On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther, an Augustinian monk and professor at the University of Wittenberg, posted a list of ninety-five theses for academic debate. By the late 1600s, Lutheran and Reformed churches across Europe were commemorating that event as a turning point in the renewal of the church. At the theological center of the reform movement was the good news that we are not saved by our own merits, but by the freely given grace of God through faith in Jesus. We do not trust in human strength, but in Christ, the incarnate Word of God, who abides with us even as nations rage and earthly empires fall. Conscious of the need for continual renewal—within the church and within our own hearts—we pray that the Holy Spirit would breathe through us today, uniting us in our proclamation of, and witness to, God’s love for the world.
Gathering

Opening Voluntary

Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist, BuxWV 208  
Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, BuxWV 184  
Dieterich Buxtehude  
(c.1637–1707)

Introit

Neno lake Mungu (Listen, God Is Calling)  
Tanzanian traditional

Neno lake Mungu lakuita wewe,  
Neno la wokovu, tena jema.

Listen God is calling, through the Word inviting,  
offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.

Yesu alisema, Mkahubiri.  
Neno lake Mungu la wokovu.

Jesus gave his mandate: share the good news  
that he came to us and set us free.

Help us to be faithful, standing steadfast,  
Walking in your precepts, led by your Word.

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn | See hymns at back

A Mighty Fortress  
EIN FESTE BURG

*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance | In unison:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in  
thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have  
left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not  
loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly  
repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and  
forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to  
the glory of your name. Amen.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

* All rise as able
Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

Proclamation
Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

Gracious God, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Keep us steadfast in your word, protect and comfort us in times of trial, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson
Jeremiah 31:31–34

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

There Is a River
Ellen Gilson Voth

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.
Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
He lifts his voice, the earth melts.
“Be still and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”

Text: Psalm 46:4–6, 10

New Testament Lesson
Romans 3:19–28

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
*Gospel Lesson

John 8:31–36

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

On Knowing the Truth

Response

*Response Hymn | See hymns at back

God Alone Be Praised

*Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call to Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People | The congregation responds to each petition:

People: Hear our prayer.

* All rise as able
Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, TWV 8:7

Georg Philipp Telemann
(1681–1767)

I. Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, Ein gute Wehr und Waffen. Er hilft uns frei aus aller Not, Die uns jetzt hat betroffen. Der alte böse Feind, Mit Ernst er's jetzt meint; Groß Macht und viel List Sein grausam Rüstung ist. Auf Erd ist nicht seinsgleichen. [Gottes Wort und Christi Lehr vergehet nun und nimmermehr.]


Text: Martin Luther, after Psalm 46

Offertory Music

A mighty fortress is our God, a good defense and weapon; our helper amid all distress that now has afflicted us. The old evil enemy is now deadly earnest; great power and much guile are his cruel armor. On earth is not his equal.

{God’s Word and Christ’s teaching do not perish now nor ever.}

Nothing with our own power is accomplished, we will soon be lost. But fighting for us is the just man, the one of God’s own choosing. Do you ask who that is? His name is Jesus Christ, the Lord of Sabaoth, and it is no other God. The field be must hold.

{God’s Word and Christ’s teaching do not perish now nor ever.}

The Word shall stand forever, No thanks to them. He is surely with us on the plain with his Spirit and gifts. Though they take our body, goods, honor, child and spouse, let all these go. They still have won nothing. The Kingdom shall remain with us.

* All rise as able
*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanksgiving

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

This morning we give thanks for Duke Divinity School and its work in forming students in Christian discipleship and nurturing them in love and service to Christ and the Church.

*The Lord’s Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord’s Prayer in the language of their choosing.

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.  
Amen.

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn 102

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Closing Voluntary

Fugue and Fantasia on  
“Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott”

Johann Pachelbel  
(1653–1706)

* All rise as able
TODAY IN WORSHIP

PRESIDING MINISTERS
The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery ................................... Dean, Duke University Chapel
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg...........................................Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel

PREACHER
The Rev. Dr. Mary Hinkle Shore.................. Rector and Dean, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary; Graduate School ’97

LECTOR
Ms. Kiana Hertogh........................................... Intern for Worship and Student Engagement, Duke University Chapel; Divinity ’22

MUSICIANS
Duke Chapel Choir ................................................................. Choir
Dr. Zebulon Highben ....................... Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel
Dr. Robert Parkins ........................................ University Organist, Duke University
Mr. Christopher Jacobson ..................... Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel
Ms. Leah Peroutka ............................................. Violin 1, Mallarmé Chamber Players
Ms. Anne Leyland .............................................. Violin 2, Mallarmé Chamber Players
Ms. Suzanne Rousso ........................................... Viola, Mallarmé Chamber Players
Mr. Nathan Leyland .............................................. Cello, Mallarmé Chamber Players
Mr. Don Eagle ............................................................ trumpet
Dr. Paul Neebe ......................................................... trumpet

