



October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 ~ 9:30 AM

Happy Reformation Day!



*(It isn't just Halloween!)*

The truth written here is a sweeter treat than Halloween candy! On **October 31st, 1517**, pastor and professor Martin Luther nailed a list of 95 arguments on a church door in Germany. *Back then that's how you started a discussion.* Luther's arguments gained wide acceptance and were sent throughout Europe via the newly invented printing press. Central to his concern was that the Roman Catholic Church had deviated from the Bible's simple teaching that you and I can be made right with God **only by faith** in God's Son, Jesus Christ.

# GATHERING

(\*Indicates to please rise as you are able in body, mind, or in spirit.)

## GATHERING MUSIC

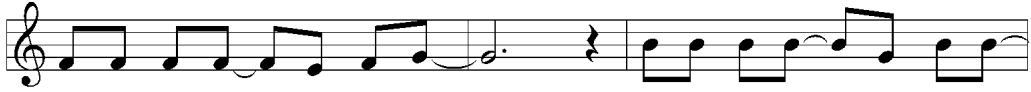
Only by Grace



On-ly by grace can we en - ter, on - ly by grace can we stand;



not by our hu - man en - deav - or,



but by the blood of the Lamb. In - to your pres - ence you call



us, you call us to come.



In - to your pres - ence you draw us, and now by your grace we come,



now by your grace we come. *Fine*



Lord, if you mark our trans - gres - sions, who would



stand? Thanks to your grace we are cleansed



by the blood of the Lamb. *D.C. al fine*

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## GATHERING PRAYER

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP FROM PSALM 46**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;** though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.** God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. **The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.** The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.** He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. **"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."** The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**\*HYMN**

*A Mighty Fortress is our God*



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

### SECOND READING

**Romans 3:19-28**

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

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

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

### \*GOSPEL READING

**John 8:31-36**

*The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to You, O Lord.***

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

*The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.*

## SERMON

**Pastor Dave Young**

## \*HYMN OF THE DAY

**One Name**

*One name under heaven whereby we all are saved.  
One name under heaven whereby we all are saved.*

*Forgiven of our sin, baptized in the water, filled with the Holy Ghost, washed in the blood of the lamb.  
Forgiven of our sin, baptized in the water, filled with the Holy Ghost, washed in the blood of the lamb.*

*Free, truly free my friend. Freed by the blood of the Lamb.  
Free, truly free my friend. Freed by the blood of the Lamb.*

*God's gonna move this place. God's gonna move this place.  
God's gonna turn the whole world upside down!  
God's gonna move this place. God's gonna move this place.  
God's gonna turn the whole world upside down!*

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## OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

***The Apostles' Creed***

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

*A brief silence for reflection.*

We pray for all who long for a word of truth and for the radical grace that flows from the cross. Inspire congregations to freely and boldly proclaim your love for all people with persistence and hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for your creation, for mountains, rivers, streams, cities, homesteads, and neighborhoods. Write in our hearts a new love and care for creation. Give us the will to curb wasteful habits and to hold accountable those who neglect the vulnerable. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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We pray for all who aspire to public office and for all who will vote on Tuesday at local polling places. Pour wisdom and understanding upon all who govern so that communities of justice and peace may thrive. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who long for healing in mind, body, or spirit and especially those on our prayer list. (*Names are read from the prayer list.*) Strengthen hospitals, clinics, counseling centers, nursing homes, and recovery centers to be holy spaces of renewal that all might live the abundant life you intend. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who seek to grow in faith and love of you. Guide teaching and learning in confirmation, small groups, Sunday school, youth groups, schools, seminaries, and universities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for all the saints and reformers who have gone before us who dwell in your holy habitation. Give us courage through their example to challenge unjust systems and work toward life-giving reformation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

## MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

*"May God Bestow on Us Grace"*

*Text by Martin Luther, 1483-1546*

*Music by Aaron David Miller*

*Offered by the Bethel Choir*

## HOLY COMMUNION

### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### \*JESUS' WORDS ABOUT COMMUNION & 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

## SENDING

### \*BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.** People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG**

*Onward, Christian Soldiers*



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,  
2 Like a might - y ar - my moves the church of God;  
3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, king - doms rise and wane,  
4 On - ward, then, you faith - ful, join our hap - py throng;



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.  
let us bold - ly fol - low where the saints have trod.  
but the church of Je - sus con - stant will re - main;  
blend with ours your voic - es in the tri - umph song.



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, leads a - gainst the foe;  
We are not di - vid - ed; all one bod - y we;  
gates of hell can nev - er 'gainst the church pre - vail.  
Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or un - to Christ the king.



for - ward in - to bat - tle, see, his ban - ners go!  
one in hope and doc - trine, one in char - i - ty.  
We have Christ's own prom - ise, and that can - not fail.  
We through count - less a - ges with the an - gels sing;

*Refrain*



On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.

Text: Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924  
Music: ST. GERTRUDE, Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842-1900

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. **Thanks be to God!**

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