

# **“In Trembling Hands”**

DFW Joint Reformation Service

Calvary Lutheran Church  
Dallas, TX

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**HYMN:** CW 441 | O God, our Help, in Ages Past

**ALL**

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home,

**WOMEN**

Under the shadow of your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is your arm alone, And our defense is sure.

**CHOIR**

Before the hills in order stood Or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting you are God, To endless years the same.

**CHOIR**

A thousand ages in your sight Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

**MEN**

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;  
We fly, forgotten, as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.

**ALL**

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Still be our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!

**M:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

**C:** **One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.**

M: Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?

**C: He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.**

M: The Lord looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

**C: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.**

M: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him.

**C: I will exalt you, O Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths; O Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.**

M: Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name. For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime.

**C: I am a sinner and I am a saint. This is what the Lord says. I am a sinner in God's sight, not because God made me a sinner, but because I inherited the sin of my parents and because I sin every day. At the same time I am also holy in God's sight, not because of what I have done, but because God has declared me righteous for the sake of the perfect life and atoning death of his Son. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. I am a saint, God's own child, and an heir of heaven.**

**Response:** CWS 736 v 1-4 | All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

## All Christians Who Have Been Baptized



1 All Chris - tians who have been bap - tized, Who  
 2 You were be - fore your day of birth, In -  
 3 But all of that was washed a - way— Im -  
 4 In Bap - tism we now put on Christ— Our  
 5 O Chris - tian, firm - ly hold this gift And  
 6 So use it well! You are made new— In



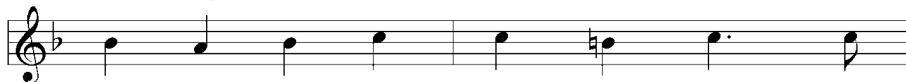
know the God of heav - en, And  
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 all that you en - deav - or. When  
 in your own vo - ca - tion, Un -



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 like your par - ents' flesh and blood, Turned  
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 here the flood of his own blood Now  
 noth - ing else re - vives your soul, Your  
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gifts he gives to ev - 'ry - one Bap -  
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tized in - to Christ Je - sus!  
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fore our heav'n - ly Fa - ther.  
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stowed on you for - ev - er!

*This hymn calls to mind the gifts of Holy Baptism—new life, forgiveness, and the divine inspiration to offer our lives in service to God and others.*

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Tune: NUN FREUT EUCH (87 87 887) *Etlich Christlich lider*, Wittenburg, 1524

### Prayer of the Day:

**M:** Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

### FIRST READING: Exodus 33:12-17, 34:5-9

*God's leaders along with his people have often felt overwhelmed by the task that God gives them. God assured them and assures of his gracious presence and help.*

### PSALM: A Mighty Fortress is our God.

*This mighty hymn of the reformation is a paraphrase and meditation on the words of Psalm 46.*

# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Martin Luther, 1483-1546  
Tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1805-90

Harmonization by Felix Mendelssohn, 1832  
Setting by Michael Burkhardt

*All in Unison* 1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A  
*All in Parts* 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our  
*Choir* 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should  
*All in Unison* 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, No

bul - wark nev - er fail - ing; Our help - er he a -  
striv - ing would be los - ing, Were not the right man  
threat - en to un - do us, We will not fear, for  
thanks to them, a - bid - eth; The Spir - it and the

mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For  
on our side, The man of God's own choos - ing. Dost  
God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us. The  
gifts are ours Through him who with us sid - eth. Let

still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us  
 ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is  
 Prince of Dark - ness grim, We trem - ble not for  
 goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal life al -

woe; His craft and pow'r are great, And armed with cru - el  
 he; Lord Sab - a - oth his name, From age to age the  
 him; His rage we can en - dure, For lo, his doom is  
 so; The bod - y they may kill; God's truth a - bid - eth

hate, On earth is not his e - qual.  
 same, And he must win the bat - tle.  
 sure; One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 still; His king - dom is for - ev - er.

**SECOND READING:** 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

*God has put the treasure of the gospel in jars of clay and entrusted the work of sharing it to frail people such as us to show that the extraordinary power of the Gospel is his and not ours.*

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** CW 442 | Have No Fear Little Flock

*The children's choir will sing the hymn for us as we meditate on its words.*

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 10:32-39

*Following Jesus and confessing him in this world is hard. It is a self-denying, life losing task. But the promise overrules all fear: He who endures to the end will be saved.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** CW 199 | In Trembling Hands, Lord God, We Hold

**SERMON:** Matthew 10:32-39 | "Put the Message Where your Mouth Is."

**CREED: Responsive Nicene Creed**

- M: In a world that has difficulty believing in the one true God, but is so ready to believe that our universe happened by some unknown accident or by a random combination of amino acids, what do you believe?
- C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**
- M: In a society that often teaches that Jesus was just a great human teacher, a wise prophet or just one of many ways to get to heaven, what do you believe?
- C: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were**

**made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.**

**M:** Across our created world, many falsely put their trust in things or in sinful human people, which only leads to hell and destruction. What do you believe? What do you believe about Jesus that proves He has conquered death and is true God just as He said?

**C:** **For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**M:** Those who refuse to trust the Lord are without hope. What do you believe that gives you hope now and for eternity?

**C:** **We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### **OFFERING:**

*Calvary Lutheran School is gathering offering in chapel to support three Lutheran schools in Haiti that are sharing God's Word, teaching, and providing daily necessities to children. Many of these children are orphans from the 2010 earthquake, and now more are suffering from the recent hurricane. Today, our offerings will join theirs to help send children to school, pay for teachers, and provide materials. May God bless our efforts.*

#### **CONFESSIOAL ADDRESS:**

**M:** Today, we have heard again of God's great patience. We have been reminded that he is slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, that he also forgives wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet, and at the same time, he takes sin seriously. He does not leave the guilty unpunished, but threatens with hell all who transgress his commandments.

Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt but firmly believe that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, as Jesus became our servant.

In Holy Communion the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Personally we receive his body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Personally we are assured of his great love, even for me the worst of sinners.

Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood for forgiveness and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one another. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

### **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

**RESPONSE:** CW 312 v 6-7 | Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

Lord, I believe what you have said;  
Help me when doubts assail me.  
Remember that I am but dust,  
And let my faith not fail me.  
Your supper in this vale of tears  
Refreshes me and stills my fears  
And is my priceless treasure.

Grant that we worthily receive  
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
And, truly grieving for our sins,  
May prove by our behavior  
That we are thankful for your grace  
And day by day may run our race,  
In holiness increasing.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

*In his word, God makes it clear that Holy Communion is to be shared by people of a common proclamation of faith (1 Corinthians 11:26, 1 Corinthians 10:16). So without judging anyone's hearts, we invite those who share in our confession by their membership in our congregation or one of our sister congregations (WELS or ELS), and who are properly prepared (1 Corinthians 11:27), to receive the Sacrament.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN:** CW 313 | Jesus Christ, our Blessed Savior

*After the distribution the congregation stands to sing.*

**RESPONSE:** CW 312 v 8 | Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

For your consoling supper, Lord,  
Be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place  
The world against it rages.  
Grant that this sacrament may be  
A blessed comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.

**PRAYER:**

**M:** O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and also that we, being defended by you from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

**C:** **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 his favor and give you his peace.

**C:** **Amen.**

**HYMN:** CW 293 | God's Word is Our Great Heritage