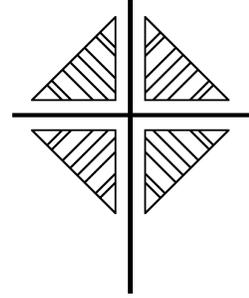


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BEGINNING OF THE REFORMATION**

“SOLA GRATIA”

October 8, 2017 8:00AM

“SOLA GRATIA” FOR IT IS BY GRACE ALONE THAT WE ARE SAVED (*Romans 3:23,24*): “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by His GRACE through the redemption that came by CHRIST JESUS.”

OPENING HYMN **“All Who Believe and Are Baptized”** *LSB 601*

ORDER OF HOLY BAPTISM **NORAH GENE GRAHAM** *LSB p. 268f*
daughter of Joshua & Jennifer Graham
Witnesses: Morgan & Anna Skidmore

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse our thoughts that we may love you more perfectly and magnify Your holy Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

C. Amen

P. Gracious God:

C. Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from You and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In Your compassion, forgive us our sins. Turn us again to You and uphold us by Your Spirit, so that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P. God, who is rich in mercy, has loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By GRACE you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, and by His authority as a called and ordained servant of the Lord, I forgive you all your sins. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Together, let us pray:

C. O Lord, our God, we acknowledge Your great goodness toward us and praise You for the Mercy and grace that our eyes have seen, our ears have heard, and our hearts have known. Help us to grow in grace and in the desire to serve You in all we do. We pray in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who died and rose again so that by GRACE we may be called Your children. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

(God's chosen people)

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples,

⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed

you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

P. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF GRACE

“By Grace I’m Saved”

LSB 566, vv. 1

By Grace I’m saved, grace free and boundless;

My soul, believe and doubt it not.

Why stagger at this word of promise?

Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?

No! Then this Word must true remain:

By Grace you too will life obtain.

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 138 *(To be read whole verse by whole verse)*

¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

²**I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.**

³On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.

⁴**All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth,**

⁵and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶**For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

⁸**The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

**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.**

HYMN OF GRACE**“By Grace I’m Saved”**

LSB 566, vv. 3

By Grace God’s Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was Grace, and Grace alone,
That brought Him from His heav’nly throne.

EPISTLE READING*(Made alive in Christ)***Ephesians 2:1-10**

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature

children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, *(continued...)*

⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may

boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

P. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF GRACE

“By Grace I’m Saved”

LSB 566, vv. 4

By Grace! This ground of faith is certain;
As long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration,
What in His Word our God commands,
Our faith in what our God has done,
Depends on grace, grace through His Son.

GOSPEL READING FOR GRACE (*We are saved by God’s grace*) **John 3:16-21**

¹⁶[Jesus said:] “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the

world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF GRACE

“By Grace I’m Saved”

LSB 566, vv. 6

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!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Amazing Grace”

LSB 744

SERMON

“Sola Gratia”
The Rev. Paul Rieger

Ephesians 2:1-10

TITHES & OFFERING

“Grace Alone”

~Trinity Choir

(Please fill out Friendship Pads; Ushers will collect them.)

PRAYERS OF THE DAY

P. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(Following each petition, the Pastor will say “Lord in Your mercy,” and the congregation will respond **“Hear our prayers.”**)

SACRAMENT

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P. O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment.

P. Hear then the Words of our Lord:

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P. As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C. Amen, Come, Lord Jesus.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C. Amen**

P. Welcome to the Lord’s Table.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Your Table I Approach” *LSB 628*

TRINITY HANDBELLS “God Is So Good”

“O Lord, We Praise You” *LSB 617*

COMMUNION DISMISSAL

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life-everlasting. Depart in peace.

C. Amen

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P. Together, let us pray:

C. Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your grace and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us as we pray, Amen.

BENEDICTION

P. As our service concludes, receive the blessing of our God.

“For it is by GRACE you have been saved, through faith, and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.”

C. Thanks be to God for His grace and mercy!

P. The GRACE of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. Amen

CLOSING HYMN

“Though All Our Life is Like a Scroll” vv.1,2,5

(Sung to the TUNE of LSB 555)

1. Though all our life is like a scroll
Unrolled with blemished pages;
Though sin has shredded what was
whole
And death is now our wages;
Yet here we stand in confidence,
With Jesus as our sole defense,
For He alone still saves us.

Please stand

5. Now sing a high doxology
To God who gives salvation.
Both here and in eternity
Let this be our vocation.
To Father, Son, and Spirit raise
A symphony of grateful praise,
For He alone is worthy.

2. Though pompously we try to dress
In costumes of our making;
Though fig leaves of
self- righteousness
Are futile and heart-breaking.
Yet filthy rags Christ gladly wore
So we would perish nevermore
His GRACE alone still clothes us.

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MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord,

C. Thanks be to God

*** * * TO GOD BE THE GLORY * * ***

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Presiding The Rev. Dr. Michael Nirva

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Trinity Choir; Trinity Handbells

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