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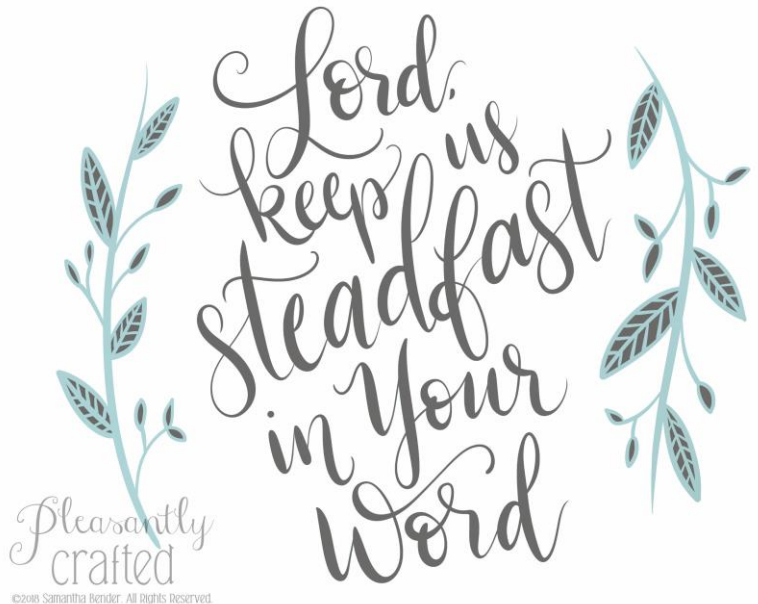
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*“Raising Up
Families and Followers
of Jesus Christ”*

Reformation

October 27, 2024
10:30 am



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!

WELCOME

OPENING WORDS *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.

A MIGHTY FORTRESS

Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our God.
a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
And, armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.
Whooooaaa Whooooaaaa 2x

Verse 2

If we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing:
You ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is
The Lord of Hosts, His Name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.
Whooooaaa Whooooaaaa 2x

Verse 3

And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us;
And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us;
Whooooaaa Whooooaaaa 2x

Chorus

A mighty fortress is our God,
His Kingdom is forever
A mighty fortress is our God,
His Kingdom is forever 2x

Ending

If we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing

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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!**

Leader If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

Congregation 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.

Leader 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.

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.

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.

Thy Word

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

Verse 1

When I feel afraid
And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

Verse 2

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering

Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end

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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.**

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.**

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

Nothing But The Blood (Plainfield)

Verse 1

What can wash away my sin
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Verse 2

For my pardon this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Verse 3

Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Verse 4

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

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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.

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.

Your Grace Is Enough

Verse 1

Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

Pre-Chorus

(So) remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Chorus 1

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Verse 2

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Chorus 2
Yeah Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I sing Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me for me

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