

ONE Church + Good Shepherd Community Church

Reformation Sunday Worship Guide // Sunday, October 30th, 2022

"The right and true treasure of the Church is the most Holy Gospel of the glory and grace of God."

Martin Luther 95 Thesis # 62

GATHERING BEFORE OUR GOD/ GREETING

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us give thanks to Yahweh for his righteousness.

Let us make music to praise the name of Yahweh, Most High.

My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all day, for their number is past my knowledge.

Worship God in spirit and in truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

We are the *true* circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh. We boast in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God – that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

(Ps. 7:17; John 4:24; Phil.3:3;1 Cor. 1:30f)

HYMN 1 – "I Greet My Sure Redeemer and My King"

** *Text–John Calvin Meter 10.10.10.10 Toulon*

1. I greet my sure redeemer and my king.
You are my trust; accept the love I bring.
What pain you suffered, Jesus, for my sake;
I pray you from our hearts all cares to take.

2. You are the King of mercy and of grace,
reigning omnipotent in every place;
so come, and our whole being move, we pray;
shine on us with the light of your pure day.

3. You are the life by which alone we live
and all our substance and our strength receive.
O comfort us in death's approaching hour,
strong-hearted then to face it by your power.

4. You have the true and perfect gentleness.
You have no harshness and no bitterness.
Lord, grant to us the grace in you we see,
that we may live in perfect unity.

5. Our hope is founded on your holy word.
Our faith is built on every promise, Lord.
Grant us your peace; make us so strong and
pure
that we may conquerors be, all ills endure.

INVOCATION

HYMN –“Sold”

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By Your Word alone, our eyes have seen Your salvation;
Through faith alone, not by the works of our hands;

By Your grace alone, we're purchased from every nation;
Through Christ alone, we stand.

To God alone be all the glory!
*Lead us now, O King, in the worship of Your name;
Make us pure and clean, Tune our hearts to sing Your praise.
Lord, we long to bring something worthy of Your fame:*

*Through Your Word, accept our praise;
Through Your Word, accept our praise.*

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Call to Confession The Scriptures tell us “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [1 John 1:8f] Let us confess our sins, looking to Jesus Christ, our Savior, with faith and hope, knowing that he alone forgives and brings newness of life.

Please join me in the prayer of confession. Let us pray.

Prayer: Dear God, often as your children, we start every morning determined to make it through the day without sinning; but the truth is that we don't get very far. Whether we sin by action, inaction, or in our thoughts, we are all guilty. We use this guilt to work harder, to help more people, to try to become 'holier' people. In accomplishing more, we hope to feel better about ourselves, to make You love us more and to appear more Christian than our neighbors. Forgive us, O Lord. Help us to remember that You love us because you chose us and called us to yourself. We believe in You and we are saved not because of what we do, but because of who You are and what you have done for us in the person of Your most holy Son Jesus. **Amen.**

HEAR THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

In him, we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace. (1 Timothy 1:15, Ephesians 1:7)

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

Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. (Rom. 5:5) **Thanks be to God!**

SINGING OF GOD'S GRACE IN SALVATION

The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him. Exodus 15:2

HYMN - "Great Is the Gospel of Our Glorious God"

Text- *W Vernon Higham © Author* **Tune:** *Pantymfedwen 10 10 10 10 D*

1. Great is the gospel of our glorious God,
where mercy met the anger of God's rod;
a penalty was paid and pardon bought
and sinners lost at last to him were brought:

2. Great is the mystery of godliness,
great is the work of God's own holiness;
it moves my soul and causes me to long
for greater joys than to the earth belong:

*O let the praises of my heart be thine,
for Christ has died that I may call him mine,
that I may sing with those who dwell above,
adoring, praising Jesus, King of love.*

3. The Spirit vindicated Christ our Lord,
and angels sang with joy and sweet accord;
the nations heard, a dark world flamed with light
when Jesus rose in glory and in might:

PRAYER OF THE DAY**Adapted from the Reformed liturgy of Strasbourg by Martin Bucer (about 1540).

Almighty and ever gracious God, since all our salvation depends upon your holy Word: therefore grant that our hearts may be set free from worldly things, so that we may with all diligence and faith hear your Word, rightly understand your gracious will, and in all sincerity live accordingly, to your praise and glory; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

READING THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

First Testament- Habakkuk 2:1-6a

I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me, and
what I will answer concerning my complaint.

