

# Reformation Service

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Circuit 14 – Blue Mountain Circuit  
Northwest District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



## Historical Context of the Reformation

### Invocation

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

### Call to Worship

from Psalm 146:1-4, Mark 13:9-11 NIV and Martin Luther's declaration before Charles V

**P:** Praise the LORD.

**C:** Praise the LORD, O my soul.

**P:** I will praise the LORD all my life;

**C:** I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

**P:** Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save.

When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;

**C:** on that very day their plans come to nothing.

**P:** Jesus said, "You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of Me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them.

**C:** And the gospel must first be preached to all nations.

**P:** Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time,

**C:** for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit."

**P:** Let us join together to make the declaration of Martin Luther before the Emperor Charles V our own declaration before the world:

**All:** "Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures  
or by clear reason,

I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted  
and my conscience is captive to the Word of God.

I cannot

and I will not retract anything,  
since it is neither wise nor right to go against conscience.

I cannot do otherwise,

here I stand,

may God help me,

Amen."

### Confession and Absolution

**P:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C:** Who made heaven and earth.

**P:** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C:** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

**P:** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.



**C: Amen.**

## Collect 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.

**C: Amen.**

## Hymn #566 v. 1 "By Grace I'm Saved"

By **GRACE** I'm saved, grace free and boundless;  
My soul, believe and doubt it not.  
Why stagger at this word of promise?  
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?  
No! Then this word must true remain:  
By grace you too will life obtain.

## Homily #1 "Grace Alone"

Rev. Dr. Stephen Juergensen

## Psalm of the Day Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

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 her; she shall not be moved;  
God will help her when morning dawns.

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
He utters His voice, the earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Come, behold the works of the LORD,  
how He has brought desolations on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire.

“Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!”

The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**Hymn #566** v. 2 “By Grace I’m Saved” *modified*

By **FAITH** I’m saved, a gift most holy!  
Given to me by God Himself.  
The trust He’s done the work to save me;  
Work I could not have done myself.  
Lost in my sin and thus enslaved,  
I trust in Christ, through Him I’m saved!

**Homily #2** “*Faith Alone*” Rev. Andrew Noble

**Epistle Lesson** 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 stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord

**C:** Thanks be to God



**Hymn #566** v. 2 “By Grace I’m Saved” *modified*

By God’s own **WORD** I know His mercy,  
I hear His plan of love for me.  
All human wisdom is but folly,  
Flowing from broken hearts and minds.  
Scripture alone is wholly true,  
Through it our Lord makes all things new.

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**Homily #3** “*Scripture Alone*” Rev. Nathan Scheck

**Gospel Lesson** John 8:31-36

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter

**C:** Glory to You, O Lord

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” <sup>33</sup> 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?’”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave<sup>[a]</sup> to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to You, O Christ**

## Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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



## The Prayers of the Church

### The Lord's Prayer *from Luther's German Mass of 1526*

**P:** Friends in Christ: Since we are here assembled in the name of the Lord to receive His Holy Testament, I admonish you first of all to lift up your hearts to God to pray with me the Lord's Prayer, as Christ has taught us and graciously promised to hear us.

That God, our Father in heaven, may look with mercy on us, His needy children on earth, and grant us grace so that His holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of His Word and the fervent love of our lives; that He would graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby His precious name is profaned.

**C: Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name,**

**P:** That His kingdom may come to us and expand; that all transgressors and they who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom be brought to know Jesus Christ His Son by faith, and that the number of Christians may be increased.

**C: Thy kingdom come,**

**P:** That we may be strengthened by His Spirit to do His will, both in life and in death, in good and in evil things, and always to break, slay, and sacrifice our own wills.

**C: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**P:** That He would also give us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us to trust that He will provide for all our needs.

**C: Give us this day our daily bread;**

**P:** That He would forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors so that our hearts may rest and rejoice in a good conscience before Him, and that no sin may ever fright or alarm us.

**C: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**P:** That He would not lead us into temptation but help us by His Spirit to subdue the flesh, to despise the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles.

**C: And lead us not into temptation,**

**P:** And lastly, that He would deliver us from all evil, both of body and soul, now and forever.

**C: But deliver us from evil.**

**P:** All those who earnestly desire these things will say from their very hearts: Amen, trusting without any doubt that it is Yea and answered in heaven as Christ has promised: "Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you shall receive it, and you will." *Mark 11:24*

**C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen!**

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**Benediction**

**P:** Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn #656 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"**

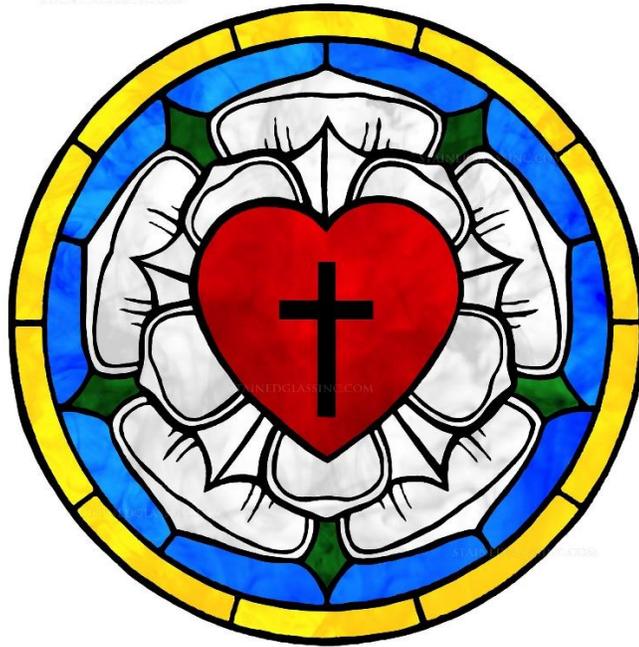
A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need  
That hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe  
Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done,  
Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the valiant One,  
Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this?  
Jesus Christ it is,  
Of Sabaoth Lord,  
And there's none other God;  
He holds the field forever.

Though devils all the world should fill,  
All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill;  
They shall not overpower us.  
This world's prince may still  
Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none.  
He's judged; the deed is done;  
One little word can fell him.

The Word they still shall let remain  
Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain  
With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life,  
Goods, fame, child, and wife,  
Though these all be gone,  
Our vict'ry has been won;  
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

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**We believe God loves the people of the world, even though they are sinful, rebel against Him and do not deserve His love.**

He sent Jesus, His Son, to love the unlovable and save the ungodly.

*"the righteous shall live by his faith."*

Habakkuk 2:4b ESV

**We believe Jesus purchased and won forgiveness and eternal life for all people.**

By His suffering and death, Jesus served as the sacrifice for all people of all time. Those who believe this Good News have the eternal life it offers.

*For by grace you have been saved through faith.*

Ephesians 2:8a ESV



**We believe the Bible is God's Word and that it is without error and without fault.**

In His Word, God reveals His Law (which we have broken) and His Gospel (which is our salvation in Jesus). Therefore, the Bible is the sole rule and norm for Christian doctrine.

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness*

2 Timothy 3:16 NIV

