

Grace Alone In Christ Alone

Reformation Sunday
October 26, 2025 – 11:00 AM

AS WE GATHER

God's Word declares this truth about Jesus Christ: "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." (Peter's words to those who criticized him for preaching about Jesus Christ and His resurrection.)

Though our sin has caused a separation between us and God, we have graciously been forgiven, rescued, and given new life through our Savior Jesus Christ alone.

It was all about "Christ alone" when Martin Luther posted his Ninety-Five Theses on October 31, 1517. And as we observe the anniversary of the Reformation today, we celebrate that it always has been, and always will be, Christ Alone. To Him belongs all glory! He is the way, the truth and the life!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE SING

**"Praise You Anywhere"
"Cornerstone"**

GRACE ALONE. FAITH ALONE. SCRIPTURE ALONE. CHRIST ALONE!

P: We are people who are sure of forgiveness because of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ alone. We are certain of this saving gift in our lives through God-given faith in Jesus. Our certainty does not rest on anything we have done. We are people who are confident in this Good News because we trust God's Word alone. Grace alone. Faith alone. Scripture alone. Christ alone. We stand on these truths!

**C: "It is by grace we have been saved through faith – and this not from ourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast."
(Ephesians 2:8-9)**

WORDS OF PREPARATION & CONFESSION OF SINS

P: God loves you. Let us, therefore, draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, seeking forgiveness through our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I confess to You that I have sinned against You in my thoughts, words, and deeds; by the things I've done and by those things which I've left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, have mercy on me and wash me with Your gracious forgiveness. By Your Holy Spirit, increase in me the goodness which flows from knowing You and loving Your Word. I pray that You will bring great blessing to my walk as Your child through my Savior Jesus. In His name I pray. Amen.

(A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION BEFORE THE LORD)

WE HEAR GOD'S FORGIVENESS

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6-7

⁶"Then I saw another angel flying in mid-air, 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."

EPISTLE READING

Romans 3:19-28

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, ²³**for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,** ²⁴**and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came 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.

GOSPEL READING

John 8:31-36

³¹To the Jews who had believed Him, Jesus said, "If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. ³²Then 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. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

KIDS' TIME

DCE Liz Peters

MESSAGE

"For Christ Sake"
(Today's Readings)

Pastor Doug Slavens

WE DECLARE OUR FAITH AND TRUST IN GOD – 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, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION OF OUR LORD'S BODY AND BLOOD

"In Christ Alone"

"O Come To The Altar"

COMMUNION BLESSING

GOD'S PEOPLE PRAY

LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING BLESSING

WE SING

"Lead On Good Shepherd"

OUR OFFERINGS

All that we have and all that we are, belong to the Lord. He fills us with what is good! We pray: "Fill us, Lord, to overflowing, that others may receive blessed through the blessings we ourselves have received from You."

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