



For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,  
and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the re-  
demption that is in Christ Jesus whom God put forth  
as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith.  
*Romans 3:23-25a*

**Reformation Sunday, October 25, 2020**

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*Welcome: We are happy that you have joined us for worship.  
May your worship of the living Lord enrich your faith and fill  
your life with the lively hope and lasting joy.*

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**AS WE GATHER**

Jesus announced that those who abide in His Word know the truth, which sets them free. And the truth, Paul points out in the Epistle, is that God has declared us justified, not guilty under His Law, because of His gracious gift of faith in Christ. That gift frees us from fearing God's righteous wrath; we are confident that the Lord of hosts is with us.

Sure of His presence and protection, we need not fear the forces of nature, the conflicts of people and nations, and the wiles of the devil. Rather, in all that we think, say, and do, we are free to respond to the angelic invitation we hear today: "Fear God and give Him glory...and worship Him who made heaven and earth." (Rev. 14:7)

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #657 vs 1-4

**INVOCATION**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God is our refuge and strength;

**C: therefore we will not fear.**

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

**C: and are justified by His grace as a gift.**

P: If you abide in My Word, you are truly My disciples,

**C: and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.**

**CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

Silence for reflection on God's Word

P: Lord of hosts,

**C: Hear our confession of sins and grant us Your mercy and forgiveness. We have not trusted in Your promised protection and strength but have looked elsewhere for help and refuge. You alone have provided the remedy for that which truly causes for separation, troubles, and death. For the sake of Christ, Your Son, our Redeemer, grant us forgiveness and deliverance from all that would keep us from Your present help. We ask it in the name of Jesus.**

P: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. Because that river of grace and power has flowed over us in our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ, in spite of our fear, the Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

By grace God has created each of us and everything that exists, and in the person of His Son entered our history and paid for our every sin and sin itself. In Christ's resurrection, God's promises have been made sure. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen. The Lord of hosts is with us! The God of Jacob is our fortress!**

**HYMN** "I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light" #411 vs 1-3

**INTROIT** Psalm 46:1-7

P: God is our refuge and strength, and ever-present help in trouble.

**C: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.**

P: Though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

**C: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.**

P: God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

**C: Nations are in an uproar, kingdoms fall; He lifts His voice, the earth melts.**

P: The Lord Almighty is with us;

**C: The God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**KYRIE**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord of hosts, have mercy.**

P: For those living in fear because of sudden disaster, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord of creation, have mercy.**

P: For those living in fear because of the evil intentions of people in power, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord of lords, have mercy.**

P: For those living in fear because of evil forces within the Church and oppression beyond it, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Christ, our Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with Thy Spirit.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, we pray, show Your humble servants Your mercy that we, who put no trust in our own merits, may be dealt with not according to the severity of Your judgment but according to Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

#### **FIRST READING** Revelations 14:6-7

*The Message of the Angel*

6Then I saw another angel flying in the midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. 7He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### **GRADUAL** (Psalm 34:9)

P: These are they who have come out of the great tribulation;

**C: they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

P: Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

**C: who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.**

#### **EPISTLE READING** Romans 3:19-28

*The Righteousness of God Through Faith*

19Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. 20Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

21But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, 23for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that come by Christ Jesus. 25God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—26he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

27Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. 28For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### **ALLELUIA and VERSE**

**ALL: (sing) Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

#### **HOLY GOSPEL** John 8:31-36

*The Truth Will Set You Free*

The Holy Gospel according to John, the eighth chapter

**C: (sing) Glory to Thee, O Lord.**

31To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

33They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?”

34Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. 35Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son

belongs to it forever. **36**So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **(sing) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

### **THIRD ARTICLE OF APOSTLES' CREED**

**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

P: What does this mean?

**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.**

**This is most certainly true.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" #575 vs 1-4

**MESSAGE** "Through Faith Alone"

**HYMN** "Word Of God, Come Down On Earth" #545 vs 1-4

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN** "Oh, That The Lord Would Guide My Ways" #707

**Go In Peace And Serve The Lord**

**Confirmation Sunday:** This morning during our 10:30 service we will confirm ten of our youth: Shanna Amborn, Angelina Arnold, Rylan Cutler, Grant Koehnen, Brock Lange, Reese Olson, Harrison Rathman, Kaylee Sukalski, Tyson Thate, Cade Williamson.

