

Sola Gratia

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Festival of the Reformation

October 30, 2022

Sunday Worship: 9:30 am

Christian Education: 11:00 am

Lord's Supper:

First Sunday of the Month

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Wisconsin Synod

**“There is no Better or More Solid Foundation on Which to Build
than on Jesus Christ and His Precious Word!”**

IN THE NAME OF CHRIST OUR SAVIOR, welcome! If you are visiting, we extend you a special greeting, and invite you to come back and worship again. Please note there is a folder for young children in the back of the church. There is also a television monitor and restrooms in the fellowship hall. If you need any assistance during the service, please ask.

OUR WORSHIP follows a special order of service as we rejoice in the heritage of the Reformation, and as we build our lives on the foundation of its precious message—by grace alone, by faith alone, by Scripture alone, and by Christ alone. For your convenience the service is printed in this folder. Spoken and sung responses by the congregation are marked. If you are unfamiliar with the melodies of the hymns, they are printed in the copies of Christian Worship that are in the racks on the benches.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O gracious Lord, your Word will never be silenced, nor will it ever stop doing what you send it to do. Through your Holy Spirit, open our ears, our hearts and our minds to believe its precious truth. Then, fill us with the courage and confidence we need to firmly stand on its solid foundation and boldly confess its saving truth. Bless us as we worship you—our Lord, our God, and our Savior. Amen.

The Order of Worship

Pre-service Music

Welcome

Opening Hymn

“Christ is Our Cornerstone”
Christian Worship 528

Verse 1 congregation

Christ is our cornerstone; on him alone we build.
With his true saints alone the courts of heav’n are filled.
On his great love our hopes we place
of present grace and joys above.

Verse 2 men of the congregation

Oh, then, with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring!
Our voices we will raise the Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim in joyful song,
both loud and long, that glorious name.

Verse 3 congregation

Here, gracious God, do now and evermore draw near;
Accept each faithful vow and all your children hear,
And more and more on those who pray
each holy day your blessing pour.

Verse 4 congregation

Here may we gain from heav’n the grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv’n, be with us evermore
Until that day when all the blest
to endless rest are called away!

The Invocation

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

C: Amen.

God Purifies Us with the Gift of Forgiveness in Christ

God’s grace is his undeserved love for sinners

We Acknowledge Our Sinfulness

Psalm 6

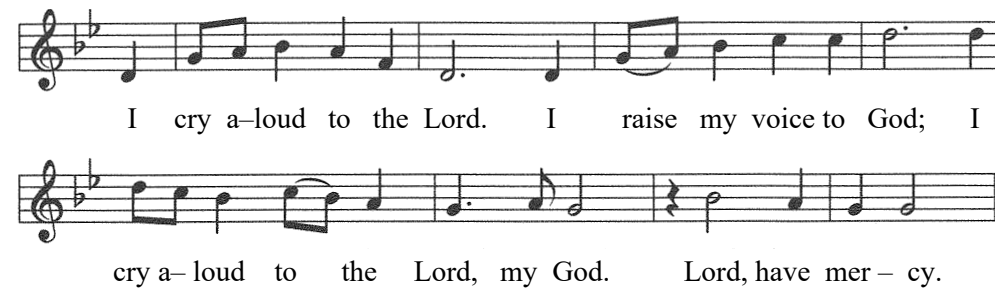
P: O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath. For your arrows have pierced me, and your hand has come down upon me.

C: **Because of your wrath there is no health in my body; my bones have no soundness because of my sin. My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear.**

P: O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Answer me quickly, O LORD; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

Congregation responds

*(the response will be played once, the congregation will
join to sing the second time it is played)*



P: All my longings lie open before you, O LORD; my sighing is not hidden from you. My heart pounds, my strength fails me; even the light has gone from my eyes. For I am about to fall, and my pain is ever with me. I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin. O LORD, do not forsake me; be not far from me, O my God. Come quickly to help me, O LORD, my Savior.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am crushed by my sin. Have mercy and forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

Congregation responds



I cry a-loud to the Lord. I raise my voice to God; I
cry a-loud to the Lord, my God. Lord, have mer - cy.

We Rejoice in Our Forgiveness

P: Jesus lived for us. Jesus died for us. Jesus rose again for us. In his great mercy God has made us alive even when we were dead in our trespasses and sins. Hear the gracious assurance of Christ our Savior through a called servant of his Gospel: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Congregations responds



I cried a-loud to the Lord. I raised my voice to God; I
cried a-loud to the Lord, my God. You had mer - cy.

