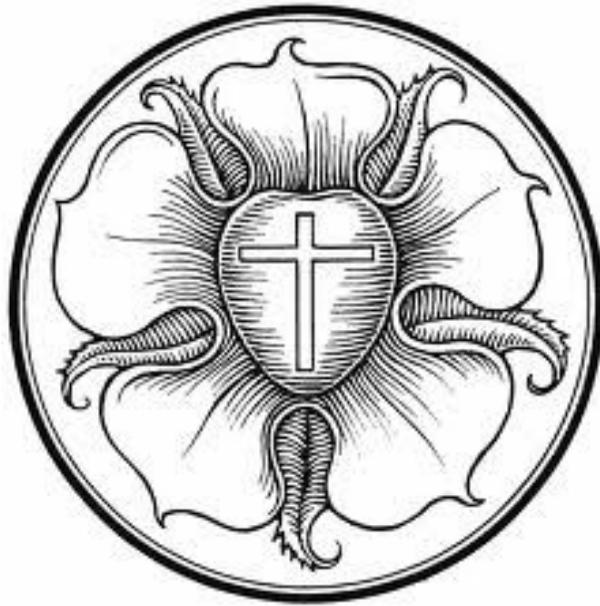


# Reformation Sunday



October 28, 2018  
Christ Lutheran Church  
Marshall, MN

# The Festival of the Reformation

## Solo Gratia - Sola Fide - Sola Scriptura

### Luther and Music

One of the greatest blessings God has given to the Church through Luther is the gift of music and song. Luther had a great love for music and the arts. He said, "I am not satisfied with him who despises music, as all fanatics do; for music is an endowment and a gift of God, not a gift of men. It also drives away the devil and makes people cheerful; one forgets all anger, unchasteness, pride, and other vices. I place music next to theology and give it the highest praise. And we see how David and all saints put their pious thoughts into verse, rhyme, and songs, because music reigns in times of peace."

Most of the hymns that we will be using in this service today were written or composed by Dr. Martin Luther. If you are interested in knowing what hymns in Christian Worship Luther had a hand in writing or composing they are listed in the back of the hymnal on pages 939 and 943.



### **Pre-Service Music**

#### **The Bells Ring Out Our Lutheran Heritage!**

**The Opening Hymn: #201 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**  
(Text & Tune: Martin Luther)

*Please rise for verse 5*

### **The Order Of Worship**

#### **The Invocation**

In the name of God the Father, and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### **The Opening Prayer - Luther's Morning Prayer**

**Congregation:** I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

**Choir Anthem** - "My Hope is Built"

**The Confession of Sins - spoken**

(Text: Martin Luther - #534)

**Congregation:** In the midst of earthly life Snares of death surround us. Who shall help us in the strife Lest the foe confound us? You only, Lord, you only! We mourn that we have greatly erred, That our sins your wrath have stirred. Holy and righteous God! Holy and mighty God! Holy and all-merciful Savior! Eternal Lord God! Save us lest we perish in the bitter pangs of death. Have mercy, O Lord!

**Pastor:** In the midst of death's dark vale Pow'rs of hell o'ertake us. Who will help when they assail, Who secure will make us? You only, Lord, you only! Your heart is moved with tenderness, Pities us in our distress. Holy and righteous God! Holy and mighty God! Holy and all-merciful Savior! Eternal Lord God! Save us from the terror Of the fiery pit of hell. Have mercy, O Lord.

**Congregation:** In the midst of utter woe When our sins oppress us, Where shall we for refuge go, Where for grace to bless us? To you, Lord Jesus, only! Your precious blood was shed to win Full atonement for our sin. Holy and righteous God! Holy and mighty God! Holy and all-merciful Savior! Eternal Lord God! Lord, preserve and keep us In the peace that faith can give. Have mercy, O Lord!

**Absolution of Sins - sung**

(Text & Tune: Martin Luther - #305 v 2 & 3)

Your love and grace alone avail To blot out my transgression.  
The best and holiest deeds must fail To break sin's dread oppression.  
Before you none can boasting stand, But all must fear your strict demand  
And live alone by mercy.

Therefore my hope is in the Lord And not in my own merit;  
It rests upon his faithful Word To them of contrite spirit.  
That he is merciful and just— This is my comfort and my trust.  
His help I wait with patience.

