



## “HERE I STAND” SUNDAY

Third Sunday of Easter

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### As We Gather

Today we join Lutherans across the nation in celebrating “Here I Stand” Sunday, a special 500th-anniversary observance endorsed of Martin Luther’s famous stand for God’s Word at the *Diet of Worms* on April 18, 1521. Encouraged by his bold confession of faith, we gladly bring to mind the truth that to gather in the Lord’s name and around His Holy Word and Sacrament is to be joined always to the full number of saints — both around the world and in eternity.

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### Organ Prelude & Tower Bell

Introduction to Worship & Video “Here I Stand”

## Confession and Absolution

### 645 Built on the Rock

- 1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand  
Even when steeples are falling.  
Crumbled have spires in ev’ry land;  
Bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest,  
But above all the souls distressed,  
Longing for rest everlasting.
- 2 Surely in temples made with hands  
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;  
High above earth His temple stands,  
All earthly temples excelling.  
Yet He who dwells in heav’n above  
Chooses to live with us in love,  
Making our bodies His temple.

- 3 We are God's house of living stones,  
 Built for His own habitation.  
 He through baptismal grace us owns  
 Heirs of His wondrous salvation.  
 Were we but two His name to tell,  
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
 With all His grace and His favor.
- 4 Here stands the font before our eyes,  
 Telling how God has received us.  
 The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice  
 And what His Supper here gives us.  
 Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim  
 Christ yesterday, today, the same,  
 And evermore, our Redeemer.
- 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,  
 That, when the church bells are ringing,  
 Many in saving faith may come  
 Where Christ His message is bringing:  
 "I know My own; My own know Me.  
 You, not the world, My face shall see.  
 My peace I leave with you. Amen."

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 30:1-5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b*



In your presence there is full- | ness of joy,\*  
at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

**I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn me up\*  
and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.**

O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,\*  
and you have | healed me.

**O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;\*  
you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.**

Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,\*  
and give thanks to his | holy name.

**For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a | lifetime.\*  
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

In your presence there is full- | ness of joy,\*  
at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

## 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*sts. 1-3*

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need  
That hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe  
Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.
  
- 2 With might of ours can naught be done,  
Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the valiant One,  
Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this?  
Jesus Christ it is,  
Of Sabaoth Lord,  
And there's none other God;  
He holds the field forever.
  
- 3 Though devils all the world should fill,  
All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill;  
They shall not overpow'r us.  
This world's prince may still  
Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none.  
He's judged; the deed is done;  
One little word can fell him.

## Collect from other

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, always present in trouble, silence our fears when Your good creation seems out of control and evil appears to run rampant. When the world assails the church, give us strength to take our stand upon Your Word. Like the dawning of a new day, dispel the darkness of our hearts and renew confident faith in Your constant presence and gracious protection; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

### 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*st. 4*

4 The Word they still shall let remain  
Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain  
With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life,  
Goods, fame, child, and wife,  
Though these all be gone,  
Our vict'ry has been won;  
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

### First Reading Acts 3:11-21

<sup>11</sup>While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed

for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle *Romans 8:31-39*

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

### Holy Gospel *Matthew 16:13-26*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>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.” <sup>20</sup>Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

<sup>21</sup>From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life?"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## 660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

- 1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
Ye soldiers of the cross.  
Lift high His royal banner;  
It must not suffer loss.  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry  
His army He shall lead  
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished,  
And Christ is Lord indeed.
  
- 2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;  
The trumpet call obey;  
Stand forth in mighty conflict  
In this His glorious day.  
Let all His faithful serve Him  
Against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger  
And strength to strength oppose.
  
- 3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;  
Stand in His strength alone.  
The arm of flesh will fail you,  
Ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the Gospel armor;  
Each piece put on with prayer.  
Where duty calls or danger,  
Be never wanting there.
  