²And Yahweh answered me:

 "Write the vision; make it plain on
tablets,
 so he may run who reads it.

³For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
 it hastens to the end—it will not lie.

If it seems slow, wait for it;

it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴"Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright
within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.

⁵"Moreover, wine is a traitor,
 an arrogant man who is never at rest.
His greed is as wide as Sheol;
 like death he has never enough.

He gathers for himself all nations
 and collects as his own all peoples."
Will not all of them taunt him with ridicule and
scorn.

Psalm 40 (Responsive Reading)

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

I waited patiently for Yahweh;

he inclined to me and heard my cry.

²He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog,

**and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.**

³He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.

**Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the YAHWEH.**

⁴Blessed is the man who makes
Yahweh his trust,

**who does not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after a lie!**

⁵You have multiplied, O YAHWEH my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts
toward us; none can compare with you!

**I will proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than can be told.**

⁶In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted,
but you have given me an open ear.

**Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required.**

⁷Then I said, "Behold, I have come;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

**⁸I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart."**

⁹I have told the glad news of deliverance^[b]
in the great congregation;

**behold, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O YAHWEH.**

¹⁰I have not hidden your deliverance within my
heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and
your salvation;

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and
your faithfulness from the great congregation.**

¹¹As for you, O YAHWEH you will not restrain your
mercy from me;

**your steadfast love and your faithfulness
will ever preserve me!**

¹²For evils have encompassed me beyond
number; my iniquities have overtaken me,
and I cannot see;

**they are more than the hairs of my head;
my heart fails me.**

**¹³Be pleased, O YAHWEH, to deliver me!
O YAHWEH, make haste to help me!**

¹⁴Let those be put to shame and disappointed
altogether who seek to snatch away my life;

**let those be turned back and brought to
dishonor who delight in my hurt!**

¹⁵Let those be appalled because of their shame
who say to me, "Aha, Aha!"

**¹⁶But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad
in you;**

may those who love your salvation
say continually, "**Great is Yahweh!**"

¹⁷As for me, I am poor and needy,
but the Lord takes thought for me.

**You are my help and my deliverer;
do not delay, O my God!**

New Testament- Ephesians 2:1-10 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

New Testament- Luke 18:9-14 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

PRAISING GOD FOR SALVATION

My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to You because You have redeemed me. Ps 71:23

REFORMATION HYMN

1. We will trust God's Word alone,
Where his perfect will is known;
Our traditions shift like sand
While his Truth forever stands.

Chorus:

***Glory be, glory be to God alone,
Through the church he redeemed and made his own.
He has freed us, he will keep us till we're safely home
Glory be, glory be to God alone!***

2. We will live by faith alone,
Clothed in merit not our own;
All we claim is Jesus Christ
And his finished sacrifice.

3. We are saved by grace alone—
Undeserved, yet freely shown;
No accomplishment on earth
Can achieve the second birth.

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Words and Music by Chris Anderson and Bob

4. We will stand on Christ alone,
The unyielding Cornerstone;
Nations rage and devils roar,
Still he reigns forevermore!

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PRAYING TO OUR GOD

O LORD, the God who saves me day and night I cry out before you. May my prayer come before you; turn your ear to my cry. Ps 88:1f

Prayer concerns, thanksgivings and petitions and prayers of the People.

OFFERING PRAYER

And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

Let us offer our gifts to the Lord out of thankful hearts and joyful lives.

SERMON HYMN - "Speak O Lord"

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
All Your purposes, for Your glory.

