

Reformation Sunday

Therefore, since we have
been justified through
faith, we have peace with
God through our Lord Jesus
Christ, through whom we
have gained access by faith
into this grace in which we
now stand.



Romans 5:1-2 NIV



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REFORMATION
SUNDAY

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Service of the Word

Opening Prayer

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C (spoken) Amen.

Confession of Faith

Adapted from portions of the Apology to the Augsburg Confession, Art. IV: "Justification"

- P** The enemies of the Church condemn us for teaching that people obtain the forgiveness of sins not because of their own merits, but freely for Christ's sake, through faith in Christ. They condemn us for denying that people obtain forgiveness of sins because of their own merits. And they condemn us for affirming that people, through faith, obtain forgiveness of sins and are justified through faith in Christ. In this opinion of the Law there are many great and deadly errors. Let the careful reader think only about this: If this is Christian righteousness, what difference is there between philosophy and Christ's teachings? Romans 11 says:

- C** If [we are saved] by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if [we are saved by] works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.

♪ By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Hath Scripture ever falsehood taught?
Nay; then this word must true remain;
By grace thou, too, shalt heav'n obtain ♪

P If we merit forgiveness of sins by these acts of outward righteousness, of what benefit is Christ? Galatians 5 says:

C **Indeed, I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by the law; you have fallen from grace.**

♪ **By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;
Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer,
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone,
And we are saved by grace alone ♪**

P If we can be justified by reason and the works of reason, what need is there of Christ or regeneration? 2 Corinthians 3 says:

C **And we have such trust through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God. The letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.**

♪ **By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown,
Since I am saved by grace alone ♪**

P Since we receive forgiveness of sins and the Holy Spirit through faith alone, faith alone justifies. For we who are reconciled are counted as righteous and as God's own children. This is not because of our own purity, but through mercy for Christ's sake, provided only that we receive this mercy through faith. God wishes to show favor to those believing in Him, because God knows that Christ Jesus was *made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption* (1 Cor 1:30). And so we pray:

C **Merciful Father in heaven - we come before you as sinners unworthy of your grace. But if we were worthy, it would no longer be grace. We praise you for saving us from the condemnation of**

the Law by sending Jesus to be our fulfillment of it. In your free and great love toward us, you have given us Your Spirit to enlighten our hearts and to find forgiveness and salvation in Your Son. Lead us to trust in grace alone, received through faith alone, as revealed in Scripture alone.

♪ **By grace! This ground of faith is certain;
So long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration,
What in His Word our God commands,
What our whole faith must rest upon,
Is Grace alone, grace in His Son. ♪**

First Reading

Ezekiel 13:17-23

“Likewise, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people, who prophesy out of their own heart; prophesy against them, 18 and say, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Woe to the women who sew magic charms on their sleeves and make veils for the heads of people of every height to hunt souls! Will you hunt the souls of My people, and keep yourselves alive? 19 And will you profane Me among My people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, killing people who should not die, and keeping people alive who should not live, by your lying to My people who listen to lies?”’

20 ‘Therefore thus says the Lord God: “Behold, I am against your magic charms by which you hunt souls there like birds. I will tear them from your arms, and let the souls go, the souls you hunt like birds. 21 I will also tear off your veils and deliver My people out of your hand, and they shall no longer be as prey in your hand. Then you shall know that I am the Lord.

22 “Because with lies you have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and you have strengthened the hands of the wicked, so that he does not turn from his wicked way to save his life. 23 Therefore you shall no longer envision futility nor practice divination; for I will deliver My people out of your hand, and you shall know that I am the Lord.””

Responsive Psalm

Psalms 119:36-40

P Incline my heart to Your testimonies,

C **And not to covetousness.**

P Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things,

C **And revive me in Your way.**

P Establish Your word to Your servant, Who is devoted to fearing You.

C **Turn away my reproach which I dread, For Your judgments are good.**

P Behold, I long for Your precepts;

C Revive me in Your righteousness.

