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THE ST. LOUIS LUTHERAN CHORALE

SCHOLA CANTORUM

VILLAGE LUTHERAN CHURCH, LADUE, MO.

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October 29 • 3 p.m.

The Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

VESPERS

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Prelude

Ein feste Burg (The Word They Still Shall Let Remain)

Karl Osterland
(b. 1956)

Stand

Hymn

Church of God, Elect and Glorious

LSB 646

Adapted from an arrangement by Mark Bender
The choir sings stanza 2.

1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, Ho - ly
2 God has called you out of dark - ness In - to
3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, Strang - ers
4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, Be the

na - tion, cho - sen race; Called as God's own
His most mar - v'ulous light; Brought His truth to
to God's heart of love; But He brought you
peo - ple He in - tends; Strong in faith and

spe - cial peo - ple, Roy - al priests and heirs of
life with - in you, Turned your blind - ness in - to
home in mer - cy, Cit - i - zens of heav'n a -
swift to an - swer Each com - mand your Mas - ter

grace: Know the pur - pose of your call - ing,
sight. Let your light so shine a - round you
bove. Let His love flow out to oth - ers,
sends: Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing

Show to all His might - y deeds; Tell of love that
That God's name is glo - ri - fied; And all find fresh
Let them feel a Fa - ther's care; That they too may
Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer; Give your lives in

knows no lim - its, Grace that meets all hu - man needs.
hope and pur - pose In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.
know His wel - come And His count - less bless - ings share.
joy - ful ser - vice— Sing His praise, His love de - clare.

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Opening Versicles



The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "O Lord, o - pen my lips, and my mouth will de - clare Your praise. Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me; make haste to help me, O Lord. 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 46

Antiphon by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–91), K.20

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

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.
“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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.

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

Organ Voluntary

Ein feste Burg

Michael Praetorius (1571–1621)

My faith is sure though yet I cried from depths of woe and anguish.
 All trust in man I cast aside whose lies left me to languish.
 What shall I render to my God for all the good he has bestowed?
 I rest on his salvation.

Office Hymn

Catch the Vision, Share the Glory

Text by Jaroslav J. Vajda (1919-2008)

Music by Carl Schalk (1929-2021)

The assembly is invited to sing the final stanza and refrain.



1. Bless - ed chil - dren, saints, e - lect of God,
 2. U - ni - ver - sal Bod - y of the Lord,
 3. Heirs to - geth - er of the grace of life,
 4. For this time and place have we been born,



Globe - en - cir - cling cloud of wit - ness - es:
 Cho - sen, called, made just, and glo - ri - fied:
 All bap - tized in - to the death of Christ:
 Gift - ed by the Spir - it, trained, and sent:



We have heard the Christ - mas an - gels, We have seen the
 Ours the faith, and ours the tri - umph, Ours the peace the
 Born a - gain, in love ma - tur - ing, From the al - tar
 With the eyes of Je - sus see - ing, With the hands of



Eas - ter sun - rise, Cried with joy when Christ be - gan his
 world is seek - ing; Who on earth as priv - i - leged as
 free and cheer - ful, Car - ing, win - some fam - i - ly of
 Je - sus help - ing, With the words of Je - sus bring - ing



reign.
 we?
 God,
 life.
 Catch the vi - sion! Share the glo - ry!



Show the cap - tives, tell them: Christ is here!

READINGS

Reading

Micah 7:18–20

L A reading from Micah, the seventh chapter.

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of his inheritance?
He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.
He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.
You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.
You will show faithfulness to Jacob
and steadfast love to Abraham,
as you have sworn to our fathers
from the days of old.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Response

I Will Speak

Psalm 119:46; 145:5 (par.)
Music by Phillip Magness

I will speak of your statutes before kings, O Lord,
and will not be put to shame.
I will sing and proclaim your truths, my God,
for you have anointed me with grace.
Blessed is he whose help is in God,
whose help is in the God of Jacob.
Blessed is the man who trusts in you.

Your strong Word, I confess; I believe and am saved.
Princely powers I fear not, for your truth is my faith.
Now my heart rests on roses.

Reading

Revelation 14:6–7

L A reading from Revelation to St. John, the 14th chapter.

