

OCTOBER 30, 2022
REFORMATION SUNDAY



Word alone, faith alone, and grace alone.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 8:31-36	Jesus sets us free
Monday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	A new covenant
Tuesday	Romans 3:19-28	Righteousness through faith
Wednesday	John 14:1-7	Jesus is the way to the Father
Thursday	Galatians 2:15-21	Saved by faith
Friday	Ephesians 2:1-10	From death to life
Saturday	Psalms 46	God is our strength
Sunday	Luke 6:20-31	Blessed are you who weep

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." John 8:31b-32 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, you renew your church in every age. Come Holy Spirit, renew us now with faith in Christ that we may rest in peace and serve all people in love. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you who are our fortress and strength, we thank you for this meal and for keeping us safe and secure through faith in Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the grace and power of God grant you faith in Jesus now and always.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*A Mighty Fortress
Is Our God*



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Talk or think about a relationship you have with someone that makes you smile.
- God's righteousness is God's loving power to have a relationship to you. How is that relationship with God strengthened for you day after day?

DEVOTIONS



Read: John 8:31-36.

The Gospel of John offers a relational understanding of faith, freedom, and truth. Jesus gives us a living relationship to God daily. Jesus is God in the world with us, the Word made flesh (John 1:14). Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). Truth is not simply information; it is having a relationship to Jesus who is the truth. Jesus' truth sets people free to forgive sins (John 20:22-23). Those who have a relationship to Jesus grounded in trust are freed to receive grace upon grace (John 1:16), to see Jesus as Savior, to wash feet, to live in a community of faith, to see others as Jesus sees them, and much more. Word alone, faith alone, and grace alone are central themes to the Reformation. They are central to a life in Christ that sets us free from captivity to sin and sets us free to trust God in Christ and to love all people.

Discuss: What is it about the Reformation themes of God's Word, faith in Christ, and God's grace (undeserved kindness), that is pleasing to you and sets you free from being a slave to sin?

Pray: **Mighty God, we thank you for your undeserved kindness that gives us an eternal relationship to you that we receive through faith in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help others to experience the mercy and love of Christ?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



If we want Christian children and youth, we need Christian adults who practice the faith with them. Talk about what you have learned about your faith, when you learned it, and from whom. Martin Luther wrote the Small Catechism for the head of the household to teach the Christian faith to the members of the household. If you do not have a copy of the Small Catechism, consider ordering one and then take time to look through it. Conclude by reciting the Apostle's Creed and praying the Lord's Prayer.



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