# "We Preach Christ Crucified..."

- 1 Corinthians 1:23

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# Sola Gratia Grace Alone

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#### As We Gather

At the Festival of the Reformation we give thanks we have been rescued from the false ways of salvation that could only lead us to ruin and doom. We owe God thanks for that rescue accomplished by His grace alone, on account of Christ's merit alone, and through the means of grace alone. At the same time we remember that apart from unqualified commitment to His Word, grace can be lost and with it the saving faith created through the Word in the one and only Christ, our one and only Savior. Therefore let us hear the Word of the Lord! Prompted by His grace let us recommit ourselves to purity of doctrine that comes alone from the Word, and to a life that reflects our devotion to the Savior who gives Himself for us and then to us in His pure Word and sacraments.

[Today's hymns are printed on pages 10-14 of the bulletin.]

# ♣ Preparation for Worship ♣

#### Hymn

WS 774 – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

#### Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

# **Dialogue for Reformation**

Psalm 122:1; 27:4; 24:3-4; 14:2-3; 51:1-3; 32:1; 30:1-2, 4-5

- **P** I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
- One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.
- **P** Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?
- **G** He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.
- The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.

- Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.
- P Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
- I am a sinner and I am a saint. This is what the Lord says. I am a sinner in God's sight, not because God made me a sinner, but because I inherited the sin of my parents and because I sin every day. At the same time I am also holy in God's sight, not because of what I have done, but because God has declared me righteous for the sake of the perfect life and atoning death of his Son. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. I am a saint, God's own child, and an heir of heaven.



#### **♣** The Service of the Word **♣**



#### **Salutation**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

## **Prayer of the Day**

- **P** Let us pray...
  - $\dots$  who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

# **Epistle Reading**

Revelation 14:6-7

<sup>6</sup> Then 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. <sup>7</sup> And 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."

# **Psalm of the Day**

Psalm 46

- **P** God is our refuge and strength,
- **C** a very present help in trouble.
- P Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
- **C** though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
- **P** though its waters roar and foam,
- **C** though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
- P There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
- **C** the holy habitation of the Most High.
- **P** God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
- **G** God will help her when morning dawns.
- **P** The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
- **C** he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- **P** The LORD of hosts is with us;
- **C** the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- **P** Come, behold the works of the LORD,
- **C** how he has brought desolations on the earth.
- **P** 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.
- **C** I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"
- **P** The LORD of hosts is with us;
- **C** the God of Jacob is our fortress.

<sup>5</sup> And Jesus began to say to them, "See that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup> And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. <sup>8</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains. <sup>9</sup> "But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. <sup>10</sup> And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. <sup>11</sup> And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

#### Alleluia

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



#### **Confession of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

**Sermon Text** 

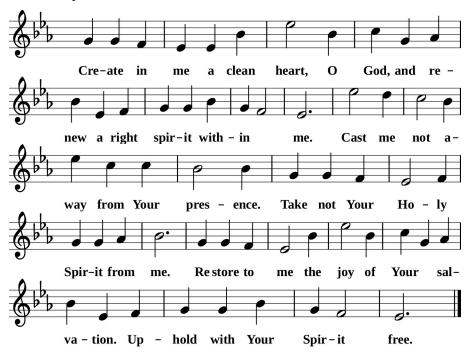
Isaiah 45:5-6, 18-25

<sup>5</sup> I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup> that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. 18 For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!): "I am the LORD, and there is no other. <sup>19</sup> I did not speak in secret, in a land of darkness; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, 'Seek me in vain.' I the LORD speak the truth; I declare what is right. 20 "Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you survivors of the nations! They have no knowledge who carry about their wooden idols, and keep on praying to a god that cannot save. <sup>21</sup> Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me. <sup>22</sup> "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. <sup>23</sup> By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.' 24 "Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; to him shall come and be ashamed all who were incensed against him. <sup>25</sup> In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall be justified and shall glory."



The Exclusivity of "Alone" Includes All

## Offertory



**Hymn** TLH 373 (1, 5-7) – By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless

# **Offering Hymn**

TLH 441 (1-2)