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Response

Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

Text by Ludwig Helmbold (1532–96)

Music by Jacob Weber

Lord, help us ever to retain
The Catechism's doctrine plain
As Luther taught the Word of truth
In simple style to tender youth.

Help us Your holy Law to learn,
To mourn our sin and from it turn
In faith to You and to Your Son
And Holy Spirit, Three in One.

Hear us, dear Father, when we pray
For needed help from day to day
That as Your children we may live,
Whom You baptized and so received.

Lord, when we fall or go astray,
Absolve and lift us up, we pray;
And through the Sacrament increase
Our faith till we depart in peace.

Reading

Matthew 11:12–19

L A reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

“But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

“‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’”

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

The choir sings stanzas 1 and 3.

1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, Thy liv - ing
 2 Our fa - tal will to e - qual Thee, Our reb - el
 3 Thou cam - est to our hall of death, O Christ, to
 △ 4 O Spir - it, who didst once re - store Thy Church that

fin - ger nev - er wrote That life should be an aim -
 will wrought death and night. We seized and used in pride -
 breathe our poi - soned air, To drink for us the dark
 it might be a - gain The bring - er of good news

less mote, A death - ward drift from fu - tile birth.
 ful spite Thy won - drous gift of lib - er - ty.
 de - spair That stran - gled our re - luc - tant breath.
 to men, Breathe on Thy clo - ven Church once more,

Thy Word meant life tri - um - phant hurled In splen - dor through
 We housed us in this house of doom, Where death had roy -
 How beau - ti - ful the feet that trod The road that leads
 That in these gray and lat - ter days There may be those

Thy bro - ken world. Since light a - woke and life be - gan,
 al scope and room, Un - til Thy ser - vant, Prince of Peace,
 us back to God! How beau - ti - ful the feet that ran
 whose life is praise, Each life a high dox - ol - o - gy

Thou hast de - sired Thy life for man.
 Breached all its walls for our re - lease.
 To bring the great good news to man!
 To Fa - ther, Son, and un - to Thee.

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907–76, alt.

Tune: Jan O. Bender, 1909–94.

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In 1966, Martin Franzmann was commissioned by the Lutheran Council in the USA to write this hymn for the 450th anniversary of the Reformation in 1967, with the theme "Life—New Life." The biblical text was Micah 7:18, a verse from the appointed reading for the Third Sunday after Trinity. In 1967, Lutheran composer Jan Bender composed the tune "Wittenberg New," and the text and tune first appeared together in a hymnal in Worship Supplement in 1969.

CANTICLE

Stand

Magnificat

LSB 248

Refrain

My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -
 joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the
 Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.

1 For — He has re - garded
 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
 3 He has shown strength with His arm;
 4 He has filled the hungry with good things,
 5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son

1 the lowliness of His hand-maiden.
 2 and holy is His name;
 3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 4 and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spirit;

1 For be - hold, from this day
 2 and His mercy is on those who fear Him
 3 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
 5 as it was in the be - ginning,

1 all generations will call me blessed.
 2 from generation to gen - er - ation. *Refrain*
 3 and has exalt - - - - - ed the lowly.
 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.
 5 is now, and will be forever. A - men. *Refrain*

PRAYERS

Kyrie

C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

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.

Collect of the Day

- 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.

For Musicians and Artists

- L** God of majesty, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven, be with Your servants who make art and music for Your people that with joy we on earth may glimpse Your beauty. Bring us to the fulfillment of that hope of perfection that will be ours as we stand before Your unveiled glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

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.

Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 656

The choir sings stanza 3, arranged by Benjamin Culli.

1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
2 With might of ours can naught be done,
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
4 The Word they still shall let re - main

A trust - y shield and weap - on;
Soon were our loss ef - fect ed;
All ea - ger to de - vour us,
Nor an - y thanks have for it;

He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 But for us fights the val - iant One,
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 He's by our side up - on the plain

That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.

The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,

dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,

Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -

is not his e qual.
 the field for - ev - er.
 tle word can fell him.
 dom ours re - main eth.

Text and tune: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.

Postlude

Ein feste Burg

Jan Bender (1909–94)

Soli Deo Gloria

You are cordially invited to join the musicians for refreshments in Koburg Hall immediately following the service.

PARTICIPANTS

Laudamus

The St. Louis Lutheran Chorale

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