

**Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
**SERVICE OF WORD AND**  
**SACRAMENT**

**Reformation Festival – November 1, 2009**

**Pastor Mark Voss**

*From page 26 in the front of the hymnal.*

**OPENING HYMN – “A Mighty Fortress”**

**CW200**

**HOLY BAPTISM – We rejoice as Dusty William Tomlinson becomes a child of God through Holy Baptism.**



*P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.*

**C: And also with you.**

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

*P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.*

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

**PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**LORD, HAVE MERCY (KYRIE)**

*P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.*

**C: (sing) Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.*

**C: (sing) Christ, have mercy.**

*P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.*

**C: (sing) Lord, have mercy.**

*P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.*

**C: (sing) Amen.**

*P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.*

## **O LORD, OUR LORD**

*C: (sing)*

**O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.**

**Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love.**

**You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit; you make us pure and holy in your sight.**

**You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all.**

**O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.**

**O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father,**

**you came to live with us; you made your Father known.**

**You washed us from our sins in your own blood.**

**You are the King of glory; you are the Lord!**

**O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*C: (sing) Amen*



## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Jeremiah 31:31-34**

### **“By Grace Alone – Sola Gratia”**

<sup>31</sup>"The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.

<sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD.

<sup>33</sup>"This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

## **Musical Selection (10:30a) – Grade School Choir**

### **“Only by Grace”**

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## **EPISTLE LESSON – Romans 3:19-28 “By Faith Alone – Sola Fide”**

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

<sup>22</sup>This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup>God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished--

<sup>26</sup>he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.

**VERSE OF THE DAY** *(Sing)*

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

**GOSPEL LESSON – John 8:31-36 “By Scripture Alone – Sola Scriptura”**

<sup>31</sup>To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup>Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

***C: (sing) Praise be to you, O Christ!***

**HYMN OF THE DAY – “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”**

**CW 382**

**GOOD NEWS FOR UNCERTAIN TIMES**

***Good News For Sinners – based on the Epistle Lesson***

**NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF THE REFORMATION**

**LORD’S PRAYER** *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.*

**THE SACRAMENT**

***God's word requires proper preparation and understanding for receiving the Lord's Supper. We practice membership communion, and ask that those who partake first become members or belong to a congregation of our church body, the Wisconsin Synod. Please ask for an informational sheet from one of the ushers for a fuller explanation from the scriptures.***

***Thank you!***

***P: The Lord be with you***

***C: (sing) And also with you.***

***P: Lift up your hearts.***

***C: (sing) We lift them up to the Lord.***

***P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.***

***C: (sing) It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

*P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He protects and preserves his Church in every age and gives us confidence to lift up our heads and watch for Jesus with joy. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.*

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sanctus)**

**Sing: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.  
You are my God, and I will exalt you.  
I will give you thanks, for you have become my salvation.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

*C: (sing) Amen.*

**Sing: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A-men.**

**DISTRIBTUION AND HYMN - "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"**

**CW 203**

**THANKSGIVING**

*C: (Sing) Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'ryone what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.  
He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy  
With shouts of thanksgiving Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

*C: (sing) Amen.*

**Benediction**

*P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.*

*C: (sing) Amen. Amen. Amen.*

**CLOSING HYMN - "God's Word is Our Great Heritage"**

**CW 293**