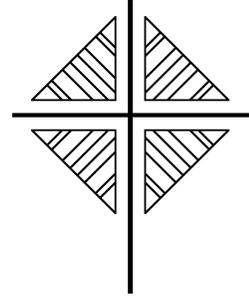


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CELEBRATION OF THE REFORMATION
JOINT GOSPEL MUSIC AND TRADITIONAL MUSIC SERVICE
“SOLA CHRISTI”
SALVATION THROUGH CHRIST ALONE
October 28 & 29, 2017

AS WE GATHER

We celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation of the Christian Church. Tracing our heritage back to Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-Five Theses on October 31, 1517, we join with God's children throughout the world to thank Him for saving us by His grace alone through faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The precious Gospel of Christ's life, death, and resurrection is the central truth of Holy Scripture, and it alone has the power to set us free from sin as we cling to Christ by faith. May the Lord bless us today as we worship Him and abide in His life-saving, life-changing and Unchanging Word! The very statements of God's Truth that Martin Luther fought for are the same Truths that we strive to uphold 500 years later!
Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word!

OPENING HYMN

“To God Be the Glory”

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

2. Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain*
3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

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

C. Amen.

P. For by grace you have been saved through faith.

C. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

P. not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

C. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,

P. which God prepared beforehand,

C. that we should walk in them.

*Ephesians 2:8,9***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P. The Word of God announces both His punishment and His pardon, His judgment and His grace. The Law of God, summarized in the Ten Commandments, reminds us of our continual need for the Lord's forgiveness. As we gather for worship, let us first pray to the Lord, confessing our sins to Him and calling upon Him to have mercy upon us. With humble hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, we confess to You, our lack of faith. We see the kind of people we ought to be, and we know that we fall short of the goal. We want a faith that is solid and unchanging, and yet we crumble under trials and temptations. Lord, forgive us. Look upon us through Your Son, Jesus Christ who loves us and has given us life in His name.

P. Jesus said, "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." Friends in Christ, let us abide in Jesus' Word, which brings us the freedom of His forgiveness. Almighty God, in His great mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for Jesus' sake forgives you all your sins. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE**“First Song of Isaiah”**

(Congregation and Choir 8:00,
Congregation and Karen Fuchs-Archambault 5:30 and 10:30)

The congregation is asked to sing this refrain after each verse is sung:

REFRAIN

Slowly

Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the
Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

VERSE 1: Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation
And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *Refrain*

VERSE 2: Make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world. *Refrain*

VERSE 3: Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion,
ring out your joy,
For the great one in the midst of you
is the Holy One of Israel. *Refrain (sung twice)*

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SALUTATION

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Together, let us pray.

All: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank You for preserving Your holy Church throughout the ages. For your gift of the blessed Gospel, we praise Your name. For the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection from the dead and life eternal in Christ, we thank You. For the faithful witness of Martin Luther and all those who proclaim Your Word of grace and truth we give You thanks. For Your holy and unchanging Word of truth, we thank You. Hear our prayer in the name of Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, throughout all eternity. Amen

FIRST READING *(God's messenger brings the eternal gospel.)* **Revelation 14:6–7**

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and

worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

PSALM *(God is our refuge, strength, and fortress.)***Psalm 46**

(To be read responsively at 5:30 and 10:30.)

Choir will sing the Psalm at the 8:00 service. Congregation will join in the refrain.)

Verse 7

Choir



The Lord of hosts is with us.

Congregation



The God of Ja-cob is our strong-hold.

All: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

P. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

P. though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

C. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

P. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

C. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts.

All: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

P. Come, behold the works of the Lord, how He has brought desolations on the earth.

C. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire.

P. "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

All: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

EPISTLE (*God justifies us through faith in Christ.*)**Romans 3:19–28**

¹⁹Now 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. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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. ²⁶It 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.

²⁷Then 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. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

(The Gospel will be read in the midst of the congregation to signify that Christ is with His people.)

HOLY GOSPEL (*God sets us free as we abide in Jesus' Word.*) **John 8:31–36**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to You, O Christ.

OFFERING

"There Is a Redeemer" ~Barb Beatty 5:30pm

"One Faith, One Hope, One Lord" ~Trinity Choir 8:00

"A Mighty Fortress" ~Trinity Handbells 10:30

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**HYMN OF THE DAY**

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

LSB 656

SERMON**“SOLA CHRISTI”**
*The Rev. Dr. Michael Nirva***John 8:31-36****CREED**

P. Martin Luther gave us an explanation of the second article of the Apostle’s Creed in his Small Catechism. We will speak this statement of our belief together:

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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.

P. What does this mean?

All: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, That I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, Just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

The pastor ends each petition with the words: “Lord in Your mercy”, and the congregation responds, “**Hear our prayer.**”

P. Into Thy hands we commit all for whom we pray,

C. Amen

PREFACE

P. The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C. And also with you.

P. Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

C. We lift them to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P. Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With hearts filled with joy, we receive the eternal gospel, which makes us right with You.

C. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we ask You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He invites us to do in this Sacrament. Gather us together from every nation, tribe, language, and people to celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

THE WORDS OF OUR

P. As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

C. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *Revelation 22:20*

P. Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and hear us as we pray:

C. LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

P. Welcome to the Lord's table.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"How Great Thou Art" *LSB 801*

"Blessed Assurance"

1. Bless-ed as-sur-rance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, Born of His Spir-it, washed in His blood.
This is my sto-ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long;
This is my sto-ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.
2. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light! Vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
An-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove, Ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
This is my sto-ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long;
This is my sto-ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.
3. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav-iour am hap-py and blest;
Watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove Filled with His good-ness, lost in His love.
This is my sto-ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long;
This is my sto-ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P. Let us pray... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have nourished our souls and set us free from our sins through the body and blood of our Savior. As we abide in Your Word of truth, work through our lives to share the freedom of Christ with all the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P. Brothers and sisters, you have been saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

C. We rejoice in this gift of God!

P. You are made to be His workmanship, walking daily in His Word.

C. We rejoice in the Word that sets us free!

P. The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

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

C. Amen

CLOSING HYMN

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

LSB 575

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God

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

LEADING WORSHIP

Presiding The Rev. Paul Rieger **Preaching** The Rev. Dr. Michael Nirva

Music Barbara Mrosko, Organist

Audrey Brien, Katie Brien, Mary O'Connor, Char Scurry, Violinists
Barb Beatty – 5:30; Trinity Choir – 8:00; Trinity Handbells – 10:30

Elders 5:30 – Brad Twedt; 8:00 – Mike Young; 10:30 – Wayne Meyer

Worship Assistants 5:30 – Mark Prieve 8:00 – Larry Schreck, Steve Zimmerman;
10:30 – Edward Morison, Mark Prieve

Lay Lectors 5:30 – Jan Paschke; 10:30 – Theresa Kelm

Greeters 5:30 – Donna Rae Schultz

8:00 – Dwight & Ruth Hildebrandt, Tammy Schwichtenberg
10:30 – Marilynn Nelson, Gloria Cloutier

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

8:00 – Brian & Michele Fuchs, Harvey Bursch, Bud Paschke, Phil Simonson
10:30 – George & Rachel Raab, Larry Hagre

Radio Broadcast Todd Voge **Nursing Home Ministry** Duane & Diane Olson

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