

## Verbum Domini (Dei) Manet in Aeternum

*“The Word of the Lord Endures Forever”*

This phrase, and the symbol printed on the front cover of this guide, is based on 1 Peter 1:24-25. It became the axiom of the Lutheran Reformation. It was first used by Elector Frederick the Wise in 1522. He ordered that a similar likeness be sown onto the right sleeve of the court’s official clothing. Frederick’s successors, John the Steadfast and John Frederick the Magnanimous, continued the tradition. It later was adopted as the official maxim of the Smalcaldic League, an alliance of Lutheran territories created to defend Lutheran lands.

### FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION

Today, we commemorate the Lutheran Reformation accomplished through the work of Dr. Martin Luther (1483-1546). The Order of Divine Service reproduced in this Divine Service Guide is an adapted version of an early Lutheran mass (“messe” means “communion service”) written by Luther, the Deutsche Messe (German Mass) of 1526.

On October 31, 1517, Luther, a professor at the University of Wittenberg, posted 95 Theses onto the Castle Church door in a desire to debate the Roman Catholic practice of “indulgences” (selling pardons from sin’s punishment). The goal of Luther and his coworkers was that the Gospel be preached so that sinners could have peace with God. The Roman system of indulgences and good works left people in doubt about their status with God; the gospel—that Jesus takes away our sins freely—crushes doubt!

Among the many reforms that followed was Luther’s German Mass of 1526. Luther’s aim was to create a worship form that involved the laity and taught them the truth of the Gospel. Thus, the congregation was given the role of singing many parts of the service that had previously been reserved for monastic choirs and the clergy. Luther also removed parts of the Roman mass which reflected unscriptural thinking and customs. Our celebration today will follow Luther’s Messe (yet, in English!).

#### Readings for Next Sunday:

##### All Saints’ Day

[transferred from Nov. 1]

First Reading of the Day:	Revelation 7:2-17
Epistle of the Day:	1 John 3:1-3
Holy Gospel of the Day:	St. Matthew 5:1-12

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# A Guide to the German Mass of 1526

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## The Festival of the Reformation

In Commemoration of the 507<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
the Reformation

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## NOTE ON PARTICIPATING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout history, "closed communion" is observed here, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those who:

- (a) are baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
- (b) have been instructed in the truth of Holy Scriptures as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, have been confirmed in this Lutheran faith and practice, and now embrace this same Lutheran faith in the same way that it is believed, taught, confessed, and practiced in this congregation;
- (c) believe that in this Sacrament the real Body and Blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) repent of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services who are able to affirm these facts should speak to our pastor or the elder on duty before receiving the Sacrament. To other guests with us today, we express to you our sincere interest, friendship, and concern, and we assure you that it is for the spiritual welfare of all that we practice closed communion. Those desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with our pastor.

[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional  
Hymn "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" #656

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### The Service of the Word begins with the 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.**

(Ps. 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Ps. 119:46)

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*Salutation* p. 189

**Collect for the Festival of the Reformation** – 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 time 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. **A - - - men!**

[We are seated]

First Reading of the Day Revelation 14:6-7  
*[The Everlasting Gospel]*

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Liturgical  
Hymn "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" #655

Epistle of the Day **Romans 3:19-28**

*[Justified by Faith]*

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

[We rise]  
Liturgical  
Hymn "Preserve Your Word, O Savior" #658

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**  
Holy Gospel of the Day **St. Matthew 11:12-15**  
*[Jesus' Testimony of Himself]*

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Creedal  
Hymn "We All Believe in One True God" #953

[We are seated]

Sermon  
[We rise]  
Offertory "Salvation Unto Us Has Come" #555  
[stanzas 1-6]

[We are seated]

**The offering is received**

*God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!*

Rite of Confirmation Mrs. Sydney Damec  
Ms Marcie Little

[We rise] **Prayer of the Church**

*[Please review our Communion Policy inside this Guide]*

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**Sacramental Admonition**

[We are seated for the Distribution of the Body & Blood of Christ]

Hymn "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior" #627  
[We rise] **Doxology** #805

**Dismissal, Nunc Dimittis** p. 199

**Post-Communion Collect** – 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. **Amen!**

**Salutation, Benedicamus, Benediction** p. 201

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]  
**"God's Word is Our Great Heritage"** #582