

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Oct. 31 - Nov. 5, '22

Mon John 8:31-36 People have many ideas of "freedom." Some Jews thought that if they maintained their identity, even under the rule of others, they remained in a sense "free." Jesus, the Son of God, however speaks of a much greater freedom, freedom from sin and its consequences. This was the freedom that Luther cherished and shared.

Tues Galatians 5:1-6 Since Christ has set us free from the condemnation of the law for our sins, why would we want to go back to that same law seeking the same freedom? We will not find freedom there. The Law examines our tarnished works, but Christ gives us the benefits of His!

Wed Jeremiah 31:31-34 The prophet proclaims a new covenant, which the Messiah will establish. It will be a covenant of forgiveness that touches the heart, teaches a true knowledge of God, who is Love, and brings forth works of love from the heart.



Thurs Luke 19:1-10 Zacchaeus was a small man in more ways than one. But Jesus graciously came to seek and to save him, along with all of us. When the enormity of this salvation struck Zacchaeus, his money was no longer his greatest wealth.

Fri Romans 5:6-11 The amazing grace of God, that Christ would die for the ungodly! This is what reconciles us, the sinners, to God! In every circumstance of life, we can have this deep joy in Jesus, through whom we are now ready to stand before God!

Sat Micah 7:18-20 What a song to sing on our homeward journey! Praise to Him who trampled our iniquities underfoot, and cast them into the depths of the sea! We gave Him reason for wrath, but in Christ He shows steadfast love, compassion, and faithfulness forever, as He has sworn to our fathers from the days of old!

YOU WILL CAST ALL
OUR SINS
INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA.

October 30, 2022
Reformation Sunday



1 A might-y For-tress is our God, A trust-y Shield and Weap - on;
2 With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
3 Tho' dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger to de - your - us,
4 The Word they still shall let re - main Nor an - y thanks have for it;

He helps us from a very near death us to - tak - en.
But who would want One, who God Him-self e - lect - ed.
We tremble, we fear go ill, They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
He's by our side up - on the plain With His good gifts and Spir - it.

The old a - vil Foe Now means dead - ly woe;
Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus Christ it is,
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #262

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

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

C Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALMS

Psalm 119

P Oh LORD, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.

C **You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; for they are ever with me.**

P I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Your testimonies are my meditation.

C **I understand more than the ancients, because I keep your precepts.**

P How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

C **Through Your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.**

P Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Hymn: TLH #261:1

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word"

C **Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word;**

Curb those who fain by craft and sword

Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son

And set at naught all He hath done.

RESPONSIVE PSALMS

Psalm 2

P Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing?

C **The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,**

P Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,

C **"Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us."**

P He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the LORD shall hold them in derision.

C **Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure:**

P "Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion."

P And with grateful hearts we raise our voices to proclaim,

C **"The just shall live by faith." Amen.**

P And we unite in the Lord's Prayer: **"Our Father..."**

THE BENEDICTION:

followed by the "Amen" from TLH 458:9

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

P 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 His peace.

C **♪ Amen, that is, So shall it be. Confirm our faith and hope in Thee That we may doubt not, but believe What here we ask we shall receive. Thus in Thy name and at Thy word We say: Amen. Oh, hear us, Lord!**

CLOSING HYMN: TLH #370 *"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"*

CLC Call News - Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen Lutheran, Mountain View, CA, **has received** the call to Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL. + The CLC Board of Missions has called Pastor Dave Naumann of St. John's Ev. Lutheran, Clarkston, WA, and Peace Lutheran, Orofino, ID, to serve as the CLC's Third Foreign Missionary. + Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato, MN, **is still considering** the dual call to serve Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma, WA.

Upcoming Schedule:

Today: Kansas City Worship – 5:30pm

Wed: Bible Class – 9:30 am

Thurs: Garden View Service – 10:30am

Nov. 7-11: Pastor out of town (No Wed. Bible Class)

October 16th Offerings: \$ 1,391.50

October 23rd Offerings: \$ 2,030.50

Weekly Offerings needed for budget \$ 1,607.69

General Fund Balance \$19,981.35

Faith-Blue Springs Balance \$28,707.25

Total Cash All Funds \$64,024.44

Romans 1:17

For in [the good news] the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

The Gospel Declares the Scales "Righteous"

- I. Without Christ, they're anything but
- II. With Christ, there isn't any doubt



The Offertory

In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.

