

SOLA SCRIPTURA ✘ SOLA GRATIA ✘ SOLA FIDE

The Festival of the Reformation



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SCRIPTURE ALONE ✘ GRACE ALONE ✘ FAITH ALONE

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Holy Communion

We welcome to the Lord's Table members of Our Savior and members of sister congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Pastor Gregory would be very glad to instruct you so that you can confess Jesus Christ with us and receive His holy body and blood for forgiveness, life, and salvation..

What Is the Reformation of the Church?

On October 31, 1517, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther, priest, Augustinian friar, and professor of theology at the University of Wittenberg, nailed to the door of Wittenberg's Castle Church *The Ninety-Five Theses* (propositions for debate) and sparked the revival of Holy Church which came to be called the Reformation.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ—the Church's only Head and Savior—called His Church back to Holy Scripture alone as the final teacher and authority for the children of God. Through Holy Scripture, the ancient and only true Gospel was again proclaimed. The Gospel of "justification by grace alone through faith alone because of Christ alone" is the glorious news that, on account of Jesus' perfect obedience and holy suffering, God loves sinners and declares righteous all who trust in His Son. Since this Gospel is "the power of God for salvation" (Romans 1:17), the Reformation was a rebirth of the Church through God's working.

Through God's Word and Sacraments, we sinners have received this saving Gospel and the undeserved and unearned righteousness of Christ as our own. Thus, we celebrate the Festival of the Reformation in gratitude to God our Savior and we commit ourselves again to *Sola Scriptura! Sola Gratia! Sola Fide!* and *Solus Christus!*—that is, Scripture Alone! Grace Alone! Faith Alone! all because of CHRIST ALONE!

Serving in Worship Today

Preacher & Celebrant	Rev. Peter Gregory
Liturgist	Ed Shaffer
Organist	Anne Bennet
Acolytes	Lazarus Gregory

Prayers for Worship

Non nobis, Domine, sed nomini tuo da gloriam.

Not unto us, O Lord, but to Your name be the glory.

A REFORMATION CONFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in *Scripture alone*, the writings of the Holy Ghost, in all that they teach, and only what they teach, as the sole infallible rule and guide of Holy Church, the very words of God, given from heaven for the salvation of sinners like me: His holy Law, which condemns and breaks our sinful hearts, and His holy Gospel, which alone pardons, cleanses, strengthens and saves.

I believe in *grace alone*, God's love for Christ's sake for the undeserving, the love in which God's Son came into the world and lived and died in our place to redeem us all, by which also I have been chosen and justified, and shall be glorified, unworthy as I am, to appear before God and live in His endless grace forever.

And I live by *faith alone*, which God the Holy Ghost has given me through the Gospel; which God my Father counts as righteousness, apart from any works of mine; through which alone I receive forgiveness for all my sins, new life as His child, and also His Spirit, His gifts, and His Paradise forever; because through faith alone He has joined me to Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, for all of time, and for all eternity. Amen.

> Note: The offering of tithes and gifts will be received in the offering box as you enter the nave for the service.
They will be presented before the Lord's altar prior to the Prayer of the Church. <

> Please stand and face the processional crucifix. <

THE OPENING HYMN – TUNE: TLH 282 – TEXT: LSB 656

“Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott” — Martin Luther

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| <p>1 A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath 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.</p> <p>2 With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.</p> | <p>3 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.</p> <p>4 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 take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone,
Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.</p> |
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THE INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

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

Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with sincere hearts to confess our sins to God, our Father, and to plead in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ for His forgiveness.

*Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.*

Psalm 124:8

*I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,
and You forgave the guilt of my sin.*

Psalm 32:5

All-Powerful God, merciful Father, I, a poor, pitiful sinner, confess to You all my sins and unrighteousness. By them I have continually offended You and fairly deserved Your punishment, both now and eternally. But from my heart I am sorry for them, and I sincerely repent of them, and I pray You, in Your limitless mercy for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

The Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

Amen.

THE INTROIT

I will speak of Your testimonies before Kings, O Lord,
and shall not be put to shame.