- 4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;  
The strife will not be long;  
This day the din of battle,  
The next the victor's song.  
The soldiers, overcoming,  
Their crown of life shall see  
And with the King of Glory  
Shall reign eternally.

## Sermon “Here I Stand”

### Confession of Faith

- The First Article *Creation*

**C** I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

**P** This is most certainly true.

**C** Here I stand!

- The Second Article *Redemption*

**C** I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

**P** This is most certainly true.

**C** Here I stand!

- The Third Article *Sanctification*

**C** I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

**P** This is most certainly true.

**C** Here I stand!

### Organ Offertory and Steward *MINUTE*

- Offering Prayer

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*LSB 216*

**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 proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, especially for the gift of Your Son. He entered human history as one of us, was obedient to death, turned away Your righteous wrath by taking on Himself the punishment due us, and on the third day He rose, leading the way to eternal life for all who trust in Him for salvation. With Him by our side, we need not fear any foe. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we join our voices to praise Your holy name.

### Sanctus

*LSB 208*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### 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.**

**P** In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

### The Words of Our Lord

*LSB 217*

## Pax Domini

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

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

*LSB 210*

1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## Distribution

### 488 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

1 He is arisen! Glorious Word!  
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;  
The gates of heav'n are open.  
My Jesus did triumphant die,  
And Satan's arrows broken lie,  
Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.  
O hear what cheer!  
Christ victorious,  
Rising glorious,  
Life is giving.  
He was dead but now is living!

### 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son  
And bring to naught all He has done.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,  
For You are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Your holy Church that we  
May sing Your praise eternally.

3 O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife  
And lead us out of death to life.

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### Hymn "We Are Called to Stand Together"

1 We are called to stand together  
With the saints of ages past,  
With the patriarchs and prophets  
In the faith they once held fast;  
Promises and hopes they treasured  
Now we find fulfilled at last!

- 2 Those whom Jesus called apostles  
 Journeyed with Him side by side,  
 Heard His teaching, felt His power,  
 Saw the way He lived and died;  
 Then the news of resurrection  
 They delivered far and wide.
- 3 Through the intervening ages  
 Round the world the Gospel spread:  
 Faithful heralds took the message,  
 Guided where the Spirit led;  
 So the body grew in stature,  
 Serving Christ, the living head.
- 4 Now in many tongues and cultures  
 Songs of celebration ring;  
 Millions who confess our Savior  
 Honor Him as Lord and King  
 And, for courage, grace and guidance  
 Ev'ry day their prayers they bring.
- 5 To each coming generation  
 Tell the truth, persuade, explain,  
 Till the time when time is ended,  
 Till the Savior comes again—  
 Till the saints are all united  
 Under Christ's eternal reign!

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## Post-Communion Collect

- A** 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.

## Benedicamus

*LSB 218*

- A** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

- 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.

## 587 I Know My Faith Is Founded

- 1 I know my faith is founded  
On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;  
And this my faith confessing,  
Unmoved I stand on His sure Word.  
Our reason cannot fathom  
The truth of God profound;  
Who trusts in human wisdom  
Relies on shifting ground.  
God's Word is all-sufficient,  
It makes divinely sure;  
And trusting in its wisdom,  
My faith shall rest secure.
  
- 2 Increase my faith, dear Savior,  
For Satan seeks by night and day  
To rob me of this treasure  
And take my hope of bliss away.  
But, Lord, with You beside me,  
I shall be undismayed;  
And led by Your good Spirit,  
I shall be unafraid.  
Abide with me, O Savior,  
A firmer faith bestow;  
Then I shall bid defiance  
To ev'ry evil foe.
  
- 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You;  
Though persecution, grief, and pain  
Should seek to overwhelm me,  
Let me a steadfast trust retain;  
And then at my departure,  
Lord, take me home to You,  
Your riches to inherit  
As all You said holds true.  
In life and death, Lord, keep me  
Until Your heav'n I gain,  
Where I by Your great mercy  
The end of faith attain.

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**✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠**

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