## **The Foundation on Which We Build Grace - Faith - Scripture**

### **First Lesson: “Sola Gratia” By Grace Alone! Trust in God’s Grace to Save**

✠ **Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23**

Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: "Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or man except to you, O king, would be thrown into the lions' den?" The king answered, "The decree stands—in accordance with the laws of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed." So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!" A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed. Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep. At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?" Daniel answered, "O king, live forever! My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, O king." The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

**The Response:** #574 “ May God Bestow on Us His Grace” v. 1&2  
(Text & Tune: Martin Luther)

## **Second Lesson: “Sola Fide” By Faith Alone!**

### **Faith in Christ Not Works**

#### **✠Galatians 5:1-6**

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. But by faith we eagerly await through the Spirit the righteousness for which we hope. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

**The Response:** Choir: Psalm 46

## **The Gospel Lesson: “Sola Scriptura” By Scripture Alone! Use of Scripture Makes Us Wise**

#### **✠Matthew 10:16-23**

“I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. “Be on your guard against men; they will hand you over to the local councils and flog you in their synagogues. On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. “Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. I tell you the truth, you will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

The Hymn of the Day: "We Marvel"

Text and Tune: Raquel Freese

## We Marvel



*Small Group* 1. We mar - vel at the flaw - less Word that tells of God's great  
All 2. We mar - vel at the gos - pel love that Christ our Sav - ior  
All 3. We mar - vel at the sav - ing faith that God the Spir - it  
All 4. We mar - vel at the bound - less grace that flows from God a -



plan showed stirred bove. For our re - demp - tion, When he, for us, hung With - in our hearts, and He looks u - pon our full and free, which on the cross and strength - ens still through sin - ful hearts and



came through God made man. This ho - ly book we bore sin's hea - vy load. For sin and death and Sac - ra - ment and Word. Through faith God gives true shows us per - fect love. For now we have the



have been giv'n is such a treas - ure dear. The Sa - tan's pow'r were crushed when Je - sus died. The right - eous - ness by no works of our own. We com - fort of our Fath - er's warm em - brace As



one true sto - ry of God's love is found in Script - ure clear. on - ly path to heav'n - ly life is Christ the cru - ci - fied. know that we are just - i - fied— it is through faith a - lone. he pro - claims that we're for - giv'n; all this a - lone through grace.

The Sermon: John 8:31-36

## **The Gathering of our Gifts**

*As the offering is brought forward please rise and sing  
#410 “Our Father, Who from Heaven Above” vv 5 & 9  
(Text & Tune: Martin Luther)*

Give us today our daily bread, and let us all be clothed and fed.  
From hardship, war, and earthly strife, from sickness, famine, spare our life.  
Let selfishness and worry cease that we may live in godly peace.

Amen, that is, it shall be so. Make strong our faith that we may know  
that we may doubt not but believe what here we ask we shall receive.  
Thus in your name and at your Word we say, Amen. Oh, hear us Lord!”

## **The Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer**

### **The Words of Institution**

*Because receiving the Lord’s Supper together is an expression of unity of faith this side of heaven, it is proper that those of the same confession commune together. Since church membership is an individual’s expression of confession, it is proper that members of congregations in fellowship with each other commune together. Therefore we invite those of sister WELS/ELS congregations to join us for communion today. On the same basis we cordially ask that those of other fellowships refrain.*

## **The Distribution of the Lord’s Body and Blood**

**The Distribution Hymn: #377 “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”**  
(Text: Martin Luther)

## **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **The Benediction**

**The Closing Hymn: #203 “Lord. Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”**  
(Text: Martin Luther)



## **This Week:**

<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School/Adult and Teen Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
	4:00 PM	Area Reformation Rally
<i>Monday:</i>	12:30 PM	Women's Prayer Group
<i>Tuesday:</i>	10:00 AM	Pastors Study Club
<i>Wednesday:</i>	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
	7:00 PM	Choir
<i>Thursday:</i>	11:30 AM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
	1:30 PM	Ladies Aid
	6:30 PM	Jesus Cares Ministry
	7:30 PM	Call Meeting at Church
<i>Friday:</i>	8:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School/Adult and Teen Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship

**THANK YOU:** We want to thank the choir and those who direct and accompany them. We are always open for new members to join. If you have any questions speak to Melanie Werner or Donna Wendorff. Choir meets Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM.

**AREA REFORMATION:** We will have an opportunity to gather with fellow WELS Lutherans to celebrate our Lutheran heritage at 4:00 PM here at Christ. Pastor Johann Caauwe from St. John's Wood Lake will be the preacher. A lunch will follow the service.

**CALL MEETING:** A reminder that we will be holding a call meeting on Thursday, November 1st at 7:30 after Jesus Cares Ministry. Anyone may attend to hear information on the candidates. The voting members will then call for a preschool teacher/director, kindergarten, and 1st and 2nd grade teacher.

**SCHWANS CARES:** From now through February 27, 2019 you have the opportunity to support a fundraising campaign through the Schwan's Cares Program to raise money for school security at Samuel. We will earn 20-40% back on every purchase during the campaign and 5% back on every purchase for the next six months. To order, go to [SchwansCares.com](http://SchwansCares.com), click on "Find a Campaign" and search "Samuel Lutheran School" or enter our campaign ID #42377. You can also order by phone at 1-855-870-7208. You will need to provide our campaign number. Thank you for helping us reach our goal!

**FALL BACK:** Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour next weekend as Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 4th.