

Reformation Day
October 31, 2021
Prelude
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 34:1-3

I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Invocation

#92

The Law of Christ

Col 3:5ff

Pastor: The Apostle Paul summarized the moral law of God by saying,

Congregation: Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices

Pastor: Beloved we have not done this as we ought; therefore let us corporately confess our sin:

Corporate Confession of sin:

Gracious Father in Heaven, on this day when we commemorate the work of your Spirit hundreds of years ago in the Protestant Reformation, we pray that you would reform our hearts. We are sinners and have broken your laws. We have not been Christ-like. Our love for you and our neighbor has been lacking. We humbly seek your forgiveness. Thank you for the great salvation that is ours in the Lord Jesus Christ. Please work in us conforming us to his image. These things we ask in his name, our great redeemer. Amen.

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Tim 1:15 - This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Congregation: We give praise to God for although he was angry with us his anger has been turned away and by faith in Christ our sins are forgiven.

Pastor: How far has he separated your sins from you?

Congregation: As far as the East is from the West, and he has replaced them with the righteousness of Christ

All: **Praise and glory be to God our Father and to his Son Jesus our only Savior!**

Response:

Minister: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. (Ps 92:1)

Congregation: **For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands. How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts!** (Ps 92:4-5)

Hymn: I Greet Thee Who MY Sure Redeemer Art

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Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism 60-61

60. Q. How are you righteous before God?

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Although my conscience accuses me that I have grievously sinned against all God's commandments, have never kept any of them, and am still inclined to all evil, yet God, without any merit of my own, out of mere grace, imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ. He grants these to me as if I had never had nor committed any sin, and as if I myself had accomplished all the obedience which Christ has rendered for me, if only I accept this gift with a believing heart.

61. Q. Why do you say that you are righteous only by faith?

A. Not that I am acceptable to God on account of the worthiness of my faith, for only the satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ is my righteousness before God. I can receive this righteousness and make it my own by faith only.

Song: I Will Glory in My Redeemer

I will glory in my Redeemer
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails
And hung Him on that judgment tree
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who crushed the power of sin and death
My only Savior before the Holy Judge
The Lamb Who is my righteousness
The Lamb Who is my righteousness

I will glory in my Redeemer
My life He bought, my love He owns
I have no longings for another
I'm satisfied in Him alone
I will glory in my Redeemer
His faithfulness my standing place
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me
My feet are firm, held by His grace
My feet are firm, held by His grace

I will glory in my Redeemer

Who carries me on eagle's wings
He crowns my life with lovingkindness
His triumph song I'll ever sing
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who waits for me at gates of gold
And when He calls me it will be paradise
His face forever to behold
His face forever to behold

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Matt 5
Psalter: Ps 29:1-5, 9-11 Now unto Jehovah Ye Sons of the mighty #45
Epistle: Rom 2:1-11

Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges.

For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things.

We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things.

Do you suppose, O man-- you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself-- that you will escape the judgment of God?

Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life;

but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.

There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek.

For God shows no partiality.

Sermon: Faith in the Preached Gospel Romans 10:14-17
[RE Matt Seufert]

Lord's Supper

Bread: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #304

Cup: No Condemnation

No con-dem-na-tion now in Christ Je-sus!

Great con-so-la-tion—Je-sus has died!

Our sin laid on Him, full par-don gives us.
Look-ing by faith dim, we're jus-ti-fied!

With judg-ment sure, must God re-com-pense us?
He per-fect-ly just, what is our plea?
This: "Christ is for us! Who is a-gainst us?"
His blood shed for us par-dons, sets free!

In Him and through Him—Christ our De-fend-er!
Prai-ses all due Him, what mys-ter-y!
God in Christ dy-ing as the of-fend-er!
His blood sup-ply-ing our par-don free.

Christ the great sure-ty to those be-liev-ing;
He all the pur-ity God can de-mand
Right-eous-ness given—con-science re-liev-ing!
By blood for-giv-en, in Christ we stand!

To Christ all bles-sing, praise with-out mea-sure!
In Him we're rest-ing, His peace made known.
His all the la-bors—ours all the plea-sure!
God's gra-cious fa-vors through Christ our own.

When there be-fore Him—then, in full glo-ry
We sing our new hymn, new prai-ses give;
'Twill be this old song, of Christ our glo-ry;
Through a-ges told long: "In Christ we live!"

Offering:
Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer

Closing Song: **May the Grace of Christ Our Savior**

May the grace of Christ our Savior
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union

With each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys, which earth cannot afford.

Benediction

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