



MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

Homecoming Worship

Singing the Faith:

A Celebration of the Hymns of Martin Luther

Chapel of the Christ

October 8, 2017 - 9:30 AM

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

CHORAL INTROIT & PROCESSIONAL HYMN

We Give Thanks to You, O God

Music by Kevin Hildebrand / Psalm 75:1, 71:7

All Glory Be to God Alone

Chorale text by Martin Luther

Choir: We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near.
We recount your wondrous deeds. O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.
We give thanks to you, O God.

Stand as the organ introduces the hymn.

Face the cross at the back of the chapel and follow its path to the chancel where it becomes the focus of Christian worship.



Choir: 1. All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the
All: 2. We praise you, God, and you we bless; We wor - ship you in
All: 3. Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Al -
All: 4. You take the whole world's sin a - way; Have mer - cy on us,
Choir: 5. You on - ly are the Ho - ly One And o - ver all are
All: 6. A - men, this ev - er true shall be, As an - gels sing a -



high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And
hum - ble - ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The
might - y One; O Lord, the Sole - be - got - ten - One, Lord
Lord, we pray. You take the whole world's sin a - way; Oh,
Lord a - lone. O Je - sus Christ, we glo - ri - fy You
dor - ing - ly. By all cre - a - tion, far and wide, You,



grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong man - kind may his good
ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of your great glo - ry do we
Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e - ter - ni -
lis - ten to the prayer we say. From God's right hand, oh, send to -
and the Spir - it, Lord Most High; With him you ev - er - more shall
Lord, are ev - er glo - ri - fied; And you all Chris - ten - dom does



will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
sing, And to your throne our thanks — we bring.
ty, O Lamb of God — to you — we flee.
day Your mer - cy on us, Lord, — we pray.
be One in the Fa - ther's maj - es - ty.
praise Now and through ev - er - last - ing days.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus paid for my sins with his holy life and innocent death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

HYMN

From Depths of Woe I Cry to You (*CW 305*)
Martin Luther

From depths of woe I cry to you; Lord, hear me, I implore you.
Bend down your gracious ear to me; My prayer let come before you.
If you kept record of my sin And held against me what I've been,
How could I stand before you?

Your love and grace alone avail To blot out my transgression.
The best and holiest deeds must fail To break sin's dread oppression.
Before you none can boasting stand, But all must fear your strict demand
And live alone by mercy.

ABSOLUTION

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Therefore my hope is in the Lord And not in my own merit;
It rests upon his faithful Word To them of contrite spirit.
That he is merciful and just—This is my comfort and my trust.
His help I wait with patience.

My soul is waiting for the Lord As one who longs for morning;
No watcher waits with greater hope Than I for his returning.
I hope as Israel in the Lord; He sends redemption through his Word.
We praise him for his mercy.

LITANY

from *Luther's Prayers*, edited by Herbert F. Brokering

- M:** Look, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled.
- C:** **My Lord, fill it.**
- M:** I am weak in the faith;
- C:** **strengthen me.**
- M:** I am cold in love;
- C:** **warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor.**
- M:** I do not have a strong and firm faith. At times I doubt and am unable to trust you completely.
- C:** **O Lord, help me.**
- M:** Strengthen my faith and trust in you.
- C:** **I have insured all my treasure in your name.**
- M:** I am poor; you are rich—
- C:** **and you came to be merciful to the poor.**
- M:** I am a sinner; you are upright. With me there is an abundance of sin;
- C:** **with you is fullness of righteousness.**
- M:** Therefore I will remain with you,
- C:** **from whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give.**
- M:** Almighty God, through the death of your Son you have destroyed sin and death. Through his resurrection you have restored innocence and eternal life. We who are delivered from the power of the devil may live in your kingdom. Give us grace that we may believe this with our whole heart. Enable us, always, to steadfastly praise and thank you in this faith, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C:** **Amen.**