Morning Prayer

P: O Triune God—our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter—we have come together in your presence to hear your holy Word. We pray that you would open our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit, so that through the preaching of your Word we may turn away from our sin, look to Jesus for forgiveness, and grow day by day in grace and true holiness. Hear us for Jesus' sake.

C: Amen.

The Lessons from God's Word

"You must always have the Word of God in your heart, on your lips, and in your hearts. Where the heart is idle and the Word does not cry out, the devil breaks in and has done damage before we are aware of it. On the other hand, such is the power of the Word if it is seriously contemplated, heard and used that it is never without fruit. It always awakes new understanding, pleasure and devotion and purifies the heart and thoughts. For these are not inert or dead, but active and living words."

M. Luther

Old Testament

Jeremiah 31:31-34

- ³¹Yes, the days are coming, declares the LORD,
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel
and with the house of Judah.
- ³²It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers,
when I took them by the hand
and led them out of the land of Egypt.
They broke that covenant of mine,
although I was a husband to them, declares the LORD.
- ³³But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days,
declares the LORD.
I will put my law in their minds, and I will write it on their hearts.
I will be their God, and they will be my people.
- ³⁴No longer will each one teach his neighbor,
or each one teach his brother, saying, "Know the LORD,"
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD,
for I will forgive their guilt, and I will remember their sins no more.

Psalm for the Day

Psalm 46

Refrain



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

Psalm tone



God is our re- | fuge and strength, *
an ever-present help in | trouble.

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

Though its waters | roar and foam, *
and the mountains quake with their | surging.

Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y 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.

“Be still, and know that | I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted | in the earth.”

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son, *
and to the Holy | Spirit,
As it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

Epistle

Galatians 5:1–6

¹It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not allow anyone to put the yoke of slavery on you again. ²Look, I, Paul, tell you that if you allow yourselves to be circumcised, Christ will be of no benefit to you. ³I testify again to every man who allows himself to be circumcised that he is obligated to do the whole law. ⁴You who are trying to be declared righteous by the law are completely separated from Christ. You have fallen from grace.

⁵Indeed, through the Spirit, we by faith are eagerly waiting for the sure hope of righteousness. ⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision matters. Rather, it is faith working through love that matters.

Verse of the Day

P: Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion. It cannot be shaken. It will stand.

As Jerusalem is surrounded by mountains, so the LORD surrounds his people from now to eternity. No, the scepter of wickedness will not rest on the land assigned to the righteous, so that the righteous do not reach out their hands toward evil. Do good, O LORD, for the good and for those who are upright in their hearts. But those who turn to their crooked ways—the LORD will send them away with the evildoers. Peace be on Israel.

Handbells

“Here I Am to Worship”

Tim Hughes

Arranged by Patricia Cota

Thank You Music / EMI Music Group

Gospel

John 8:31-36

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples. ³²You will also know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

³³“We are Abraham’s descendants,” they answered, “and we have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say, ‘You will be set free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Everyone who keeps committing sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵But a slave does not remain in the family forever. A son does remain forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free.

Prayer for the Word

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and put into practice. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faithful, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord—who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn of the Day

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Christian Worship 201

A mighty fortress is our God, a trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev’ry need that has us now o’ertaken.
The old evil foe now means deadly woe;

Deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done; soon were our loss effected.
But for us fights the valiant one whom God himself elected
You ask, “Who is this?” Jesus Christ it is,
The almighty Lord. And there’s no other God;
He holds the field forever.

Though devils all the world should fill, all eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; they shall not overpow’r us.
This world’s prince may still scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none. He’s judged; the deed is done!
One little word can fell him.

The Word they still shall let remain, nor any thanks have for it;
He’s by our side upon the plain with his good gifts and Spirit.
And do what they will—hate, steal, hurt, or kill —
Though all may be gone, our victory is won;
The kingdom’s ours forever!

Sermon

John 8:31-36

Theme

“Cherish What Really Matters!”

The foundation of the Truth

The precious work of Christ

Confession of Faith

*(the words of the Athanasian Creed are a reminder that it was only through
Jesus Christ, God’s Son and our Savior, that we receive God’s Grace
and the certainty of the resurrection to eternal life)*

P: It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh. Now this is the true Christian faith:

C: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother, fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh, equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity; and though he is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one; one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God; one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person; for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being, so God and man are one Christ.

He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and from there will come to judge the living and the dead.

At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds.

Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.

This is the true Christian faith.

Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

We respond to the Lord's undeserved love and his promises!

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer with Luther's Explanation

(the congregation will rise and read responsively)

P: Luther writes: "You must base your prayer on God's Word and promise, nay, on his own command and bidding, and say: 'Dear Lord, you know that I do not appear before you of my own accord and out of personal presumption, or because of any worthiness in me. For if I were to look at those things, I would not dare raise my eyes to you and would not know how to begin to pray. But I come because you yourself have bidden and earnestly requested us to call on you and have also promised us a hearing. Besides this, you have sent your own Son, who has taught us what we are to pray and has spoken the very words for us.'"