1 We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

# General Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

#### Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

#### Hymn

TLH 465 - Christ Is Our Corner-Stone







# TLH 373 (1, 5-7) – By Grace I'm Saved

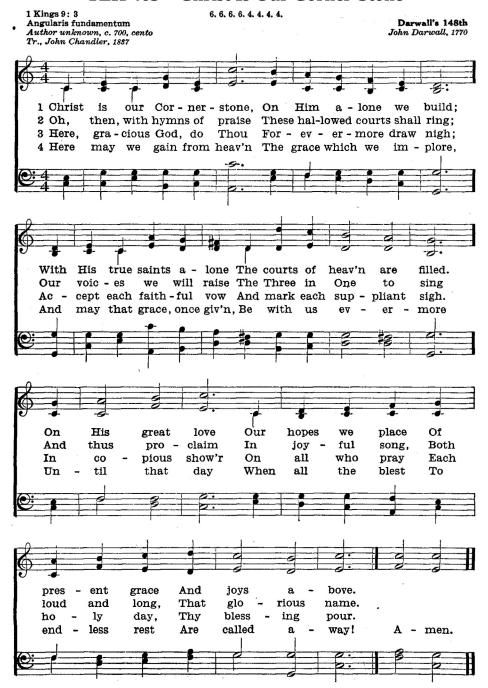
9. 8. 9. 8. 8. 8. Christian L. Scheidt, 1742, cento O dass ich tausend Tr., composite Kornelius H. Dretzel, 1731 1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be - lieve and 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct 3 By grace! Oh, mark this word of prom-ise When thou art by 4 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav-ior, Came down to earth to doubt it not. Why stag-ger at this word of prom-ise? have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er, sins op - prest, When Sa - tan plagues thy trou - bled con-science. bear sin. Was be - cause of thine own our Hath Scrip-ture ev - er false-hood taught? Nay; then this word must Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth: His death did for And when thy heart is seek - ing What rea-son rest. can - not That Je-sus died thy soul win? was to Nay. it grace, and By grace thou, too, shalt heav'n ob - tain. re - main: true a - tone, sins And we are saved by grace a - lone. com-pre-hend God by His grace to thee doth send. That bro't Him from His heav'n-ly throne. grace a - lone,

- 5 By grace! This ground of faith is certain; So long as God is true, it stands. What saints have penned by inspiration, What in His Word our God commands, What our whole faith must rest upon. Is grace alone, grace in His Son.
- 6 By grace to timid hearts that tremble, In tribulation's furnace tried,-By grace, despite all fear and trouble, The Father's heart is open wide. Where could I help and strength secure If grace were not my anchor sure?
- 7 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.

# TLH 261 – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word



#### TLH 465 - Christ Is Our Corner-Stone



# + Announcements +

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

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OUR SCHEDULE:	OUR SCHEDULE: "If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15				
*Online calendar at FDLlutheran.com or go to facebook.com/FDL.lutheran					
October 31	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class			
	10:00 am	Worship Service			
	4:00 pm	Area Joint Reformation Service at			
	-	Ascension Lutheran in Batavia, IL			
November 4	10:00 am	Bible Class			
November 7	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class			
	10:00 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion			
	11:00 am	Fellowship Hour			
November 9	6:00 pm	Council			
November 10	10, 11 am	Woodlands Worship Services			
	1:30 pm	St. Peter's Place Worship Service			
November 11	10:00 am	Bible Class			
November 14	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class			
	10:00 am	Worship Service			

**Altar Flowers:** The Altar flowers this month are in loving memory of Iris Jacobs and Bob & Jeanette Roehl.

**Joint Reformation Service**: Our area Joint Reformation Service will be held at Ascension Lutheran in Batavia, IL this afternoon beginning at 4:00 pm. A fellowship meal will follow the service. If you are interested in carpooling, please speak with Pastor.

Calendars: November calendars are in your church mailbox.

**Cause for Thanksgiving:** Dick Nast has returned home after two and a half weeks in the hospital. He is still doing rehabilitation at home, but he is feeling very well. We are thankful to our Lord for His grace and mercy toward Dick.

Advent by Candlelight: Save the Date! Luther Memorial Church is excited to host an Advent by Candlelight event for ladies on Sunday, December 5th at 3:30 pm at Luther Memorial. Ladies of Luther Memorial and other CLC congregations are invited. There is no charge for this event. This is a wonderful afternoon of encouragement from God's Word, music, and fellowship to help you prepare your hearts for the Advent and Christmas season! Reservations will be available at the beginning of November. Need more info? Want to bring an appetizer or dessert? Contact Kate at 314-540-8781.

**Youth Group**: The youth group will be getting together Friday November 19th to create some new children's play bags for under the member mailboxes! Please have your youth group member bring \$5 for us to take to Goodwill to get supplies. After we are done with the bags we will have a brief snack and devotion and some board games, so please bring games to share! This will start at 6 PM and go until 8:30 PM.