Be Seated

HYMN

Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

Text: st. 1, German Hymn, c. 13th century; sts. 2-4, Martin Luther

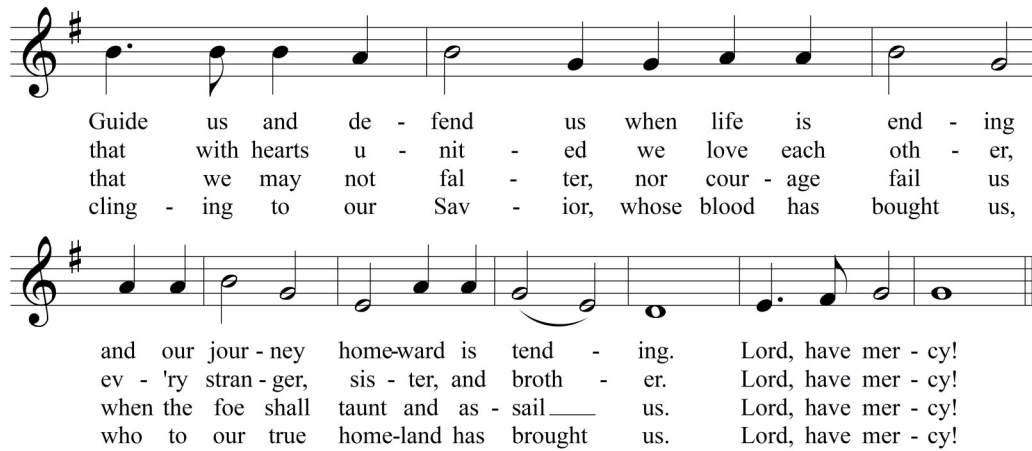
Setting by Zebulon M. Highben



All: 1. Now to the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray
Choir: 2. O sweet - est Love, your grace on us be - stow;
Choir: 3. Tran - scend - ent com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,
All: 4. Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light,



for true faith, most need - ed on our way:
 set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow,
 help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed,
 that we Je - sus Christ may know a - right,



We Celebrate the Word of God

LESSON

2 Kings 22:1-10

Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. His mother's name was Jedidah daughter of Adaiah; she was from Bozkath. He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and followed completely the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left.

In the eighteenth year of his reign, King Josiah sent the secretary, Shaphan son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, to the temple of the LORD. He said: "Go up to Hilkiah the high priest and have him get ready the money that has been brought into the temple of the LORD, which the doorkeepers have collected from the people. Have them entrust it to the men appointed to supervise the work on the temple. And have these men pay the workers who repair the temple of the LORD—the carpenters, the builders and the masons. Also have them purchase timber and dressed stone to repair the temple. But they need not account for the money entrusted to them, because they are honest in their dealings."

Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the Book of the Law in the temple of the LORD." He gave it to Shaphan, who read it. Then Shaphan the secretary went to the king and reported to him: "Your officials have paid out the money that was in the temple of the LORD and have entrusted it to the workers and supervisors at the temple." Then Shaphan the secretary informed the king, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king.

MÄNNERCHOR

We All Believe in One True God

*Text: Martin Luther
Setting by Ludwig Lenel*

We all believe in one true God, who created earth and heaven,
the Father, who to us in love hath the right of children given.
He both soul and body feedeth, all we need he doth provide us;
he through snares and perils leadeth, watching that no harm betide us.
He careth for us day and night, all things are governed by his might.

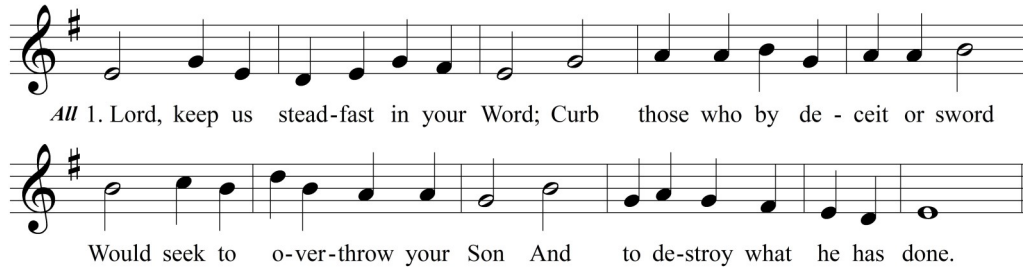
We all believe in Jesus Christ, his own Son, our Lord, possessing
an equal God-head, throne, and might, source of every grace and blessing.
Born of Mary, virgin mother, by the power of the Spirit,
made true man, our elder brother, that the lost might life inherit.
Was crucified for sinful men and raised by God to life again.

We all confess the Holy Ghost, who sweet grace and comfort giveth
and, with the Father and the Son, in eternal glory liveth;
who the Church, his own creation, keeps in unity of spirit.
Here forgiveness and salvation daily come through Jesus' merit.
All flesh shall rise, and we shall be in bliss with God eternally. Amen.

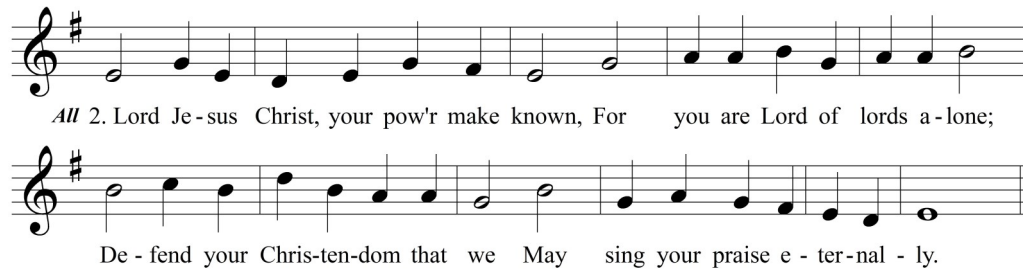
DEVOTION

Choir (*Psalm 119:5-6*)

