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Sola Fide, Sola Gratia,



Sola Scriptura



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Reformation Sunday

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Lord God, heavenly Father, forgive us our sins, and grant us always true repentance. Keep us always in the truth of Your pure Word. Teach us by Your Holy Spirit to love Your saving Word, so that by Grace Alone, Faith Alone, and Scripture Alone, we may be preserved by You unto eternal life. We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Today's Order of Service

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 645 *Built on the Rock*

1 *Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land; Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the soul distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.*

2 *Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.*

3 *We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.*

4 *Here stands the font before our eyes, Telling how God has received us.
Th'altar recalls Christ's sacrifice And what His Supper here gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same,
And evermore, our Redeemer.*

5 *Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know MY own; My own know Me. You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."*

The Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Reformation Confession and Absolution of Sins

We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.

- P** God our Father, has preserved His Word for us. It is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path.
- C** Our Lord Jesus has made His power known. He is sitting at the right hand of the Father and will come to judge the world.
- P** God the Spirit has extended God's grace to us in Word and Sacrament
- C** But we have not kept the Word of our Lord.
- P** I now ask you, therefore, before God who searches the heart: Do you confess the sins you have committed in thought, word, and deed; do you repent of them, believe on the Lord Jesus for forgiveness, and sincerely intend, with the help of God's Holy Spirit, to lead a godly life from now on? If so, then answer "yes."
- C** Yes.
- P** Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of God's Word, announce the grace of God unto you. In the stead of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by His command, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen!

Glory to God in the Highest (Hymn 555:1,6,10)

Gloria in Excelsis – Latin for "Glory in the Highest (to God)." A hymn glorifying and praising our God.

1 *Salvation unto us has come By God's free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom, They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;
He is our Redeemer.*

6 *Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.*

10 *All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace; All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.*

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

- P** Let us pray. . . through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading: *2 Chronicles 29:12-19*

Then the Levites arose, Mahath the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites; and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehallelel; and of the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah; ¹³ and of the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and Jeuel; and of the sons of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah; ¹⁴ and of the sons of Heman, Jehuel and Shimei; and of the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaiah and Uzziel. ¹⁵ They gathered their brothers and consecrated themselves and went in as the king had commanded, by the words of the LORD, to cleanse the house of the LORD. ¹⁶ The priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD to cleanse it, and they brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took it and carried it out to the brook Kidron. ¹⁷ They began to consecrate on the first day of the first month, and on the eighth day of the month they came to the vestibule of the LORD. Then for eight days they consecrated the house of the LORD, and on the sixteenth day of the first month they finished. ¹⁸ Then they went in to Hezekiah the king and said, "We have cleansed all the house of the LORD, the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and the table for the showbread and all its utensils. ¹⁹ All the utensils that King Ahaz discarded in his reign when he was faithless, we have made ready and consecrated, and behold, they are before the altar of the LORD."

The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 46*

- P** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- C** **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.**
- P** There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
- C** **God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.**
- P** The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- C** **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**
- P** Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth.
- C** **He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.**
- P** "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"
- C** **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Epistle Reading: *Revelation 14:6-7*

Then 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. ⁷ And 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."

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! These words are
writ-ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

A Reformation Confession of Faith

We boldly confess what we believe using the words from the Formula Concord – on Justification by Faith.

C “We unanimously believe, teach, and confess the following about the righteousness of faith before God:

A poor sinful person is justified before God, that is, absolved and declared free and exempt from all his sins and from the sentence of well-deserved condemnation, and is adopted into sonship and inheritance of eternal life, without any merit or worth of his own.

This happens without any preceding, present, or subsequent works, out of pure grace, because of the sole merit, complete obedience, bitter suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Christ alone. His obedience is credited to us for righteousness. These treasures are brought to us by the Holy Spirit in the promise of the holy Gospel.

Faith alone is the only means through which we lay hold on, accept, apply, and take them for ourselves. This faith is God’s gift, by which we truly learn to know Christ, our Redeemer, in the Word of the Gospel and trust in Him. We trust that for the sake of His obedience alone we have the forgiveness of sins by grace, are regarded as godly and righteous by God the Father, and are eternally saved.”

