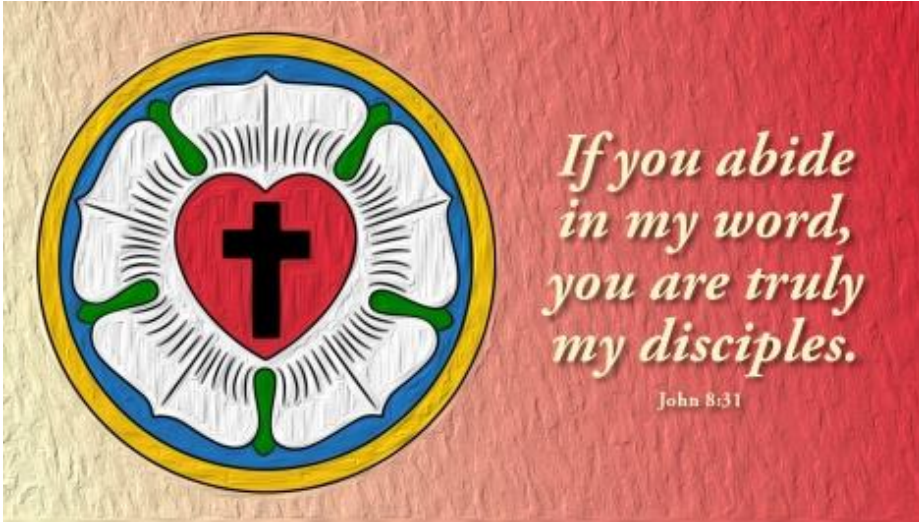


# Reformation Sunday

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## GRACE

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Welcome and Announcements

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## PRAISE

\* Opening Hymn ..... **A Mighty Fortress is our God, Verse 1** .....LBW 229

## **WORD ALONE**

L. Your word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

**C. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.**

L. Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples."

**C. "Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."**

## LUTHER ON SCRIPTURE

L. Dedicated to the Bible as the source of all the church's teachings, Luther spoke often of the supremacy of the Scriptures in the church's life. *"The Christian church is God's servant. It listens to and does nothing but what it knows to be God's Word and command."*

\* Hymn ..... **A Mighty Fortress is our God, Verse 2** .....LBW 229

## **GOD'S GRACE ALONE!**

L. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,

**C. That whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

L. For it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith--and this is not from yourselves,

**C. It is the gift of God!**

## LUTHER ON GRACE

L. For Luther, no Scriptural teaching mattered more than the theology of grace. He said, *"A good song may well be sung often. Grace consists of this, that God is merciful to us, shows grace for the sake of the Lord Christ, forgives all sins, and will not charge them to us for eternal death. This is grace; the forgiveness of sins for the sake of the Lord Christ, the covering up of sins."*

\* Hymn ..... **A Mighty Fortress is our God, Verse 3** .....LBW 229

**FAITH ALONE!**

L. For in the Gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written:

**C. The righteous will live by faith.**

L. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C. Through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.**

LUTHER ON FAITH

L. Luther spoke for the truth which comes to us only through faith--not through the good works we accomplish. *"It is the will and pleasure of God that whoever sees the Son and believes in Him has eternal life."*

\* Hymn..... **A Mighty Fortress is our God, Verse 4** .....**LBW 229**

THE INVITATION TO REFORMATION

L. Word Alone! Grace Alone! Faith Alone! These are the touchstones of the Reformation. They are truths for all Christians. In our celebration, let us not praise famous people, but rather let us praise He who is Lord of the Church, Christ, our Savior. He has raised up for us the truth of the Gospel, which burns within each of us. He has graced us with the fire of the Spirit, and that burning will continue to reform and renew the church.

\* The Salutation and Prayer of the Day.....page 62

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The First Lesson .....Revelation 14:6-7

L: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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The Second Lesson ..... Romans 3:19-28

L: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

\* The Holy Gospel.....John 8:31-36

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- \* The Benediction

## SEND

- \* The Sending Hymn ..... **Give to Our God Immortal Praise.....LBW 520**
  
- \* The Dismissal: P: Go in peace. Be the Church! **All: Thanks be to God!**  
Postlude

\* = Stand      Hymnals in Pew Rack:    LBW = Green      WOV = Blue      TCH = Burgundy

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### WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP

at Grace Church this morning as we gather to worship the Father, + Son and Holy Spirit in truth. As you entered the sanctuary today, you received this bulletin containing the order for worship and announcements. Please also notice the Prayer List where you will find a listing of all the known prayer concerns. You are invited to use this as a guide for your personal prayers throughout the coming week. If you need information about our congregation or if you'd like to update your information, make sure to fill out the yellow Worship Today Form and place it in the offering plate at the time of the offering. If you have a prayer concern, indicate that on your Worship Today Form at the bottom or on the reverse side. If you are seeking a Church Home or would like more information about Grace, please contact the Church Office this week.

### **FIRST LESSON: Revelation 14:6-7**

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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."

### **PSALM 46**

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>Though its waters rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

**<sup>4</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

<sup>5</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**<sup>6</sup>God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;  
God shall help her at the break of day.**

<sup>7</sup>The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

<sup>9</sup>Come now and look upon the works of the LORD,  
what awesome things he has done on earth.