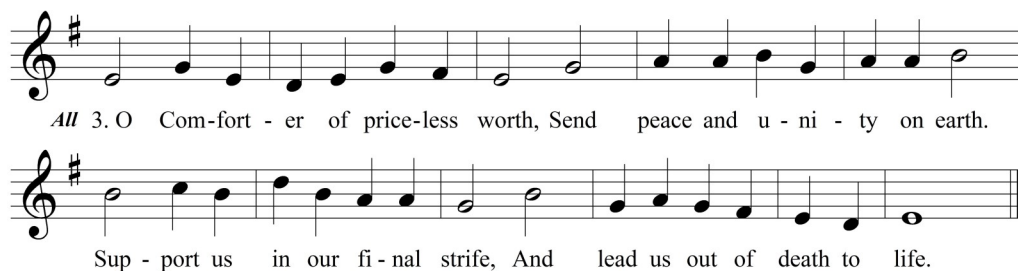
Oh, that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes.
Then I shall not be put to shame. Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word.

**Choir** (*John 8:31*)

And Jesus said, "If you abide in my Word, you are truly my disciples."
Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word.

**Choir** (*Ephesians 4:4-6*)

There is one body, there is one Spirit, there is one hope for which we live,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all.
Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word.

**Choir**

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word.

We Celebrate God's Plan of Salvation

LESSON

Romans 3:21-28

But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

WOMEN'S CHOIR

Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice

Text: Martin Luther

Setting by Hans Chemin-Petit

Dear Christians, one and all rejoice,
With exultation springing,
And, with united heart and voice
And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God hath done,
How His right arm the vict'ry won;
Right dearly it hath cost Him.

Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay,
Death brooded darkly o'er me,
Sin was my torment night and day,
In sin my mother bore me;
Yea, deep and deeper still I fell,
Life had become a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.

My own good works availed me naught,
No merit they attaining;
Free will against God's judgment fought,
Dead to all good remaining.
My fears increased till sheer despair
Left naught but death to be my share;
The pangs of hell I suffered.

But God beheld my wretched state
Before the world's foundation,
And, mindful of His mercies great,
He planned my soul's salvation.
A father's heart He turned to me,
Sought my redemption fervently:
He gave His dearest Treasure.

He spoke to His beloved Son:
'Tis time to have compassion.
Then, go, bright Jewel of My Crown,
And bring to man salvation;
From sin and sorrow set him free,
Slay bitter death for him that he
May live with Thee forever.

The Son obeyed His Father's will,
Was born of virgin mother,
And God's good pleasure to fulfill,
He came to be my Brother.
No garb of pomp or power He wore,
A servant's form, like mine, He bore,
To lead the devil captive.

To me He spake: Hold fast to Me,
I am thy Rock and Castle;
Thy Ransom I Myself will be;
For thee I strive and wrestle;
For I am with thee, I am thine,
And evermore thou shalt be Mine;
The Foe shall not divide us.

DEVOTION

Stand

HYMN

O Lord, We Praise You

Text: st. 1, German Hymn, c. 15th century; sts. 2-3, Martin Luther

Setting by Charles Schramm, Jr.



1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you, In thanks-
 2 Your ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en, Life to
 3 May God be - stow on us his grace and fa - vor To please

giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your bod - y
 win for us in heav - en. No great - er love than
 him with our be - hav - ior And live to - geth - er

and your blood you nour - ish Our weak souls that they may
 this to you could bind us; May this feast of that re -
 here in love and u - nion, Cher - ish - ing our blest com -

flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy! May your bod - y,
 mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy! Lord, your love and
 mu - nion. O Lord, have mer - cy! Let not your good

Lord, born of Mar - y, That our sins and sor - rows
 kind - ness did move you; Let your sup - per move us
 Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that heav'n - ly - mind - ed

did car - ry, And your blood for us plead In all
 to love you. All our debt you have paid; Peace with
 he make us. Give your Church, Lord, to see Days of

tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 God once more is made. O Lord, have mer - cy!
 peace and u - ni - ty. O Lord, have mer - cy!

*Be Seated**We Celebrate God's Promises Kept*

LESSON

Luke 2:28-32

Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."

Children's Choir

Isaiah, mighty seer in days of old, the Lord of all in spirit did behold
 High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright, with robes that filled the temple courts with light.
 Above the throne were flaming seraphim; six wings had they, these messengers of him.
 With two they veiled their faces as was right, with two they humbly hid their feet from sight,
 And with the other two aloft they soared; one to the other called and praised the Lord:

Choir: Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav'n - ly hosts!

