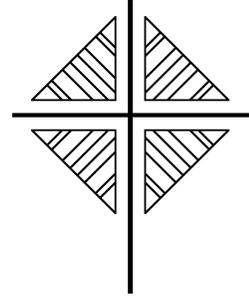


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**500<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEGINNING OF THE REFORMATION**  
**“SOLA FIDE”**

**WE ARE SAVED BY FAITH ALONE**

**October 14 & 15, 2017**

**5:30PM and 8:00AM**

*Philippians 3: 9* “Not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through FAITH in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by FAITH.”

**OPENING HYMN**

**“Faith of Our Fathers”**

1. Faith of our fathers, living still  
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,  
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
Whene'er we hear that glorious Word!  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death!
2. Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,  
Were still in heart and conscience free;  
And blest would be their children's fate,  
If they, like them, should die for thee:  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death!
3. Faith of our fathers, we will strive  
To win all nations unto thee;  
And through the truth that comes from God  
Mankind shall then indeed be free.  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death!

*(continued...)*

4. Faith of our fathers, we will love  
Both friend and foe in all our strife,  
And preach thee, too, as love knows how  
By kindly words and virtuous life.  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death!

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## INVOCATION

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

**C. Amen**

P. Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands, reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

**C. Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"**

P. Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

**C. For we know that we are justified by FAITH, and not by the deeds of the law.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

"How Firm a Foundation"

LSB 728

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P. We confess before You, O Lord, and before each other, our failure to live as your children of faith:

**C. Father in heaven, forgive us for not always living in ways that honor Your name, which we bear as Your baptized children. We live as if our faith does not matter. You love us without question, but we have not shown love for You or for our neighbor. Because we are by nature sinful and unclean, we set our minds only on the things of this world and not on the world to come. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen**

P. Dear friends, I can assure you, with the Words given to us in Galatians 2:16, we are not justified by observing the law, but by FAITH in Jesus Christ. So, we too have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ. As a called and ordained servant of my Lord Jesus Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you your sins and declare you righteous before God, as His dear children. May this forgiveness from God strengthen your faith. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen**

**RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 121***(spoken responsively whole verse by whole verse)*

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

<sup>2</sup>**My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

<sup>5</sup>The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

<sup>6</sup>**The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.**

**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.**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

P. Together, we profess our faith in the words of the 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**

**HYMN OF FAITH****"Though All Our Life Is Like a Scroll"**

vv. 1, 3

*(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!

*(continued...)*

3. Though earth's deep waters foam and roar  
 As surging waves are rolling;  
 Though all the nations rage with war  
 While bells of doom are tolling,  
 Yet God gives peaceful fortitude,  
 He nurtures us with heaven's food.  
 True faith alone still anchors

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P. St. Paul writes in II Timothy 3:15, "And how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through FAITH in Christ Jesus."

### **FIRST READING**

*(Those who lived by faith)*

### **Hebrews 11:1-16**

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and

became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

*(continued...)*

<sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they

would have had opportunity to return.

<sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

P. This is the Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

*(Righteousness by faith)*

**Romans 3:19-28**

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption

that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

P. This is the Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

## READING FROM THE GOSPEL

*(Jesus comforts His disciples)*

**John 14:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.

<sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

<sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I

am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C. Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****HYMN OF THE DAY****“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”**

LSB 702

**SERMON****“SOLA FIDE”***Romans 3:28**The Rev. Paul Rieger***TITHES AND OFFERING***(Please fill out the Friendship Pads; Ushers will collect them.)***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P. Together, let us pray:

**C. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, because of Your tender love for us, You have given us Your Son that, believing in Him, we might have everlasting life. Give us Your Holy Spirit that we may remain steadfast in this faith to the end and finally come to life everlasting, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

P. **Hear us, O Lord as we pray to you.**

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

P. Into Your hand we commit our prayers, You have redeemed us, O Lord, faithful God. Hear us as we pray as you have taught us:

**C. THE LORD'S PRAYER...**

**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. From 1 Peter, we read “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through FAITH are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. For you are receiving the goal of your FAITH, the salvation of your souls.”

**C. Amen! Thanks be to God.**

P. The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*Numbers 6:22-27*

**C. Amen**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”**

*LSB 720*

**MATTERS OIF IMPORTANCE**

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**\* \* \* To GOD BE THE GLORY \* \* \***

**LEADING WORSHIP**

**Preaching** The Rev. Paul Rieger

**Presiding** The Rev. Dr. Michael Nirva

**Music** Nancy Simonson, Organist;

**Elders** 5:30 – Brad Twedt; 8:00 – Mike Young

**Worship Assistants** 5:30 – Mitch Miller; 8:00 – Dave Simonson

**Lay Lector** 5:30 – Mark Remold

**Greeters** 5:30 – Rich Delaske, Lois Miner

8:00 – Sharon Sommers, Lynette Templin

**Ushers** 5:30 – Eric Remold, Dan & Judy Valentyn,

8:00 – Brian & Michele Fuchs, Harvey Bursch,  
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