Psalms 119:46; 34:1–2, 11, 22

I will bless the LORD at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD,
let the humble hear and be glad.

Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

The LORD redeems the life of His servants;
none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

THE GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

THE KYRIE

Mark 10:47

**Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.**

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Glory to God on high:
and on earth peace, good will toward men.
**We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You,
we give thanks to You for Your great glory.**
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.
For You only are holy; You only are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, are most high
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

"Here I stand; I can do no other. God help me. Amen." — Martin Luther

> Please sit for the readings and stand, if able, for the hymn stanzas. <

Scripture Alone: 2 Timothy 3:12–4:5

RESPONSIVE HYMN – TUNE: TLH 223 – TEXT: RMH

**Jesus, Your Word unmoved shall stand through storms of lies on ev'ry hand;
Nor shall I from this rock be blown: I stand on Scripture—that alone!
God, help me! Amen!**

Grace Alone: Ephesians 2:1–10

**Here flows the grace which from above drowns all my sin in mighty love.
That I before Your holy throne may fearless stand by grace alone,
God, help me! Amen!**

Faith Alone: Romans 1:16–17; 3:19–28; 4:3–5

**In You alone my trust I place; Your life, Your death, Your righteousness—
Savior, I claim these as my own to stand and live through faith alone!
God, help me! Amen!**

THE NICENE CREED

Having heard the Word, what do you believe?

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father, and He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY – TUNE: TLH 261 – TEXT: LSB 656

“Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort” — Martin Luther

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son and bring to naught all He has done.**
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make known, for You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we may sing Your praise eternally.**
- 3 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.**

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The Sermon

John 8:31–36

THE OFFERTORY HYMN – TUNE: TLH 283 – TEXT: LSB 582

**God’s Word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way, in death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, we keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.**

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The Presentation of the Offering

I will offer the thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

O LORD, my strength, I love You.

The Rite of Confirmation

*for Benjamin John Paradis, Josiah Crawford Paradis, Elijah Michael Roach,
John Timothy Terhune, and Valerie Jeannine Terhune*

The Prayer of the Church

each petition closes with the words:

*Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.*

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

It is good and right that we do.

THE PROPER PREFACE

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

**Holy, holy, holy LORD God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

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.

The Words of Institution

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

THE PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.

Holy Communion

> Note about Holy Communion: All who receive Holy Communion here must first be instructed. Our pastor will be very glad to instruct you. Please contact the office for an appointment. Those who have not been instructed may come forward with their arms crossed to receive a blessing. <

Psalm 46

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: TLH 373 – TEXT: LSB 566

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| <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;
Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer,
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone,
And we are saved by grace alone.</p> | <p>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.</p> |

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5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?

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.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: TLH 528 – TEXT: LSB 724, STS. 1–2, 4–5

1 If God Himself be for me,
I may a host defy;
For when I pray, before me
My foes, confounded, fly.
If Christ, my head and master,
Befriend me from above,
What foe or what disaster
Can drive me from His love?

2 I build on this foundation,
That Jesus and His blood
Alone are my salvation,
My true, eternal good.
Without Him all that pleases
Is valueless on earth;
The gifts I have from Jesus
Alone have priceless worth.

3 He canceled my offenses,
Delivered me from death;
He is the Lord who cleanses
My soul from sin through faith.
In Him I can be cheerful,
Courageous on my way;
In Him I am not fearful
Of God's great Judgment Day.

4 For no one can condemn me
Or set my hope aside;
Now hell no more can claim me:
Its fury I deride.
No sentence now reproves me,
No guilt destroys my peace;
For Christ, my Savior, loves me
And shields me with His grace.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: TLH 245 – TEXT: LSB 571

1 God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.

2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.

3 God would not have the sinner die;
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.

4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood,
Your Baptism grants the highest good.

