

Reformation Service of 5 Solas and Songs
Sunday, October 28, 4:30PM

*** Call to Worship ~ Psalm 46:1, 7, 9, 10; 34:3**

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

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

Minister: “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.

Minister: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

*** Prayer of Invocation**

*** God’s Greetings ~ Revelation 1:4-5**

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the sevenfold Spirit who is before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

*** Song of Praise: #92 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

~ 5 SOLAS AND SONGS ~

SCRIPTURE ALONE

Scripture reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Confessional Response:

Minister: We know [God] by two means: First, by the creation, preservation, and government of the universe, since that universe is before our eyes like a beautiful book in which all creatures, great and small, are as letters to make us ponder the invisible things of God: his eternal power and his divinity, as the apostle Paul says in Romans 1:20. All these things are enough to convict men and to leave them without excuse. Second, he makes himself known to us more openly by his holy and divine Word, as much as we need in this life, for his glory and for the salvation of his own. (Belgic Confession, Art. 2)

Congregation: We receive all these books [of the Old and New Testaments] and these only as holy and canonical, for the regulating, founding, and establishing of our faith. (Belgic Confession, Art. 5)

Minister: Let us thank God for His holy Word.

Congregation: We thank you, God, for your Word. We thank you for the special care this shows you have for us and for our salvation. (Belgic Confession, Art. 3)

Song of Response: Psalm 19A:5-9 “The Heavens Above Declare”

GRACE ALONE

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:1-9

Confessional Response:

Minister: How are you righteous before God?

Congregation: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me.—if only I accept this gift with a believing heart. (Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A. 60)

Minister: Let us thank God for His grace.

Congregation: We thank you, God, for your grace. We thank You that You do not treat us as our sins deserve, that You do not repay us according to our iniquities. (Psalm 103:10). We thank you that we are justified by Your grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom You put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. (Romans 3:24-26).

Song of Response: #429 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

FAITH ALONE

Scripture Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 20-25

Confessional Response:

Minister: What is true faith?

Congregation: True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all the God has revealed to us in his Word; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit works in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These gifts are purely of grace, only because of Christ's merit. (Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 21)

Minister: Why do you say that through faith alone you are righteous?

Congregation: Not because I please God by the worthiness of my faith, for only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness are my righteousness before God, and I can receive this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than by faith alone. (Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 61)

Minister: Let us thank God for the gift of faith.

Congregation: We thank you, God, for the gift of faith. We thank you that the Holy Spirit has kindled in our hearts a true faith that embraces Jesus Christ, with all His merits, and makes Him its own, and no longer looks for anything apart from him. (Belgic Confession, Art. 22)

Song of Response: #435 “Not What My Hands Have Done”

CHRIST ALONE

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25; Acts 4:11-12; Hebrews 7:25

Confessional Response:

Minister: Why is the Son of God called “Jesus,” meaning “saviour”?

Congregation: Because He saves us from our sins; and because salvation is not to be sought or found in anyone else. (Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 29)

Minister: Let us thank God for Jesus, His inexpressible gift! (2 Corinthians 9:15)

Congregation: We thank you, God, for Jesus. We thank you that we have in Jesus all that we need for our salvation. (Heidelberg Catechism A. 30)

Homily: “The Gospel of Justification by Faith Alone” (Romans 3:23-25)

Song of Response: #265 In Christ Alone

TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

Scripture Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Confessional Response:

Minister: What is the chief end of man?

Congregation: To glorify God, and to enjoy him forever. (Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q & A 1)

Minister: Let us, then, glorify God. Let us glorify God for Scripture, for grace, for faith, and for Jesus.

*** Song of Response: #213 “Glory Be to God the Father”**

~ WE GO FORTH IN GRATITUDE ~

Praying to God with Gratitude (followed by the Lord’s Prayer)

Obeying God’s Law in Gratitude ~ Exodus 20:1-17

*** Song of Response: #175 Your Law O God is Our Delight**

*** Doxology and God’s Blessing ~ Jude 24-25; 2 Cor. 13:14**