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8:15am – Traditional
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*“Raising Up
Families and Followers
of Jesus Christ”*

Reformation

October 27, 2024
8:15 am

THE FIVE SOLAS

by Scripture Alone
SOLA SCRIPTURA

by Faith Alone
SOLA FIDE

by Grace Alone
SOLA GRATIA

through Christ Alone
SOLUS CHRISTUS

Glory to God Alone
SOLI DEO GLORIA

FAITHFUL CHRISTIANS IN A CONTENTIOUS WORLD

AS WE GATHER

In Psalm 12, King David cries out, "Save, O Lord, for the godly one is gone; for the faithful have vanished from among the children of man" (v. 1). The Lord God's anointed king lives in a troubling world! Many centuries later, Martin Luther paraphrased the words of David, writing in a hymn text in 1523: "O Lord, look down from heav'n, behold and let Thy pity waken; . . . dark times have us o'ertaken" (*TLH* 260:1). Looking at our world today, we can relate to both King David and Martin Luther. Yet both men expressed hope in their written words. In his psalm, David writes, "The words of the Lord are pure words, . . . You, O Lord, will keep them" (vv. 6a, 7a). And Luther confidently writes, "So through God's Word shall men endure each trial and temptation" (*TLH* 260:5). Reformation Day echoes the call to faithfulness heard by God's people through the ages. May we listen well!

+ PREPARATION +

657 A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD *sts. 1-4*



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat-'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
 hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
 we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
 child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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INVOCATION

Leader In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 41:13; 79:9, 13; 125:1–2*

Leader Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,

Congregation from everlasting to everlasting!

Leader Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for Your name's sake!

Congregation We Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; from generation to generation we will recount Your praise.

Leader Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.


Congregation As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people, from this time forth and forevermore.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 130*

Leader Beloved in the Lord, as we gather this day, we remember the significance of God's work of Reformation among His people. As we confess our sin and need for forgiveness, we do so in the hope of His ongoing work of reformation in our daily lives, as well. In both Word and song, we cry out to our God for mercy.

Congregation Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

555 SALVATION UNTO US HAS COME *st. 2*



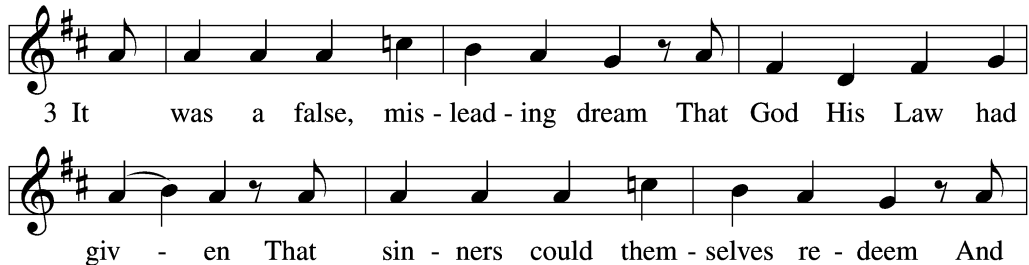
2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could
ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For
man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those
pure de - sires The spir - it of the
Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.

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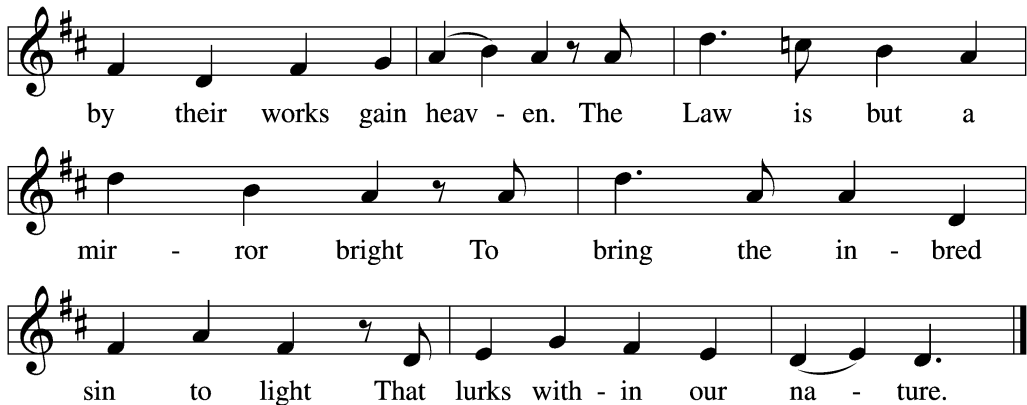
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Congregation If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

555 SALVATION UNTO US HAS COME *st. 3*



3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had
giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And