Hymn 656 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*1 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.*

*2 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.*

*3 Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us.
We tremble not, we fear no ill, They shall not overpow'r 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.*

*4 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, Let these all be gone,
Our vict'ry has been won; The Kingdom ours remaineth.*

The Sermon: *John 8:31-32*

"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Theme: SOLA SCRIPTURA

I. For true discipleship II. For genuine truth III. For real freedom

Sermon Worksheet:

What question about truth was at the heart of the Reformation?

How have the Pharisees and the Catholic church placed the word of man over and above the Word of God? How are we tempted to do the same?

The grammar of v. 32 reveals something very important about Jesus' truth. What is it? What other passages from John corroborate this?

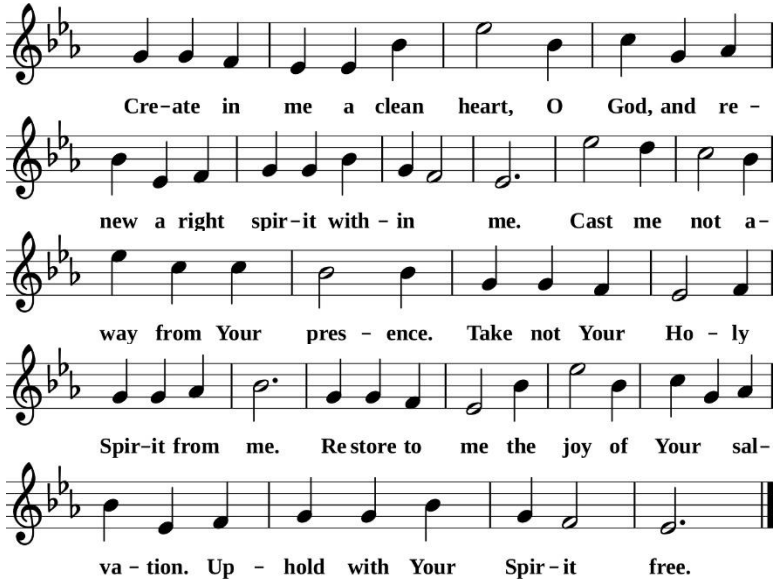
Fill in the blank: "You can't spell truth without _____."

How does the truth of God's Word set a person free?

Why is Sola Scriptura still important in our day in age?

The Offertory

Having heard God's Word, we pray for spiritual healing through the gift of the Holy Spirit.



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir-it from me. Re store to me the joy of Your sal -
va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn 658:1-4 *Preserve Your Word, O Savior*

**1 Preserve Your Word, O Savior, To us this latter day,
And let Your kingdom flourish; Enlarge Your Church, we pray.
O keep our faith from failing; Keep hope's bright star aglow.
Let nothing from truth turn us While living here below.**

**2 Preserve, O Lord, Your honor, The bold blasphemer smite;
Convince, convert, enlighten The souls in error's night.
Reveal Your will, dear Savior, To all who dwell below,
Great light of all the living, That all Your name may know.**

**3 Preserve, O Lord, Your Zion, Bought dearly with Your blood;
Protect what You have chosen Against the hellish flood.
Be always our defender When dangers gather round;
When all the earth is crumbling, Safe may Your Church be found.**

**4 Preserve Your Word and preaching, The truth that makes us whole,
The mirror of Your glory, The pow'r that saves the soul.
Oh, may this living water, This dew of heav'nly grace,
Sustain us while here living Until we see Your face.**

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. If you wish to give your church offering electronically, you can do so by using the CashApp on your mobile device. The church's Scashtag is "ScIcmztzion". While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse

*(WS 788:1): **Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land.
Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true
That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.***

Prayer of the Church – The Lord's Prayer

☩ 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.

The Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

☩ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
☩ Amen!

Closing Hymn 582 *God's Word Is Our Great Heritage*

***God's Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way,
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

If the LORD wills, we will do this or that. James 4:15

WELCOME EVERYONE! We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain our beliefs and teachings. Where & when? Your convenience.

