

OUR WORSHIP TODAY, 26th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME

Pre-Service Music, Welcome, and

Announcements

CONFESSIONAL PRAYER

Lord, 500 years ago your people stood up for what they believed, One Word, One Grace, One Faith, and One Christ – to God be the Glory. By our own reason and strength, we know we are not worthy of the grace of your forgiveness, Lord. We know you do not favor one of us over another of us, but you love us equally in your sight. For the burden of our sins, and to receive the gift of your forgiveness, we know we need to confess our sins before you, Almighty God:

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by the things we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

ABSOLUTION

Pastor:

As a result of the love of God, the work of Jesus, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus Christ, and by His authority, forgive you all your sins in the name of the, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Go and sin no more, that the rest of your life might be pure and holy and modeled after our Lord Jesus in all we say and all we do, we pray and celebrate our Easter joy in His Holy Name. **Amen.**

HYMN: Oh Word of God Incarnate - The Lutheran Book of Worship

1 O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky!
We praise Thee for the radiance

that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.

2 The church from her dear Master
received the gift divine,
and still that light she lifteth
o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the golden casket
where gems of truth are stored;
it is the heav'n-drawn picture
Of Christ, the living Word.

3 It floateth like a banner
before God's host unfurled;
it shineth like a beacon
above the darkling world;
it is the chart and compass
that o'er life's surging sea,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands,
still guides, O Christ, to Thee.

4 O make Thy Church, dear Savior,
a lamp of burnished gold,
to bear before the nations
Thy true light as of old;
O teach Thy wand'ring pilgrims
by this, their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
They see Thee face to face.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison):

Lord, we know your Word endures forever, but we ask your help in making your Word meaningful in our lives. Please send your Counselor to us that we may daily follow your will we receive through your Word.

Amen.

Alleluia. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which God has called us. Alleluia.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 40:1-8, English Standard Version (ESV)

Comfort for God's People

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

The Word of God Stands Forever

A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

PSALM: Psalm 18:30-35 Reader light words, **Congregation dark words**

(Alternating between reader and congregation, whole verse by whole verse)

This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?—

the God who equipped me with strength and made my way blameless.

He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights.

He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

You have given me the shield of your salvation, and your right hand supported me, and your gentleness made me great.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 2nd Corinthians 2:12-17, English Standard Version (ESV)

When I came to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ, even though a door was opened for me in the Lord, my spirit was not at rest because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I took leave of them and went on to Macedonia.

But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. **15** For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things?

For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 17:6-21, English Standard Version (ESV)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th Chapter.

Glory to you Oh Lord.

“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they

know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the

words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.

And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out

of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Oh Christ.

SERMON *"Sola Scriptura, What Does This Mean?"* **Pastor Steve Dygert**

SERMON HYMN: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word, by Dr. Martin Luther,
The Lutheran Hymnal

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from your Son
And bring to nought all he has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, your power make known,
For you are Lord of lords alone;
Defend your holy Church that we
May sing your praise triumphantly.

O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death of life.

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed (C)

"I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the 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 our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit 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 sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

"And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father [and the Son]; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy christian 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."

THE OFFERING:

After the consecration of the Offering, we will sing the 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. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

PRAYERS OF PRAISE,

Let us Pray:

WORDS OF INSTITUTION,

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**PREPARATION OF THE TABLE
THE DISTRIBUTION**

THE COMMUNION BLESSING

HYMN: Go My Children With My Blessing – **The Lutheran Book of Worship**

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine
forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing; you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can
cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you
touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here his tender
comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

I, the Lord, will bless and keep you, and give you
peace.
I, the Lord, will smile upon you, and give you peace.
I, the Lord, will be your Father, Savior, Comforter,
and Brother.
Go, my children. I will keep you, and give you peace.

THE BENEDICTION & THE DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace! Serve
the Lord! C. **Thanks be
to God**

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WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN! Thank you for joining us as we
worship
our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We are happy you are here! As a
kindness to one another, ***please place your cell phones on muted*** for the time

we are together in worship. If you are a visitor, let us know you are here!

REFORMATION CELEBRATORY PICNIC: October 29th following worship. We are celebrating our differences. If you have a favorite ethnic dish from your childhood, share it with us in the park that day! More information to follow.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Please use a prayer request card if you have a specific prayer request this morning. It is our joy and our privilege to share in these petitions to Almighty God. If you have them ready before the service, hand them to Pastor when you have them completed, otherwise give them to the ushers at the time the offering is collected.

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Pastor Steve's October REFORMATION 500 Worship Series Information

Why would we talk about something that happened 500 years ago?

This one event forever changed the landscape of Christianity and the world as we know it. Saving peace was restored in the face of spiritual persecution. 500 years later, these truths are still bringing souls from tumultuous storms of legalism into the tranquil harbor of grace.

After centuries of abuse, Martin Luther rocked the boat of the oppressive religious leaders who were creating waves inside of souls rather than calming them. Luther and the reformers restored the eternal gospel in the Bible which proclaim of forgiveness for all—truths that most of the Church had either forgotten, never heard of, or rejected. We don't just talk about the Reformation because it's an important storm in history, but because it's vital for present peace and future comfort.

Week 1 – October 1st – God Speaks (Sola Scriptura)

This week we see that God’s Word—and God’s Word alone—takes precedent over all others and sets principles like none other. 500 years ago, the main source for spiritual authority was hidden behind clerical authority and man-made tradition. Priests and monasteries had a monopoly. Today, God’s Word is more accessible than ever been before. Yet it is attacked by whatever is culturally current and socially attractive, if given a second look at all. And yet, half a millennium later the truth still brings calming answers like nothing else can. Still.

Week 2 – October 8th - God Gives (Sola Gratia)

This week we see that God did what we never could, namely, give us life that lasts and eternal worth. 500 years ago, people banked on the false hope that God would give a little help and you had to do the rest. Today, work righteousness is seen in mantras like, “God helps those who help themselves” or modicums like “All you got to do is...” If true, how could you ever know if you have done enough? We can’t. Thus, half a millennium later we still see and hear that God saves by grace alone. Still.

Week 3 – October 15th - God Saves (Solo Christo)

This week we see that God’s grace accomplished our salvation in Christ, and Christ alone. 500 years ago, people traded grace for self-validation. Today, the same self-help theology is seen in those who, if they admit a need for a Savior, only want part of him. However, where Jesus doesn’t work completely, there can be no certainty. Thus, half a millennium later, the Savior who literally calmed the seas at one time, still calms hearts for all time. Still.

Week 4 – October 22nd - God Works (Sola Fide)

This week we learn that God’s eternal gifts become ours through a connecting agent called faith. Trust in Jesus connects us to all that he has done. 500 years ago, people put their trust in people (live and dead), tradition, and anyone or anything that could assuage their fear. Today, the pendulum has swung in the opposite direction, as many teach and believe that belief in God makes no difference at all. Still half a millennium later, the truth lies in the middle: trust in Jesus Christ connects us to all that he has done for us. Still.

The 500th Anniversary Celebration of the Protestant Reformation**Week 5 – October 29th - God Gets (Soli Deo Gloria)**

This week we acknowledge that God alone deserves the glory for the rescue he has accomplished for us. 500 years ago people were more likely to give glory to their rituals and behavior than to God. Today people very interested in how God should glorify us with happiness and fulfillment, but not so interested in finding happiness and fulfillment in the gifts God has already given. Therefore, half a millennium later, we still confess that God has saved us in Christ, and we are more than happy to thank him by saying, “To God alone be the glory!” Still!