HEAD USHER
Dr. James Ferguson ......................................... Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel

TODAY’S GUEST PREACHER | Today’s Goodson Guest Preacher is the Rev. Dr. Mary Hinkle Shore, rector and dean at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. As an ordained minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Dean Shore has served congregations in North Dakota and North Carolina. For sixteen years, she was on the faculty of Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, where she taught courses in New Testament, Greek and preaching. Her research interests continue to revolve around the way that old texts, like those in Scripture, play in new contexts. She is a frequent speaker and author of the book Signs of Belonging: Luther’s Marks of the Church and the Christian Life. She has also published articles in The Christian Century magazine, Word & World journal, Journal for Preachers and the website Working Preacher.

TODAY’S FLOWERS | Flowers for today’s worship service are given by the Nancy Hanks Fund.

TODAY’S OFFERING | All of today’s checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support mission trips sent out from the Chapel. You are invited to give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering. Please send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

ACCESSIBILITY | Large print hymnals and worship guides are available at the visitor relations desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel.
TODAY’S MUSIC | Much of today’s music connects to the comforting words of Psalm 46. In *There Is A River*, Ellen Gilson Voth sets selected verses of the psalm and uses flowing eighth-note rhythms in the organ to depict the river that gladdens the city of God. *Ein feste Burg* (“A Mighty Fortress”), Martin Luther’s famous Christocentric paraphrase of Psalm 46, was written in the late 1520s as a hymn of comfort. In Telemann’s motet setting—sung today at the offering—the first two stanzas are presented polyphonically, with the melody in the soprano (stanza 1) and bass (stanza 2). It is unclear why Telemann skipped the hymn’s third stanza, jumping directly to the final stanza in a typical cantionale setting. *God Alone Be Praised / PER CRUCEM* was commissioned for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017; like Luther, Susan Briehl uses Psalm 46 as her starting point. The tune begins in D minor but pivots to D major, illustrating the turn in Briehl’s text from the suffering of the world toward the redemptive hope of the crucified Christ, abiding with us in love.

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ALL HALLOWES’ EVE SERVICE | The Chapel’s candlelit All Hallows’ Eve service is today, October 31, at 10:30 p.m. This festival in the Church recalls the faith and witness of those who have carried on and cherished the Christian faith throughout history. The service celebrates the Church’s continuing communion with these men and women and memorializes the recently deceased. It comprises scripture readings, testimonies about saints of the faith, and music led by the Chapel’s Vespers Ensemble. (Halloween costumes are welcome in this service!)

ALL SAINTS’ REQUIEM EUCHARIST | In commemoration of All Saints’ Day, we will hold a special Requiem Choral Eucharist tomorrow, November 1, at 7:00 p.m. Music at this service will feature Spanish composer, Tomás Luis de Victoria’s *Officium Defunctorum*, a setting of the Requiem Mass from 1603. This service is offered in collaboration with the Anglican Episcopal House of Studies at Duke Divinity School.

AFTER WHITENESS | For three Wednesdays in November, book groups will meet at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to discuss *After Whiteness: An Education in Belonging* by Willie James Jennings. Groups will meet virtually starting on Wednesday, November 3. For the zoom link or additional information, please contact congregation@duke.edu.

JAZZ VESPERS ON THURSDAY | Our Jazz Vespers service this Thursday, November 4, at 7:00 p.m. blends the form of the traditional evening vespers service with the musical improvisation of jazz. The service combines poetry, ritual, blessings, and music. It is led by the John Brown Big Band, a professional jazz ensemble under the direction of John V. Brown, vice provost for the arts at Duke University.
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DURHAM PILGRIMAGE OF PAIN AND HOPE | Join students and Duke community members for the weekend of November 5–7 in an opportunity to discover how your spiritual journey is connected to our city, Durham. Through the Pilgrimage of Pain and Hope you will immerse yourself in the story of the city and the biblical story as you reflect with others on what it means for how you live your life in Durham. This is a full weekend experience from Friday afternoon through Sunday afternoon. Contact Rev. Bruce Puckett, assistant dean of the Chapel, if you are interested at bruce.puckett@duke.edu.

