

Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod



Please join us (via Facebook) this week, November 1-6, as we continue our celebration the Reformation! Check back every evening Sunday through Saturday (after 6:00pm) and a new hymn will be posted for your meditation and enjoyment.

Here is the first, The Church's One Foundation, written by Church of England clergyman, Samuel J. Stone, in 1866. The tune was composed by Samuel S. Wesley.

At the bottom of the post you will find Scripture references as well as a link where you can hear it sung by The Lutheran Warbler. You might even be tempted to sing along!

The attached image is that of the Wartburg, a castle overlooking the town of Eisenach, in the state of Thuringia, Germany. In 1999, UNESCO added the Wartburg to its World Heritage List. It was the home of St. Elisabeth of Hungary and the place where Martin Luther translated the New Testament of the Bible into German.

Christ's Peace



Kyrie Eleison

A BRIEF MEDITATION ON A HYMN OF THE CHURCH

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

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Scripture references: Ephesians 2:20; 4:4-6; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; Revelation 7:14b-17

The Church's One Foundation <https://youtu.be/CFfHtLMW2o>