Choir: Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav'n - ly

Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav'n - ly hosts!

hosts!

Congregation: Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav'n-ly

Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav'n - ly hosts!

hosts!

Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav'n-ly

His glo - ry fills the heav - ens and the earth.

hosts! His glo - ry fills the heav - ens and the earth.

Choirs

The beams and lintels trembled at the cry, and clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.

HYMN

In Peace and Joy I Now Depart

Text: Martin Luther

Setting by Jonathan Kohrs



All: 1. In peace and joy I now de - part Since God so wills —

Choir: 2. Christ Je - sus brought this gift to me, My faith - ful Sav -

All: 3. You sent the peo - ple of the earth Their great sal - va -

All: 4. Christ is the hope and sav - ing light Of those in blind -



it. Se - rene and con - fi - dent my heart; Still - ness fills — it.

ior, Whom you have made my eyes to see By your fa - vor.

tion; Your in - vi - ta - tion sum - mons forth Ev - 'ry na - tion

ness; He guides and com - forts those in night By his kind - ness.



For — the Lord has prom - ised me That death is but a slum - ber.

Now I know he is — my life, My friend when I am dy - ing.

By — your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, In ev - 'ry place re - sound - ing.

For — your peo - ple Is - ra - el In him find joy and glo - ry.

OFFERING

Hosanna Ringers

O Lord, We Praise You

Setting by Hart Morris

*An offering designated for student financial assistance will be taken.
Thank you for your generous support.*

Stand

PRAYERS

from *Luther's Prayers*, edited by Herbert F. Brokering

M: Lord God, dear Father, through your Holy Spirit you have taught and enlightened the hearts of your believers. Through the same Spirit give us a right understanding, to be glad at all times in his comfort and power; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Grant us grace, O Lord, that your holy name may be hallowed by us throughout the world, by the pure and sincere teaching of your Word and the steady love of our life. Graciously turn aside every false doctrine and all sinful living. Look in mercy upon your needy children, and grant us grace, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Lord, we know that we cannot produce or preserve for ourselves even one piece of daily bread. Nor can we guard ourselves against any need or misfortune. Therefore we will pray as you order, and hope to receive as you promise, for you take our needs to heart and help us before we even think of asking, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Awaken us, dear Lord, that we may be prepared to receive your Son with joy when he comes, and to serve him with a pure heart. Graciously hasten the coming of that day. Bless and prepare us with wisdom and strength so that, in the meantime, we may walk wisely and uprightly, joyfully awaiting the coming of your dear Son, our Lord, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

COMBINED CHOIRS

Luther's Morning Prayer
Carl Schalk

I thank you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
You kept me safely through the night, and brought me to the morning light.

Be with me through this day, I pray, and keep me safe from Satan's sway
that all I think or do or say please only you, my Strength and Stay.

Into your hands I now commend my body and soul until life's end.
Your angel keep me safe from harm until I rest in Jesus' arm. Amen.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

Be Seated

HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Martin Luther
Setting by Michael D. Costello

A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That has 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.

With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss effected.
But for us fights the valiant one Whom God himself elected.
You ask, "Who is this?" Jesus Christ it is,
The almighty Lord. And there's no other God;
He holds the field forever.

Choir 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.

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, or wife,
Though all may be gone, Our victory is won;
The kingdom's ours forever!

Service Participants

Presiding Minister

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Campus Pastor, Martin Luther College

Ministers

Rev. Nate Wordell ('12)
Tutor, Martin Luther College

Rev. Paul Spaude ('13)
Tutor, Martin Luther College

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Jonathan Laabs ('08)
Professor of Music, Martin Luther College

College Choir

Adrian Smith ('03)
Professor of Music, Martin Luther College

Hosanna Ringers and Männerchor

Craig Hirschmann ('84)
Professor of Music, Martin Luther College

Women's Choir and Children's Choir

Grace Hennig ('89)
Professor of Music, Martin Luther College

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Evan Arrowsmith (senior)
Josh Frailing (junior)
Nate Wong (senior)

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SungGon Kim (freshman)
Noah Melso (freshman)
Karissa Nolte (sophomore)
Gabriel Plocher (junior)
Prof. Adrian Smith
Lydia Wasserman (senior)

Instrumentalists

Trumpet- **Hannah Paustian (junior)**
Matthew Scharp (freshman)
Horn- **Christian Willick (senior)**
Trombone- **Carl Boeder (senior)**
Karissa Nolte (sophomore)
Tuba- **Zachary Johnson (sophomore)**
Percussion- **Rebecca Doering (sophomore)**
Eric Dorn (senior)
Jordan Massiah (freshman)
Zachary Scharlemann (senior)

Thank you for joining the MLC campus family for this special worship service.

God be with you till we meet again.