**<sup>10</sup>It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.**

<sup>11</sup>“Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

**<sup>12</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

## **SECOND LESSON: Romans 3:19-28**

<sup>19</sup>Now 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. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom 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. <sup>26</sup>It 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. <sup>27</sup>Then 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. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:31-36**

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

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**Next Sunday’s Readings:** Revelation 7:[2-8]9-17, Psalm 149; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12. Readings are based on the recommended use of the English Standard Version (ESV) by the North American Lutheran Church and Lectionary of Sola Publishing. Used by Permission.

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### **GRACE PRAYER LIST**

**In the Grace Church Family:** Jeffry Bivens, Rick & Cindy Bivens, Glenda Childers, Pat Dietz, Allen and Kay Hatchett, Irene Heavner, Larry Heavner, Lorene Heavner, Rachel Heavner, Larry & Brenda Jarrett, Martha Johnson, Faye Lane, Harvey Leatherman, Phil & Malinda Leatherman, Betty Matheson, Joe Momier, Jane Moss, Christine Norman, Tricia and Dan Panek, Debi Pisko, Michael Pisko, Stephen Pisko, Helen Smith, Ethan Starnes, Richard & Sandi Tallant, Libby Travis, Shirley Warlick, Carolyn & Scott Whisnant, Belinda Wilfong

**Nursing Home:** Juanita Haas (Trinity Village), Ted Whisnant (Trinity Village)

**Friends and Relatives in our Prayers:** Pray for Peace in Israel and the World, New Covenant Lutheran Mission Church, Bobby Aderholdt, Jimmy Aderholdt, LeAnn Buckwell, Caleb Bumgarner & Family, Jessica Cassels & Family, Evelyn Childers, Danny Cooper, Dee Dee Cooper, Dennis D’Alessio, Guy Franzen, Stormy Geter, Graybeal Family, Wendy Hannah, J.C., Michele Kirkland, Ray Porter, Lily Rose, Paul and Jenny Mulcahy, Sgt. Ryan McMullen and shift, Angela Sanford, Anita Sabino, Scott Speagle, Zachary Speagle and Amber, Nathan Starnes, Monica Thomas, United States of America; Faye White, and especially the families of those who have given their lives in the service of our country and those who continue to protect our freedoms and for all members of our Armed Forces.

**All that have been affected by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton.**

(Names are left on the prayer list for 30 days unless the office is notified otherwise.)

**PLEASE WELCOME PASTOR CORBELL** who is leading worship this morning.

**ASHURE ask for the month of October is Personal Hygiene Items.** Your donations make a real difference right here in Catawba County! Thank you for helping to keep the food pantry stocked! Servants of Grace have donated **1214 lbs.** of food during 2024 as ASHURE! Let's see if we can get that donation up to 1500 lbs. by the end of the year!

**ANNUAL CONGEGATIONAL MEETING** - We ask that everyone please plan to attend worship next **Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>** for our annual Congregational Meeting prior to worship. This meeting is an important part of planning for the year ahead. We will be electing new Leadership Ministry Board members, approving the 2025 spending plan and conducting any other business of the church during this time. The meeting should be brief and will be held prior to worship. **Please plan to arrive for the meeting to begin promptly at 10:25am.**

**NEEDING A VISIT?** Our Stephen Ministers are trained and ready to make visits when requested. They can come to your home, hospital or a long-term care facility to visit. Please contact Stephen Ministry Leader, Herb Travis (704-240-7359) to request a visit. We are thankful that these servants of Grace have taken this training to help care for our church family, especially during the transitional time between pastors.

**THANK YOU!** The Friends of Rowan would like to thank Grace Lutheran Church for your donation to the Lutheran Studies Program at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. The gift will be matched by The Friends of Rowan Matching Gifts Program.

**A NOTE FROM KRISTI** – I have been given the opportunity to be the Administrative Associate for the Rector and Dean of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary at Lenoir Rhyne University. I will begin this full-time role on November 4<sup>th</sup>. I will still be working with Grace and here to support you all with any administrative tasks. I will primarily be working remotely, and will come by the office 1-2 days per week to check voicemails and work on tasks that can only be completed in the office. I will still be checking and responding to emails Monday through Thursday each week. This will be my last week in the office regularly. Feel free to reach out to me any time at [gracenalcnwton@aol.com](mailto:gracenalcnwton@aol.com) or reach out to Pastor Doug with an urgent need (980)234-8848.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS** – Don't forget that Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday!

*“Come now and look upon the works of the LORD,  
what awesome things he has done on earth.”*

Psalm 46:9

**HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY TO:**

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**THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

- Today:**                   **REFORMATION SUNDAY**  
9:30am - Sunday School  
10:30am - Worship Celebration w/ Congregational Meeting
- Friday:**                   Church Office Closed
- Next Sunday:**       **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**  
9:30am – Sunday School  
10:30am - Worship Celebration

The Ministers.....The People of Grace Lutheran Church  
Pastor .....  
Organist..... Sandi Tallant  
Administrative Assistant ..... Kristi Tucker  
Leadership Board President ..... Tim Eckard  
Youth Leader .....Stormy Shull  
Lector ..... Alan Shull  
Communion Assistants.....Herb & Libby Travis  
Ushers ..... James Hall & Jack Wilfong  
Altar Preparation.....Herb & Libby Travis  
Offering Tabulators ..... Todd Childers & Rick Bivens  
Custodian ..... Chris Abernethy