THE Q4 VOTERS MEETING is today after the service. Voters planning to be absent are asked to please inform President Wittorp.

THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered at the Detroit Marathon last Sunday. We had 26 Mt. Zion members participate—a great turnout! We spent the morning handing out water and Gatorade to over 20,000 runners. It was a tremendous success, and we had lots of fun working together. Thanks everyone!

ZAMBIA MISSION HELPER TRIP PRESENTATION: Next Sunday, November 3, Fletcher Hughes will be giving a slideshow presentation during the 9am Bible Class hour on his participation in the July 2024 CLC Mission Trip to Zambia.

THE ANNUAL VOTERS ELECTION MEETING is on Sunday, November 10. Church officers for 2025 will be elected.

DON NAGY FUNERAL: Don Nagy, the father of Susan Fobear, was taken to his heavenly rest this past Friday evening. Many of you know Don from his many years of faithful membership at Gethsemane in Saginaw. The funeral will be this Saturday, November 2 at 11am at Gethsemane, Pastor Michael Wilke presiding. The visitation will be from 3-8pm on Friday, November 1 at Gethsemane. Please keep Susan and the rest of the family in your prayers. *Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of His saints. Psalm 116:15*

MT. ZION UPCOMING CALENDAR

Today	11am	Q4 Voters Meeting
Thu. 10/31	10am	UM Ann Arbor Bible Study Not meeting this week
Sat. 11/2	11am	Don Nagy Funeral (Gethsemane, Saginaw)
Sun. 11/3	9am	Bible Class/Sunday School BC: Fletcher Hughes Mission Trip Presentation
	10am	Sunday Service (w/ Communion)
Sun. 11/10	11am	Voters Election Meeting
Tue. 11/12	7-9pm	Church Meetings (Elders/Council/Trustees/Outreach)
Thu. 11/14	8pm	Property Search Committee Meeting
Fri. 11/15	6-8pm	Fall Festival at Mt. Zion
Sat. 11/16	9am-12pm	Church Workday

SERVING US THIS MONTH:

Usher: Dave Troyan Church Cleaning: D’Onofrio

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Last Sunday Attendance = 36; Bible Class/Sunday School = N/A

General Fund Offerings Budgeted YTD: \$100,019.04	Weekly General Fund Offerings Budgeted: \$2,384.62
General Fund Offerings Received YTD: \$89,470.00	Last Week’s General Fund Offerings Received: \$826.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings): \$8,947.00	
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund: \$127,585.86	

IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. Ephesians 6:18

Jackie McGruder remains homebound as she continues to suffer from lupus. We continue to search for a **new building** for our church and future school. **Susan Fobear’s** father, Don Nagy, passed away this past Friday. **CLC Pastors John Hein** and **Timothy Wheaton** are both receiving treatment for cancer. **Pastor Tim Daub** survived a medical emergency on a missionary flight to Pakistan. He has made it back home and is recovering.

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION SYNODWIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! Psalm 133:1

CLC CALL NEWS: Teacher Collette Krause of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD has announced her **retirement** effective the end of the current school year. <> Pastor Sam Rodebaugh will be **installed** at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN on November 10, 2024. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

2025 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP: Applications are now being accepted for the 2025 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal. Space is limited for this trip, so please apply early. Find more information at: <https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/>

CHRIST EXPLORER’S CAMP – YOUNG ADULT RETREAT: Well, our camp is growing up just like the majority of our youth in our church at Holy Trinity. So... this year, we have decided to host a more "grown up" camp for our older youth. This will actually become a Young Adult Retreat! We are inviting young adults entering grades 9 and up and our young college youth to join us in Bryson City, NC, for a young adult retreat! Please save the date for Christ's Explorers Retreat - Thursday, June 19 - Sunday, June 22. Questions, please contact Sara Kloke (runsforfun@aol.com), Karen Howell (kdhowell32@gmail.com), or Julie Levandoski (levandoskidressage@gmail.com).