Second Reading

John 8:31-36

Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

33 They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, ‘You will be made free’?”

34 Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. 35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

Alleluia



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Confession and Absolution

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. For this reason we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His Name he gives power to become children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.

Hymn of the Day

TLH 473 The Church's One Foundation (vv. 1-3)

Sermon Text

Revelation 14:6-8

Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— 7 saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”

8 And another angel followed, saying, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”

The Church is Non-Perishable

I: Babylon is falling

II: The Gospel is everlasting

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Offertory

C ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. ♪

Hymn

TLH 262 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Offering

General Prayer + The Lord’s Prayer

P . . . in whose Name we also pray together:

C 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 and ever. Amen

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

WS 778 Grace Has a Thrilling Sound

Silent Prayer

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Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Please wait to be ushered out of the sanctuary. Please do not leave any bulletins or other materials behind. **Offerings** may be left in the offering plate in the rear of the sanctuary or mailed to the church.

Guest and Visitors, we are delighted to have you here for worship with us this morning and are grateful for the opportunity to share the saving gospel message of Jesus Christ with you! Because He lives, we shall live also! We invite you to sign our guest book in the entryway. Please speak to the members and pastor if you wish to learn more about the Gospel ministry here at *Trinity*, and we hope to see you again!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDARS – Church calendars for the month of November are available on the table in the North entryway.

COMMUNION – Next Sunday we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. Please prepare your heart accordingly.

EVANGELISM SEMINAR – Next Sunday, November 5th, Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton WI will be conducting an evangelism seminar to encourage us in how best to witness our faith in Christ with confidence and humility. **Worship will begin at noon** and will be followed by Pastor Ude's presentation and a potluck in the basement. Please join us and, if you are able, bring a dish to share!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS – Daylight savings begins next Sunday. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

- **Peter Evensen**, our foreign missionary to Togo, Africa, has been suffering from a kidney stone in this only remaining kidney. May the Lord keep Peter from any extreme remedial measures (like surgery) and grant him swift relief from his suffering.
- **Kate Sauers**, wife of Pastor Rob Sauers who serves Immanuel Lutheran Church in Winter Haven FL, was diagnosed with cancer recently. May God keep Kate in His loving care and bless the family with Gospel comfort.
- Please keep **Pastor John Hein and his family** in your prayers as he continues treatment for his thymic carcinoma. For updates on his care, visit: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pastorjohnhein>. Additionally, a GoFundMe has been set up to help offset medical and travel expenses:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/john-and-janelle-hein-family>.

- **Tina Eichstadt** is now at home recovering from the heart attack she suffered while on vacation in Hawaii. We praise the Lord for his grace thus far upon Tina, prayerfully confident that He will continue to guide her steps toward a full recovery.
- **Bob Conway**, husband of our organist Kathy, underwent successful eye surgery on Monday. We thank God for being with Bob and his physicians through the operation, and may He bless Bob's recovery.
- **Molly's friend, Jeanne**, has continued to take chemotherapy treatment to treat a brain tumor. May the Lord, in His love, alleviate any pain and suffering and grant healing according to His will.

CALL NEWS

<> Pastor David Reim of St. Paul Lutheran in Vernon, British Columbia is considering the joint call from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI.

<> Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen's Lutheran of Mt. View, CA is considering the call to Immanuel Lutheran of Mankato, MN.

FRUITS OF FAITH AT TRINITY		
Date	Attendance	Offering
10/1/23	22	\$2,655
10/8/23	17	\$1,170
10/15/23	17	\$1,693
10/22/23	18	\$686.26

GREETER SCHEDULE	
Next Sunday	Jeanne Helke
11/12	Dennis & Linda Lux
11/19	Ben Reim

NOVEMBER CLEANING SCHEDULE	
North Entry	Kenkman
Sanctuary	Poffenroth
Basement	Naumann