



Concordia Lutheran Church
4210 Johnson Ave NW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405
Reformation Day
October 25, 2026

Announcements for October 25, 2026

Sunday (25)	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Live Stream 10:00 am Adult Bible Class 6:00-7:30 pm Youth Group
Monday (26)	4:30-6:00 pm Irish Class
Tuesday (27)	9:00 am Holy Chair Yoga
Wednesday (28)	6:00 pm Bells 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study
Sunday (1)	All Saints Day Stewardship Sunday 8:30 am Worship & Live Stream 10:00 am Adult Bible Class 6:00-7:30 pm Youth Group

Welcome Concordia members & guests – please be sure to fill out the attendance/communion cards located in each pew. Thank you!

Last week at Concordia: Attendance: 37 Planned returning: \$4,186 Actual returning: \$1,974 YTD: (\$30,013)

Just in time for the holidays – get you Butter Braids. Youth will be taking orders until the end of October. Butter Braids will be delivered on November 16th. Order forms are on the back table in the narthex. Proceeds will go towards the 2028 Mission trip.

Mark your calendars! Sunday, November 15th – Annual Harvest Dinner. You're invited to a pork dinner with vegetables and potatoes. Please sign up to let us know you're attending and to bring a salad or dessert to share. Signup sheets are on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Stewardship Campaign for 2027 is approaching. Please take time to prayerfully consider how you can support our church through service and financial giving. Stewardship packets will be available in the coat room starting the evening of Wednesday, October 28. You can also pick them up on **Stewardship Sunday, November 1 in the narthex**. Please return your completed packets by Sunday, November 8, so we can organize the information. Thank you for your continued support!

You and your family are invited to this year's Fall Fest at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Marion! Save the date for **Sunday, October 25 from 2-5 pm**. We'll have Trunk or Treat, bouncy house (weather dependent), cake walk, lots of fall crafts and games, pumpkin painting, Bible Hero Scavenger Hunt, and more! Enjoy some yummy popcorn, bonfire-cooked s'mores, cocoa, and NEW this year hot dog + chips meal while we outreach to our community and enjoy fellowship together at the Reformation. Please contact the church office (319.377.4687) with any questions or visit <https://www.mystpauls.org/>.

Building Healthy Families: Martin Luther encouraged Christians to remember their baptism each time they washed their face or bathed. He wrote, "In baptism, our sinful selves are drowned, and day by day a new self arises." As we celebrate Reformation Day and reflect on its meaning this week, take time to thank God for the gift of your baptism and remind your children and grandchildren of the promises God made to them through theirs. Happy Reformation Day from your friends at Lutheran Family Service! www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**

Holy Redeemer's October Neighbors' Table - The meal will consist of chili, chicken noodle soup, apple slices with caramel dip, corn, mac-n-cheese, cottage cheese, cake, and beverages. **All are welcome to join us.** The meal is scheduled for Thursday, October 29th. Serving runs from 4:30-6:30 pm.

Divine Service Setting One p. 151

565 Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

- 1 Thy works, not mine, O Christ,
Speak gladness to this heart;
They tell me all is done,
They bid my fear depart. Refrain
- ref To whom save Thee,
Who canst alone
For sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?
- 2 Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ,
Can heal my bruised soul;
Thy stripes, not mine, contain
The balm that makes me whole. Refrain
- 3 Thy cross, not mine, O Christ,
Has borne the crushing load
Of sins that none could bear
But the incarnate God. Refrain
- 4 Thy death, not mine, O Christ,
Has paid the ransom due;
Ten thousand deaths like mine
Would have been all too few. Refrain
- 5 Thy righteousness, O Christ,
Alone can cover me;
No righteousness avails
Save that which is of Thee. Refrain

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Confession and Absolution

Stand

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.

Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

**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.**

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.

Kyrie

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



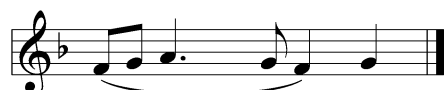
C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



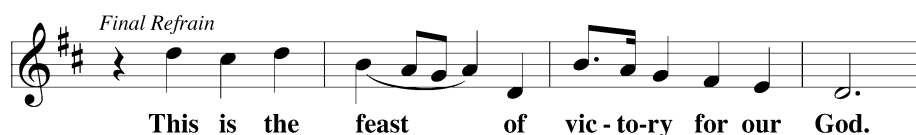
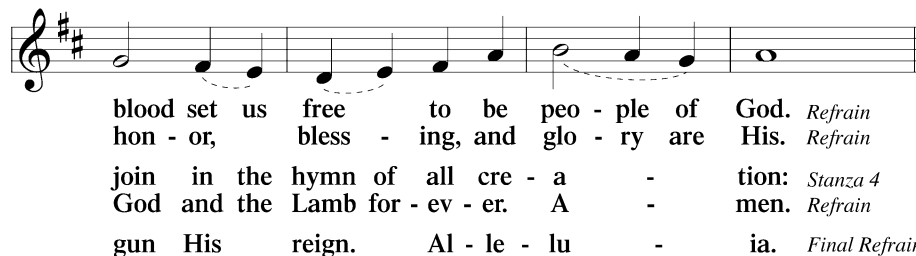
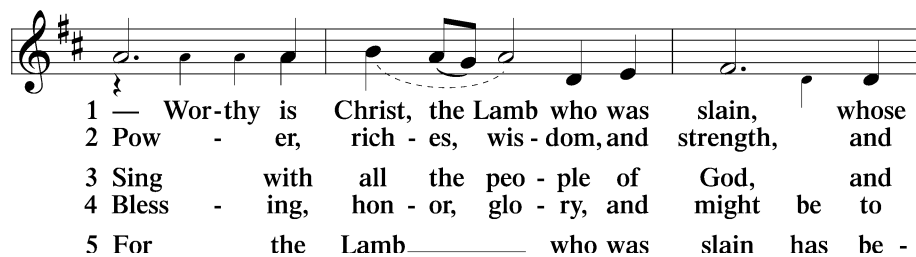
C A - men.