**Snow Removal**: As we are seeking out bids for removing snow in the parking lot, we also need to address the sidewalk. For many years the students in the school handled this but this is no longer an option. In the past few years the sidewalks have not always been cleared in a timely manner. If you are able to help, please speak to Tyler Kern or Mike Schierenbeck in the next few weeks. There is a snowthrower available for use in the shed so hopefully this will open up the number of people who could do this much needed work. Ideally we could have enough volunteers to make a schedule in a similar fashion to the way that we take turns with lawnmowing. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Thank you for your consideration.

**Fall Mission Webinar**: The Committee of Domestic Fields (CDF), a subcommittee of the CLC Mission Board, is hosting a fall mission webinar on Saturday, November 13 at 3 pm Central Time. The webinar will stream live on Zoom and include speakers from five different CLC congregations. We invite both individuals and congregational groups to join, please register by emailing Pastor Mark Tiefel — marktiefel@hotmail.com. The webinar theme is "Mission Myths" and covers 10 topics across a variety of different evangelism scenarios. Find more details on the CDF website - https://us.lutheranmissions.org/cdf/

**2022 CLC Mission Helper Trip:** Applications are being accepted for the 2022 Mission Helper Trip to Africa in July. Find more information and apply online at: <a href="mailto:mht.lutheranmissions.org/2022-east-africa">mht.lutheranmissions.org/2022-east-africa</a>.

**CLC News:** Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, has returned the call to Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA. + Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial Church, Fond du Lac, WI, has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. + Pastor James Albrecht of St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN, has received the calls to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD, and to Zion Lutheran Church, Ipswich, SD. + Mrs. Marcie Schierenbeck has accepted the call to be a half time teacher in the lower grades of Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI.

FRUITS OF FAITH – October 24	Attendance: 59
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<u>Luther Memorial Church</u> <b>Budgetary</b> (Regular Expenses)		Church of the Lutheran Confession  Budgetary (Regular Expenses)	
\$1,532.00	LM General Budget (10/24)	\$210.00	CLC General Budget (10/24)
\$3,076.92	Weekly Need	\$384.62	Weekly Need
-\$1,544.92	-Under / +Over	<b>-</b> \$174.62	-Under / +Over
\$109,962.83	Year to Date Offerings	\$5,781.00	Fiscal Year to Date Offerings
\$132,307.56	Year to Date Need	\$6,538.54	Fiscal Year to Date Need
-\$22,344.73	Year to Date (+/-)	<b>-</b> \$757.54	Fiscal Year to Date (+/-)
Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)		Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)	
\$20.00	LM School		ILC Student Aid Fund
	LM Student Aid Fund		ILC Building Fund
	LM Debt Retirement		ILC Improvement Fund
\$5.00	LM M & I	\$25.00	Mission Development (MDF)
\$5.00	LM Local Missions/ Outreach	\$15.00	Project Kinship/Orphanage
	LM Building Fund		Fall Mission Festival
\$5.00	LM Ladies Orphan Fund		Miscellaneous

As announced by email, Pastor Sauers has received a call from Faith Lutheran Church in Manchester, MO to be their pastor. In this time of deliberation and prayer, we do well to review what God says concerning the Divine Call.

#### The Divine Call

"The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps" (Proverbs 16:9). When met with decisions in life (whether a pastor with a call or anyone making an important decision), we use our God-given sense and abilities to evaluate those decisions. As we do this in prayer, seeking direction from God's Word, and with a humble desire to follow God's will, we can be confident that the decision we reach is from the Lord.

Our life's purpose is to make the best possible use of the gifts God has given to us and to do so with thankfulness in service to Him and His kingdom. With this in mind, a call decision is based upon a careful consideration of this question: "How can I best use the gifts and abilities God has given me to serve Him and His kingdom?"

In evaluating this question it is helpful for an individual to seek advice from other people. Others may be better able to assess a person's gifts and personal limitations. Others may also be able to recognize factors which the individual himself might overlook.

"How can I
best use the
abilities God has
given me to serve
Him and His
kingdom?"

God's call does not always match what human reason might suggest. Several of Jesus' disciples were fishermen, and none were trained Bible scholars. Yet the Lord chose and equipped each of them to do His work.

A person considering a call will frequently pass through 1) an initial reaction either to accept or return the call; 2) confusion as the various factors are considered; and 3) a clear conviction and decision. If a person is convinced of God's call, there should be no hesitancy to accept the call because whom the Lord calls He also equips (Exodus 4:10-17).

If a pastor returns a call, one might wonder why he received the call in the first place. Was the Holy Spirit wrong? No, God did not make a mistake. There was a purpose for the call...perhaps to remind the congregation of their work, or as an encouragement to the pastor, or to cause those involved to appreciate their current situation. Regardless, the Lord will use the situation for His good and glory.