2. Teach us Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see,
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Romans 1:16-17 *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." ESV*

¹⁷For the righteousness of God is revealed in it from faith to faith, just as it is written, "But the one who is righteous by faith will live." Lexham English Bible

SERMON - *"Righteousness from God by Faith"* by Pastor Jeff Gregory

RESPONSE HYMN - "We Have A Gospel To Proclaim"

Text-Edward Burns @the Author Tune-Germany LM 8888

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| 1. We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth. | 4. Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for he was free;
he broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory. |
| 2. Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim:
the Word made flesh, a light for all. | 5. Tell of his reign at God's right hand
by all creation glorified;
he sends his Spirit on his church
to live for him, the Lamb who died. |
| 3. Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save;
in lonely suffering on the cross
for all he loved, his life he gave. | 6. Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
this gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth. |

COMMUNION /THE HOLY SUPPER OF OUR LORD FOR HIS DISCIPLES

This is the joyful feast of the people of God. With joy, we remember that God rescued us from sin by sending Jesus Christ into the world to become human, like us, but without sin. With gratitude, we remember that through his death and resurrection we have been set free from sin and death to share the glorious freedom as children of God. With thanksgiving, we rejoice that Jesus' resurrection enables us to live each day with God's power. May we know the risen Christ and rejoice in the unity he gives us.

LET US CONFESS THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

The Word became flesh and lived among us as one of us without sin, The Word is Jesus the Messiah. He said the Son of Man had come to give his life a ransom for many.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ ascended, Christ will come again.

John 13:1 reads It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

As a visible symbol of his love for them, he instituted a new memorial meal marking the enactment of the New Covenant in the sacrifice of his blood. He gave them and all who believe through the witness of the Word of the gospel this precious holy meal **For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

COMMUNION HYMN – “We Come to This Your Table Lord”

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1. We come to this your table, Lord,
unburdened of our sin;
and as we look we see again
our free salvation bought with pain
and our new birth begin.

2 We come to this your table, Lord,
unworthy of your care;
yet love unbounded floods our souls,
confirms our faith, defines our goals,
and speaks of joys to share.

3 We come to this your table, Lord,
to take the bread and wine;
we go away with thankful hearts
for all the joy this feast imparts,
for this most precious sign.

4 And far from this your table, Lord,
when anxious cares invade,
help us remember this dear place,
your mighty power, your saving grace,
your table richly laid.

THANKSGIVING

Leader: *What shall we render to the Lord for all his bounty to us?*

People: **We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord!** Ps. 116:12,13

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

As we are gathered about this table, let each of us offer, thanks. (**Silence**)

Gracious God our Father, you have given us these elements of bread and the fruit of the vine as a living remembrance of our Savior Jesus Christ. We are thankful that our Lord Jesus gave us this holy meal before his once for all suffering and death for our redemption. Open our hearts and minds to receive in faith this gospel ordinance, and grant that in receiving the bread and cup we may acknowledge and know the presence of Jesus by the Holy Spirit with us and be strengthened in our fellowship with one another. Amen

As they were eating he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them.

"This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Breaking of the Bread

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Cup

"In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for you, and be thankful. (**Silent Prayer**)

HYMN – "A Mighty Fortress"

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.

Did 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:
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name,
from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

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:
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs,
no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through Him Who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

Text- Martin Luther **Tune:** Ein' Feste Burg 87 87 66 667

Music: Martin Luther 1483–1546 **Arranged** By J S Bach 1685–1750

BENEDICTION

Yahweh bless you and keep you.

Yahweh make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

Yahweh lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Amen. Numbers 6: 24–26

REFORMATION CONFESSION

We believe in the one eternal God, Creator and Lord of the world, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who created all things according to the purpose of His will.

We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible authority for Christian life and doctrine. We believe it is the right and duty of each Christian to read, study, and obey the Scriptures. No doctrine is to be received unless it is taught in the Bible.

We believe that Jesus Christ alone is the Savior of men. He paid the sin debt that we owe by His perfect and all sufficient sacrifice on the cross. As the living Lord He is to be received by faith alone. We believe that God accepts us on the basis of Christ Jesus' person and work and not any merit of our own. We affirm justification by grace alone through faith in Christ alone.

We believe that all believers have the right to direct access to God through Jesus Christ. It is also our spiritual duty to intercede in behalf of other believers and to exercise our spiritual gifts for the upbuilding of the community of God's covenant people. We affirm the priesthood of all believers.

We, furthermore, believe that baptism (immersion) should be administered upon confession of faith in Christ Jesus, to believers only. This sacred ceremony signifies our identification in Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, and our desire to live as obedient disciples.

We believe that the true Church of the Lord should be an association of true believers in Christ who through His grace have covenanted together to live a life of commitment to Jesus Christ and for the purpose of the worship of God.

By Wayne Conrad, Grace Covenant Church, 1980s