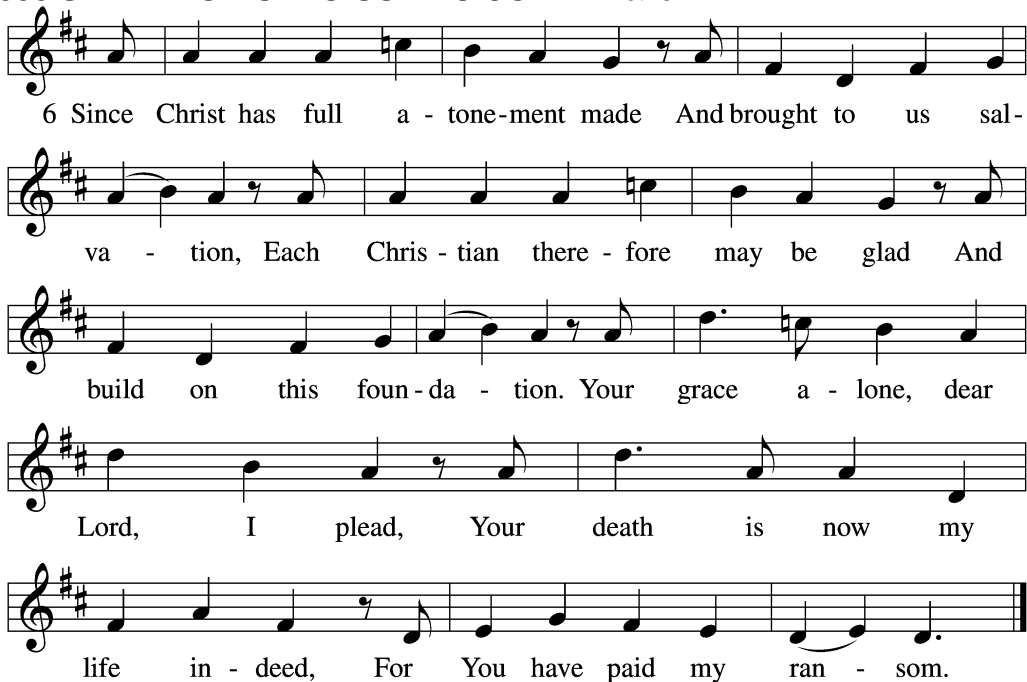


by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a
 mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
 sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.

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Congregation O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

555 SALVATION UNTO US HAS COME *st. 6*



6 Since Christ has full a - tone-ment made And brought to us sal -
 va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad And
 build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear
 Lord, I plead, Your death is now my
 life in - deed, For You have paid my ran - som.

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Leader God has promised His forgiveness of sins to those who repentantly confess their sins, imploring His grace and mercy for the sake of His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

555 SALVATION UNTO US HAS COME *st. 10*

△ 10 All bless - ing, hon - or, thanks, and praise To Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, The God who saved us by His grace; All glo - ry to His mer - it. O tri - une God in heav'n a - bove, You have re - vealed Your sav - ing love; Your bless - ed name we hal - low.

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+ WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22

Leader I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,] and shall not be put to shame. I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Congregation **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Leader I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,] and shall not be put to shame.

SALUTATION

Leader The Lord be with you.

Congregation **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader Let us pray.

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.

Congregation **Amen.**

REFORMATION FOCUS

Leader One of the most famous documents of the Reformation Era is the set of the Ninety-Five Theses posted on the door of the Castle Church at Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517. In this set of ninety-five statements that Dr. Luther wished to have debated was a challenge to accepted practices in the church of his time that Luther felt were at odds with the biblical witness and therefore were not true. His introduction to the set of statements he had written is highlighted by two words: "love" and "truth." A few years before his death, he wrote the words to the stirring hymn "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word." Both the text and the tune are attributed to the great reformer.

655 LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD *st. 1*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your



Son And bring to naught all He has done.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

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FIRST READING *Revelation 14:6–7*

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalms 46*

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

Men 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.

Women *There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.*

Men God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

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

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

Men 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.

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

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

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

EPISTLE *Romans 3:19–28*

¹⁹Now 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.

²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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. ²⁶It 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.

²⁷Then 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. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Psalm 48:1a, 12–14a*

**Congregation Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!
Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers, consider well her
ramparts, go through her citadels, that you may tell the next
generation that this is God, our God forever and ever.**

HOLY GOSPEL *John 8:31–36*

Leader The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

Congregation Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

Leader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Pastor Greg

645 BUILT ON THE ROCK



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how
 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



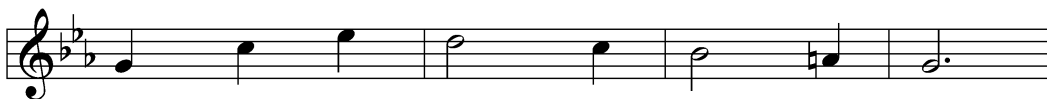
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives
 faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
 ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
 Choos - es to live with us in love,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
 You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
With all His grace and His fa - vor.
And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
My peace I leave with you. A - men.”

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SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

Congregation 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.

GRACE ALONE Sung by Sam Bache

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation **hear our prayer.**

Leader May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus

Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased.
Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation **hear our prayer.**

Leader Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend *[name(s)]* and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation **hear our prayer.**

Leader Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation **hear our prayer.**

Leader Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation **hear our prayer.**

Leader Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation **hear our prayer.**

Leader And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation **hear our prayer.**

Leader We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Congregation **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Congregation **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

BENEDICTION

Leader 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.

Congregation **Amen.**

578 THY STRONG WORD



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
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 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

D 6 God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

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