



THE LORD'S DAY ~ October 25, 2020

Reformation Sunday



Prelude ~ *Solus Christos*

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore the rock of Christ:

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

Pastor's Welcome

Prayer of Invocation and Praise

*Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise ~ *Sola Fide*

Psalm 101:1
"By Faith"

By faith we see the hand of God; in the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness; who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth, with the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a Holy City built by God's own hand: a place where peace and justice reign.

*We will stand as children of the promise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done; we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go; in the power of the Spirit to the lost;
To deliver captives and to preach good news, in every corner of the earth.

By faith this mountain shall be moved and the power of the gospel shall prevail;
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name.

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Question 123

Leader: *What does the second request of the Lord's Prayer mean?*
People: Thy kingdom come means, rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way that more and more we submit to you. Keep your church strong, and add to it. Destroy the devil's work; destroy every force which revolts against you and every conspiracy against your Word. Do this until your kingdom is so complete and perfect that in it you are all in all.

Scripture Reading

John 15:18-27

Hymn of Confession ~ *Sola Gratia*

"This Is Amazing Grace"

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness, whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder and leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love, that You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life that I would be set free. Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.*

Who brings our chaos back into order, who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King of glory.
Who rules the nations with truth and justice, shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!

Confession of Sin

A Prayer of Martin Luther

Behold, Lord, I am an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust You altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in You. In You I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; You are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; You are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in You is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore I will remain with You, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 3:18

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Proverbs 15:16

Offertory Hymn ~ *Sola Scriptura* *"The Law of the Lord Is Perfect"* (T152)

Prayer of Illumination

Psalm 119:112

Sermon

Nehemiah 5:1-19

"Love and Leadership"
The God Restores Series
Rev. Cory D. Coltray

*Hymn of Response ~ *Soli Deo Gloria*

"A Mighty Fortress" (T92)

*Hymn of Benediction

"The Gloria Patri" (T734)