- G** ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me Cast me not away from Thy presence; And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

HYMN: TLH #377:1-6 "Salvation Unto Us Has Come"

Responsive Reformation Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

- P** For sending your Son to rescue the human race from sin, We thank and praise You, O Lord.
- G** For sending your Spirit to lead us to repentance and faith in Jesus as our Savior, We thank and praise You, O Lord.
- P** For teaching us that our righteous acts are filthy rags, We thank and praise You also, O Lord, for the gift of Jesus' righteousness.
- G** For guiding women and men like Martin Luther to understand the scriptural truth, "The just shall live by faith," We thank and praise You, O Lord.
- P** For blessing the spread of the gospel through the Reformation during these last 505 years, We thank and praise You, O Lord.
- G** For loyalty to hold to Your truth and remain Your true disciples, We ask for the power of Your Spirit, O Lord.
- P** For boldness to confess Your truth in a fallen world, We ask for the power of Your Spirit, O Lord.
- G** For zeal to spread the message of salvation in Christ alone, We ask for the power of Your Spirit, O Lord.

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HYMN: TLH #261:2 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word"

- G** ♪ Lord Jesus Christ, Thy power make known,
For Thou art Lord of lords alone;
Defend Thy Christendom that we
May evermore sing praise to Thee.

RESPONSIVE PSALMS

Psalm 31

- P** In You, O LORD, I put my trust; Let me never be ashamed; deliver me in Your righteousness.
- G** Bow down Your ear to me, deliver me speedily; be my rock of refuge a fortress of defense to save me.
- P** For You are my rock and my fortress; therefore, for Your name's sake, lead me and guide me.
- G** Pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me, for You are my strength.
- P** Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.



HYMN: TLH #261:3 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word"

- G** ♪ 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.

- P** God our Father has preserved His Word for us. It is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path. Our Lord Jesus has made His power known. He is sitting at the right hand of the Father and will come to judge the world. God the Holy Spirit has extended God's grace to us through Word and Sacrament. But we have not kept the Word of our Lord. I now ask you, therefore, before God who searches the heart: Do you confess the sins you have committed in thought, word, and deed; do you repent of them, believe on the Lord Jesus for forgiveness, and sincerely intend, with the help of God's Holy Spirit, to lead a godly life from now on?
- G** I do so confess, believe, and intend with the help of God.

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P Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of God's Word, announce the grace of God unto you. In the stead of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by His command, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen. Let us praise our gracious God!

HYMN: TLH #261:4 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word"

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

Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

P 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.

G Amen.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares 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. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

John 8:31-34

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Confession of Faith

Justification by Faith

We boldly confess what we believe using the following words from the Formula of Concord — on Justification by Faith.

"We unanimously believe, teach, and confess the following about the righteousness of faith before God:

A poor sinful person is justified before God, that is, absolved and declared free and exempt from all his sins and from the sentence of well-deserved condemnation, and is adopted into sonship and inheritance of eternal life, without any merit or worth of his own.

This happens without any preceding, present, or subsequent works, out of pure grace, because of the sole merit, complete obedience, bitter suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Christ alone. His obedience is credited to us for righteousness. These treasures are brought to us by the Holy Spirit in the promise of the holy Gospel.

Faith alone is the only means through which we lay hold on, accept, apply, and take them for ourselves. This faith is God's gift, by which we truly learn to know Christ, our Redeemer, in the Word of the Gospel and trust in Him. We trust that for the sake of His obedience alone we have the forgiveness of sins by grace, are regarded as godly and righteous by God the Father, and are eternally saved."

Hymn: TLH #528:1-3, 5-6

"If God Himself Be For Me"

*Grace Alone
Faith Alone
Scripture Alone*