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5 If you are sick, if death draw near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

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THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29–32

Now, Lord, You dismiss Your servant in peace, as You have promised,
for my eyes have seen the Salvation You prepared before the face of all people,
a Light to enlighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

THE THANKSGIVING

Psalms 107:1

*Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
And His mercy endures forever.*

THE THANKSGIVING COLLECT

*Let us pray. Lord Holy Spirit, thank You for Your strong Word, which has given us this communion
with our Savior in flesh and blood. Show us the Savior also in Your Word, that we might learn and do His
will; that our lives might glorify the Father; and that, through us, other beloved sinners might receive grace
and life in Your saving Word, for You live and reign with the Father and the Son, one God, now and
forever. Amen.*

THE SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

*The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.*

THE BENEDICAMUS

[Psalms 103:1]

*Bless we the Lord.
Thanks be to God.*

THE BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

*The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
Amen. Amen. Amen.*

TUNE: TLH 223

**There's nothing else that I can do; my only Hope, my Help is You,
The Mighty Rock, my Cornerstone. Lo, here I stand in Christ alone!
God, help me! Amen!**

all because of CHRIST ALONE!

*On the cover is the Luther Rose or Luther Seal, which was designed by Martin Luther himself.
He describes it this way:*

First, there is a black cross in a heart that remains its natural color. This is to remind me that it is faith in the Crucified One that saves us. Anyone who believes from the heart will be justified (Romans 10:10). It is a black cross, which mortifies and causes pain, but it leaves the heart its natural color. It doesn't destroy nature, that is to say, it does not kill us but keeps us alive, for the just shall live by faith in the Crucified One (Romans 1:17). The heart should stand in the middle of a white rose. This is to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace—it puts the believer into a white, joyous rose. Faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). This is why the rose must be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12). This rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that a joyful spirit and faith is a beginning of heavenly, future joy, which begins now, but is grasped in hope, not yet fully revealed. Around the field of blue is a golden ring to symbolize that blessedness in heaven lasts forever and has no end. Heavenly blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and better than any possessions, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.

God's People at Prayer

For Home Devotions

The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of Baptism.

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

Readings from Holy Scripture

These may be read in the morning and evening, as suggested here, or in any way that best works with your schedule.

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Su	Deuteronomy 32:28–52	Matthew 20:17–34
M	Deuteronomy 34:1–12	Matthew 21:1–22
Tu	Jeremiah 1:1–19	Matthew 21:23–46
W	Jeremiah 3:6–4:2	Matthew 22:1–22
Th	Jeremiah 5:1–19	Matthew 22:23–46
F	Jeremiah 7:1–29	Matthew 23:1–12
Sa	Jeremiah 8:18–9:12	Matthew 23:13–39

A Reading from Martin Luther

Therefore, learn Christ and him crucified. Learn to praise him and, despairing of yourself, say, "Lord Jesus, you are my righteousness, just as I am your sin. You have taken upon yourself what is mine and have given to me what is yours. You have taken on yourself what you were not and have given to me what I was not." Beware of aspiring to such purity that you will not wish to be looked upon as a sinner, or to be one. For Christ dwells only in sinners. On this account he descended from heaven, where he dwelt among the righteous, to dwell among sinners. Meditate on this love of his and you will see his sweet consolation. For why was it necessary for him to die if we can obtain a good conscience by our works and afflictions? So you will find peace only in him and only when you despair of yourself and your own works. Besides, you will learn from him that just as he has received you, so he has made your sins his own and has made his righteousness yours.

Letter of Martin Luther to George Spenlein, April 8, 1516

Hymn

The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,
For You are Lord of lord alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing Your praise eternally. *LSB 655:2*

Daily Prayer

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

As children of the heavenly Father, we are bold to pray.

- Su For God's name to be kept holy through pure teaching and holy living
- M For God's kingdom to come and increase through the gift of the Holy Spirit
- Tu For God to hinder every evil plan and purpose of the world, the devil, and the sinful nature
- W For daily bread and contentment in all things
- Th For forgiveness of our sins and of those who sin against us
- F For protection in the midst of temptation
- Sa For rescue from all evils of body and soul and, when our last hour comes, a blessed end

The Lord's Prayer

Collect of the Week

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings for All Saints' Day, November 7

Revelation 7:9–17; Psalm 149;
1 John 3:1–3; Matthew 5:1–12