FOREST BATHING FELLOWSHIP EVENT | All are invited to spend two hours enjoying an exploration of forest bathing in Duke Gardens on Saturday, November 6, at 10:00 a.m. The event will occur rain or shine. It will be a gentle meditative stroll in the garden where participants will experience the sights, sounds, touch, smells, and restorative elements of the garden and learn about the Japanese practice known as forest bathing. Meet at the Doris Duke Center near the iris fountain at 10:00 a.m. Please bring a mask and wear comfortable shoes. The Gardens are located at 420 Anderson St., Durham.

ORGAN RECITAL NEXT SUNDAY | The Chapel will welcome organist Andrew Scanlon to present a recital next Sunday, November 7, at 5:00 p.m. Dr. Scanlon was recently appointed associate organist and choirmaster at the Church of the Advent in Boston, Massachusetts. From 2009 to 2021, he was the organ professor at East Carolina University as well as organist and choirmaster of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Greenville, North Carolina. Dr. Scanlon will play music by Johann Sebastian Bach, Nicolaus Bruhns, Pierre Cochereau, and Joseph Jongen on the Flentrop and Aeolian organs. Admission is free.

JUSTICE AND THE SPIRITUAL CRISIS OF GUN VIOLENCE | On Saturday, November 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 12-noon the Congregation at Duke Chapel, Community Ministry at Duke Chapel, and the Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham will sponsor a virtual retreat on “Justice and the Spiritual Crisis of Gun Violence.” This retreat will explore the complexity of gun violence in Durham by listening to multiple voices engaged in its tragic everyday reality. To register, please contact congregation@duke.edu.

SHELTER DINNERS | The Congregation provides a lasagna dinner for the residents of Urban Ministries once a month. Volunteers are needed to bring two cooked lasagnas to Urban ministries, 410 Liberty Street, Durham on Sunday, November 14, at 5:00 p.m. For additional details and to sign up, please contact congregation@duke.edu.

STAFF MEMORIAL SERVICE NOV. 17 | Duke Chapel and Duke University Hospital will co-host a service of remembrance for recent and former faculty and staff members who have died in the past year. This half-hour service on Wednesday, November 17, at 3:00 p.m. will be held in the Chapel’s main sanctuary (nave) and will include music, candle lighting, and reading the names of those who have died. Please join us to remember and give thanks for those who have given their work in service of the university community.
A Mighty Fortress

1 A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper frees us from the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

2 If we in our own strength confide, our striving turns to nothing, we tremble not, we trust God’s will: they cannot overpower us.

3 Though all the world with devils fill and threaten to destroy, The Spirit and the gifts are ours, for God with us is living.

4 God’s Word shall stand above the pow’rs, shall end all their thanks-giving; the righteous one fights by our side, the Christ Jesus, it is he, the Lord of hosts by name.

For still our ancient foe, You ask who this may be: Though Satan rant and rage, though all of these be gone, is armed to wage the fight: on earth there is no equal.

No other God we claim! None else can win the battle.

God’s judgment must prevail! One little word shall triumph.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1805–1890, alt.
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546
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God Alone Be Praised

1 Oceans rise, the coast-land trembles; mountains melt and dry earth crumbles. All the world with longing groans.

2 Nations rage, the empire fallers; seeking refuge, exiles wander. Walls and weapons rise from fear. Grief have shattered. Life from fields of death is raised.

3 Come and see; God’s mercy gathers all that sin and love abides; this gracious promise is our help our peace, be still; let proud ful thunder yield to songs of hope and solace. God’s strong word is solid ground.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, based on Psalm 46
Tune: PER CRUCEM, Zebulon M. Higbyen
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### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES
The Congregation provides weekly Sunday morning Christian education from 9:45–10:45 a.m. for all ages. Classes, which are held both in person and virtually, are open to the public. New participants are welcome at any time. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for Zoom link. Classes are as follows:

- **Wee Praise**: Music and movement for children age 3 and under—with parents or caregivers—available virtually.
- **Godly Play**: Spiritual formation for children ages 4 through 5th grade, available virtually.
- **Youth Bible Study**: Youth grades 6–12 will explore the Book of Genesis in Westbrook 0013.
- **Adult Bible Study**: Exploration of the Book of Jeremiah in Westbrook 0015.
- **Adult Forum**: On November 7, Dr. Will Willimon, former Dean of Duke University Chapel will discuss his newest book, *God Turned Toward Us: The ABCs of the Christian Faith*.

### LET’S BE IN TOUCH
We would like to get to know you. What are your questions? What is your story? Take a moment to fill out a very brief form and a Chapel minister or other staff member will contact you soon. Scan the QR code or visit chapel.duke.edu/connect.