis Lutheran Chorale, Concordia Seminary Children's Choir, Concordia Seminary Youth Choir and instrumentalists

Summer Carillon Series

Each Tuesday in June 2026, 7 p.m.

Featuring national and international carillonneurs performing pieces on the 49-bell carillon in Luther Tower. The public is invited to bring picnics and lawn chairs and gather on the grounds near the tower to enjoy the performances.

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