

God's ransomed saints believe in God the Holy Ghost,
By whom we all receive the faith in which we boast.
Forgiven, we shall flee our graves.
The Lord who saves has set us free!

Prayers

Peace

Offering

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places.....And so
as the morning stars sing your praises, we join the heavenly beings and
all creation as we shout with joy:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all.....and presenting to you
these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made we pro-
claim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

Announcements

Benediction.....Ephesians 3:16-21

According to the riches of his glory..., so that you may be filled with
all the fullness of God.

**Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to
accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imag-
ine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all
generations, forever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn.....#504 A Mighty Fortress

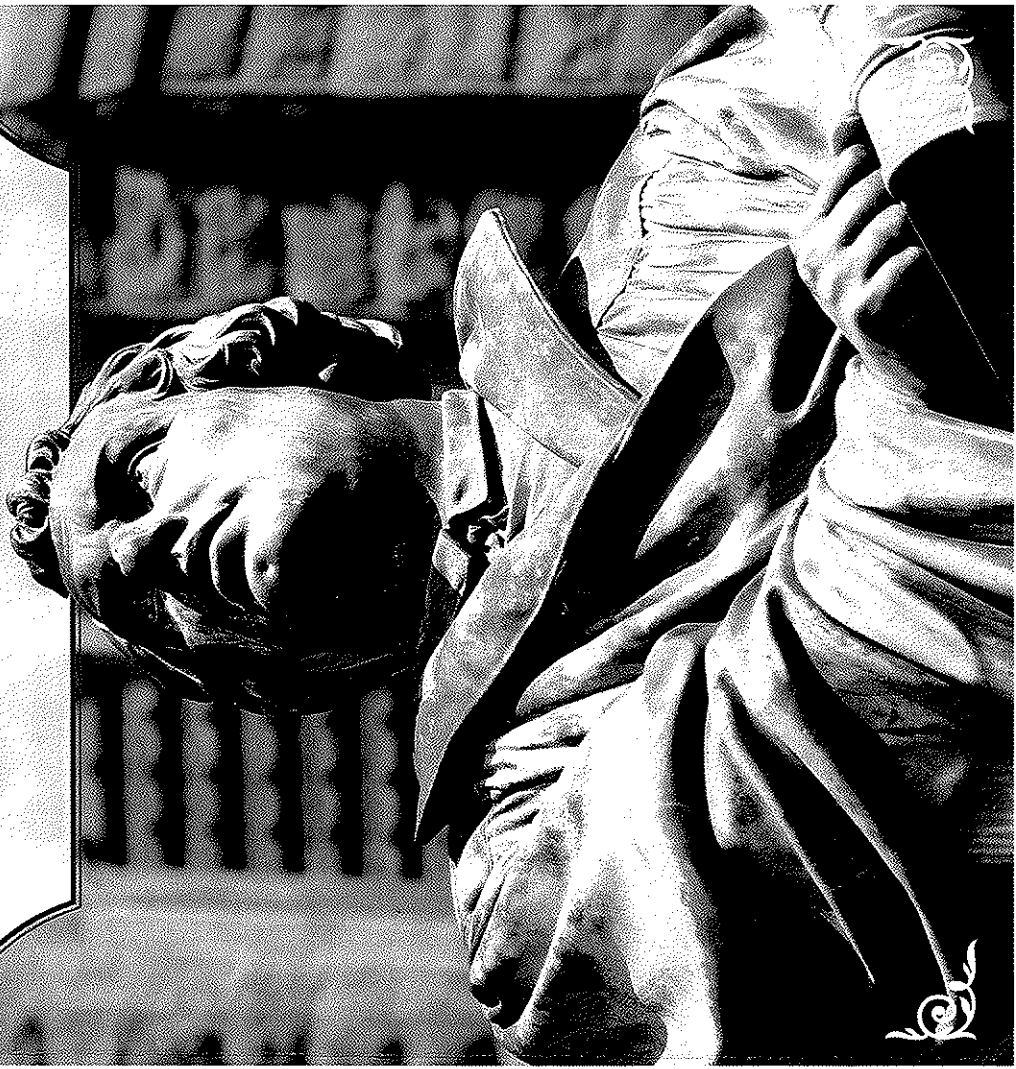
STOW.....1 Kings 3:9

**Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern
your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who
can govern this your great people?"**

Dismissal

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"What Does It Mean?" Erhalt uns, Herr LM

(Jeremiah 31:31, 33-34 with a hymn based on Luther's Small Catechism)

What does it mean that God's good will,
Once thundered down from Sinai's hill,
Is uttered now to pierce our hearts,
Commandments that our God imparts?

¶ 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.

What does it mean, what doubts relieve,
That we may speak what we believe
And in confessing witness bear
To Father, Savior, Comforter?

¶ This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my Law within them, and will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

What does it mean that we may pray
To God as Father day by day,
Make known our needs, God's grace implore,
And vow allegiance evermore?

¶ 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.

What does it mean that water poured
Conveys the promise of the Lord,
And in the forms of bread and wine,
We gather in Christ's love to dine?

¶ For I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

What does it mean? God's on our side;
By grace we have been justified
Through faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord,
As taught in God's unbroken Word.

Prayer of the Day
Children's Message

First Lesson..... Exodus 13:3-10 and 14

(When your child asks, "What does this mean?")

Psalms 46, "The Reformation Psalm" St. Anne

(Come and behold what God has done.)

God is our Refuge and our Strength, our Helper ever near.

The Lord of hosts is on our side to shelter us from fear.

Though mountains fall and storms arise and fearful tempests blow,

Our God is with us, and he leads where peaceful waters flow.

God's steadfast help will surely come as certain as the dawn.

The Lord of hosts is on our side, so let all fear be gone!

Come and behold what God has done: as adversaries yield,

He breaks the bow and snaps the spear and burns with fire the shield.

The trembling nations hear his voice, their awesome Sov'reign own:

"Be still, and know that I am God, and I will reign alone!"

O God our Refuge, God our Strength, accept the praise we bring

For mercy shown by grace alone through Christ, our Savior-King!

Second Lesson Acts 2:1-12

(All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?")

Gospel Acclamation..... Sine Nomine

The Holy Spirit, as the Lord foretold,

With flames of fire descending now behold,

That all might gather in the Shepherd's fold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel John 8:31-36

(You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.)

Christ's true disciples let us prove to be,

Firm in the Word remaining steadfastly,

Blest with the truth that makes us truly free. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Homily

A Confession of Faith Darwall's 148th

The Father's mighty word once said, "Let there be light!"

Chaotic darkness heard and yielded to his might.

Things great and small,

God's saints confess his pow'r to bless; God made them all!

Christ Jesus we believe, who came at God's own hour,

Whom Mary did conceive by God the Spirit's pow'r.

Great peace he gives:

The Crucified who for us died forever lives!