This Is the Feast

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C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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.

Sit

First Reading

Revelation 14:6–7

⁶Then 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. ⁷And 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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,
consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,

that you may tell the next generation
that this is God, our God forever and ever.

Epistle

Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156



Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

794 The Lord, My God, Be Praised

1 The Lord, my God, be praised,
My light, my life from heaven;
My maker, who to me
Has soul and body given;
My Father, who will shield
And keep me day by day
And make each moment yield
New blessings on my way.

2 The Lord, my God, be praised,
My trust, my life from heaven,
The Father's own dear Son,
Whose life for me was given,
Who for my sin atoned
With His most precious blood
And gives to me by faith
The highest heav'nly good.

3 **The Lord, my God, be praised,
 My hope, my life from heaven,
 The Spirit, whom the Son
 In love to me has given.
 His grace revives my heart
 And gives my spirit pow'r,
 Help, comfort, and support
 In sorrow's gloomy hour.**

△ 4 **The Lord, my God, be praised,
 My God, the ever-living,
 To whom the heav'nly host
 Their laud and praise are giving.
 The Lord, my God, be praised,
 In whose great name I boast,
 God Father, God the Son,
 And God the Holy Ghost.**

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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church (each petition after ends)

...let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, have mercy.**

Sit

Offering

786 Lord of All Good

- 1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be
That our whole life is offered to Your will.
- 2 We give our minds to understand Your ways;
Hands, eyes, and voice to serve Your great design;
Hearts with the flame of Your own love ablaze—
Thus for Your glory all our pow'rs combine.
- △ 3 Father, whose bounty all creation shows;
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:
To You with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

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Stand

Offertory

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What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

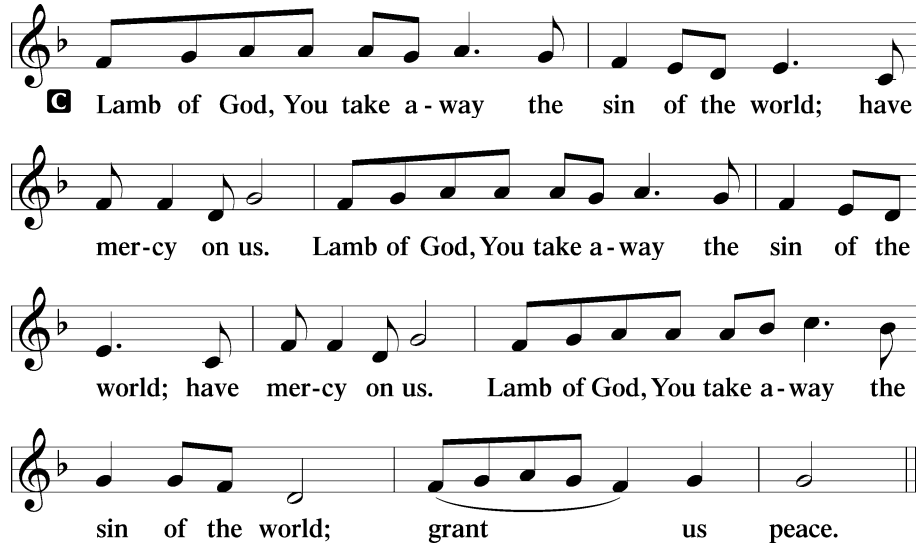
Pax Domini

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- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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C 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.

Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.
Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.
Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.
 Depart ✠ in peace.
C Amen.

566 By Grace I'm Saved

- 1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
 My soul, believe and doubt it not.
 Why stagger at this word of promise?
 Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
 No! Then this word must true remain:
 By grace you too will life obtain.
- 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;
 Our works and conduct have no worth.
 God in His love sent our Redeemer,
 Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
 His death did for our sins atone,
 And we are saved by grace alone.

- 3 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.
- 4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain;
As long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration,
What in His Word our God commands,
Our faith in what our God has done
Depends on grace—grace through His Son.
- 5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?
- 6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

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744 Amazing Grace

sts. 1–5

- 1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!
- 2 The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.
- 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Text (sts. 1–4): John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.; (st. 5): A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790, Richmond Text: Public domain

702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

- 1 My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

- 2 May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.
- 4 When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

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Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -
veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.
Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Post-Communion Collect

- P** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

657 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

sts. 1–4

- 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,
 Though life be wrenched away,
 They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!

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