C: Our Father in heaven;

P: With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that he is our true Father and that we are his true children, so that we may pray to him as boldly and confidently as dear children ask their dear father.

C: Hallowed be your name;

P: God's name is certainly holy by itself, but we pray in this petition that we too may keep it holy.

C: Your kingdom come.

P: God's kingdom certainly comes by itself even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may also come to us.

C: Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

P: God's good and gracious will certainly is done without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

C: Give us today our daily bread.

P: God surely gives daily bread without our asking, even to all the wicked, but we pray in this petition that he would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

C: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us

P: We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins or because of them deny our prayers; for we are worthy of none of things for which we ask, neither have we deserved them, but we ask that he would give them all to us by grace; for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will forgive from the heart and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

C: Lead us not into temptation.

P: God surely tempts no one to sin, but we pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us, so that the devil, the world, and our flesh may not deceive us or lead us into false belief, despair, and other great and shameful sins; and though we are tempted by them, we pray that we may overcome and win the victory.

C: But deliver us from evil.

P: We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would deliver us from every evil that threatens body and soul, property and reputation, and finally when our last hour comes, grant us a blessed end and graciously take us from this world of sorrow to himself in heaven.

C: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen!

P: We can be sure that these petitions are acceptable to our Father in heaven and are heard by him, for he himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Therefore we say, “Amen! Yes, it shall be so.”

Handbell Choir

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”
Arranged by Cathy Mokolbust
Choristers Guild

Closing Verses

Psalms 145, selected verses

P: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

C: One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your might acts.

P: The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

C: All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you.

P: The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.

C: The LORD upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

P: My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.

C: Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

Benediction from Hebrews 13:20-21

P: May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him—through Jesus Christ—to whom be glory forever and ever.



Closing Hymn

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

Christian Worship 203

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would seek to overthrow your Son
And to destroy what he has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, your pow’r make known,
For you are Lord of lords alone;
Defend your Christendom that we
May sing your praise eternally

O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife,
And lead us out of death to life.

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Today—In our blessed Savior’s name, welcome. May God’s pure Word be your comfort, your help, and your strong foundation throughout your life. If you are visiting this morning, please sign the guest book, and worship again, soon!

- Following the service, take time to enjoy a cup of coffee, and the friendship we share in the Lord.
- Christian Education will follow the service at 11:00 am. We will consider Paul’s encouragement to the Christians scattered throughout Galatia, and his message of true freedom in Christ.
- This afternoon at 4:00 pm, we will gather at St. Paul’s First, North Hollywood, to observe the Reformation. This will be a special service for our Los Angeles Circuit. Pastor Ernest Zimdars will be the guest speaker. The California Lutheran High

School Choir will join the service along with a festival choir and children's choir. A fellowship meal will be served after the service. Please speak with Pastor Proeber regarding car-pooling.

Monday—There will be no Handbell practice this Monday evening.

Wednesday—Bible Class at 7:00 pm. We will begin the last section of the study, "Confidently Sharing our Faith." It is a reminder that we need to keep on doing the work the Lord has equipped us to do.

Friday—Office Hours from 10:30—12:30 pm.

Saturday—The members of Prince of Peace, Thousand Oaks, invite us to a workshop on 'apologetics' - effectively giving the reason for the hope we have. It will be Saturday, November 5th at 9:30 am. They ask that we would kindly RSVP so they can plan for food and snacks. There is a sheet on the table in the back of the church. You may also speak with Pastor Proeber for more information.

- Church Cleaning—Aitkins
- Lawn Care beginning October 30th—Everson

Sunday, November 6th—In person worship and live-streaming at 9:30 am. "All Saints Sunday" is a precious reminder of what our Savior does for us in time, and for eternity. Right now he gathers us with other believers in his holy Church. Through that church we receive the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. He also prepares us for what he has in store in heaven. He leads and protects us so that we can join his glorious and triumphant Church in heaven. There we will proclaim his praise throughout endless ages.

- During this service we will have the opportunity to receive the Lord's Supper. You may register to receive it today. You may also contact the Pastor if you would like to receive it privately.
- Christian Education will follow the service and will give us a picture of what we will experience in heaven as we live with our Savior in glory.

Thank You

To Al Todd, our Hymnsoft operator; to the handbell; To Josh Schoueler and Jim Everson for controlling the audio and live-streaming; to the Sue Proeber for placing flowers on the altar—to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for his many blessings.



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