**Quarterly Voters' Meeting** will be held on Sunday, November 1 at 9:15 am. Election of officers and board members will be on the agenda.

### **Candidates for Unanimous Ballot**

<b>Treasurer</b>	Mary Whitehead
<b>Board of Education</b>	Stephanie Kneeland Darla Price
<b>Board of Elders</b>	Brian Krumwiede Ryan Kahler
<b>Board of Parish Services</b>	Lana Morris Deb Williamson Deb Schwager Janet Kahler
<b>Board of Stewardship</b>	Stephanie Wohlhuter Bonnie Wilson Lynne Mulso
<b>Board of Trustees</b>	Sam Meixell Jim Claussen

**Church Newsletter** will be printed this week. Please have all items for the newsletter turned into the church office by Monday afternoon.

**Weekday Worship Service** is this Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm with Holy Communion.

**FFF Sr. High** is scheduled to meet at the church on Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Friends are welcome to attend.

**Pancake Breakfast:** Trimont Fire & Ambulance will host a Drive-Thru pancake breakfast today, 9:00 am-1:00 pm at Trimont Fire Hall. Free will donations. Proceeds for fire equipment.

**Turkey Dinner To Go:** Next Sunday from 11:00-1:00 St. Paul's UCC of Welcome will have a turkey dinner for curbside pick up on Dugan Street. Cost is \$7/plate.

**Thank You** to Opal and Sally Yahnke for ironing the confirmation robes. Thank you to Sharon Huse for making the confirmation stoles.

### Take My Moments and My Days

**Sunday, October 25:**

8:00 Worship, No Sunday School, 10:30 Confirmation Service

**Wednesday, October 28:**

3:45 pm 7 & 8 Grade Confirmation, 6:00 pm Sr. High FFF, 6:30 pm Communion Service

**Sunday, November 1:**

8:00 & 10:30 am Worship, 9:15 am Sunday School/Voters' Meeting



**In Our Prayers** Verle Williamson and Sue Nelson

**Coping With Cancer:** Diane Beseke, Shirley Skogerboe, Serena Johnson, Marlene Kuntz, Tom Wescott, Bob Blazejak, Nathan Behne, Andrea Mileham, Cindi Crissinger, Lori Koerselman, Julie Krogman, Donna Nawrocki, Paul Overgaard, Elsie Swanson, Shelly Callahan, Gary Maday, Ginny Anderson, Georgia Holtz, Larry Norem, Lacy McNicol, Roger Spiegeler, Cyndi Johnson, Gloria Maschoff, Robert Ziemer, Kay Groth, Perry Caven, Harv Baird

**Care List:** Korrie Crouch, Terri Ringnell, Kurt Jans, Mary Kay Schultz, Bruce Behne, Steve Luhmann, LaVerna Diekmann, Carroll Behne, Theodore Carnehl, Reinold Hagen, Verna Bliesmer, Angie Leiding, Les Anderson, Taylor Antony, Dan Hanson, Glenna Shanley, Terri Schultz, Butch Pierson, Joyce Hansen Picken, Lorraine Gagnon, Sammie Moeller, Linda Chase, Lois Anderson, Adam Janssen, Helen Roebbeke, Bob Sherman, Bob Hoffmeyer, Marcella Brolsma, Bob Brolsma, and those we name in our hearts. *(Please help us keep this care list updated. We would like to know if families would like us to continue to have them on our care list, contact Pastor or the church office.)*

**Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week** Dennis Scheff, Aubrey Larson, Clint Cole, Grace Meyers, Monroe Morgan, Roger Nelson, Peg Meade, Colby Williamson, Dustyn Hartung, Kali Traetow, Carter Klima, Jean Finke, Ali Sinn, Kali Fransen, Connie Beckius, Gary Roush, Megan Morgan

**Members Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week:** Brent & Sara Meyer, Ronnie & Connie Beckius, LeRoy & Valera Meyer

**Today** we remember and keep in our prayers the ten confirmands: Shanna Amborn, Angelina Arnold, Rylan Cutler, Grant Koehnen, Brock Lange, Reese Olson, Harrison Rathman, Kaylee Sukalski, Tyson Thate, Cade Williamson. Flowers have been placed on the altar for this special occasion.

**Prayer Of Thanksgiving** for Tyler & Mikaela Morris who were blessed with a son, Wesson Paul. He was born October 18.