THE FIVE SOLAS OF THE REFORMATION

Introduction to Reformation and the 5 Solas

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REFORMATION

Most Christians relate the Reformation to Martin Luther's act of nailing his Ninety-Five Theses to the Castle Church door on October 31, 1517. In this document, Luther exposed what he saw as the corrupt institution of "indulgences," which promised the full or partial remission of temporal punishment for sins accompanied with an action, such as saying a prayer. Luther's actions and writings set the stage for a series of reform movements in the fifteenth century to criticize certain aspects of Roman Catholic doctrine and practice. These movements culminated in the sixteenth century with the establishment of Protestant Churches. The most prominent Reformers weren't trying to branch off from Catholicism but rather bring the Catholic Church in line with what they read in the Bible.

Today's service is organized around five principles that grew out of the Reformation. The 5 Solas ("solas," meaning, "alones") are principles foundational to the doctrine of salvation that many branches of Protestantism, including the Lutheran and Reformed branches, still teach today. They are: Sola Scriptura-Scripture Alone, Sola Gratia-Grace Alone, Solus Christus-Christ Alone, Sola Fide-Faith Alone and Soli Deo Gratias- To the Glory of God Alone.



Prelude

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word Theme, Variation 1 Dennis Northway (b.1958); Hymn Martin Luther (1483-1546)



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Kyrie

In peace let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**.

Sola Scriptura

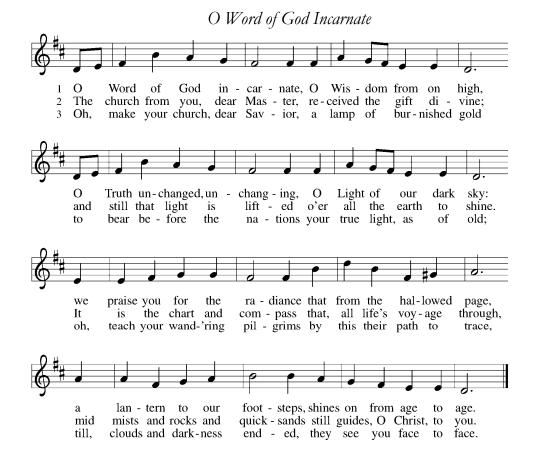
Hymn

Scripture Alone or "God's Word alone," maintains that the Bible is the highest source of authority in a Christian's life, the final court of appeal (though not the only authority, for the Bible itself mentions governmental and other authorities).

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.



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Psalm 46 Read responsively

¹God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

³though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;

God will help it when the morning dawns.

⁶The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;

he utters his voice, the earth melts.

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD;

see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;

he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations,

I am exalted in the earth."

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Sola gratia

"Grace Alone" says sinners are saved as an unearned gift of God's grace, "not as a result of works, so that no one may boast" (Eph 2:8–9).

Second Reading Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.



Solus Christus

"Christ alone" emphasizes the exclusivity of Jesus' role in salvation: "No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).

Gospel John 8:31-36

The holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

vs. 1,3,5

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Sola fide

Faith Alone affirms that justification—being made right with God—comes only through faith in Jesus. Today, as we welcome new members to Trinity, we will give thanks for the gift of faith given in baptism and, as a community, we profess our faith in Jesus Christ using the Apostles' Creed.

Profession of faith/Welcome of new members

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Patty and Dorothee, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Address and Questions

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Sisters in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

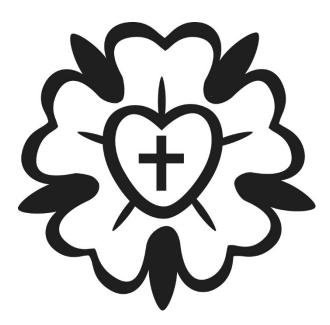
People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Those being welcomed face the assembly.

Let us welcome these sisters in Christ to this community of faith.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.



Hymn



Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God our parent, you call us your children and have made us siblings through your son Jesus. Heal the church's many divisions, bring understanding and peace where there has been contention and strife, and unite us in one body through the love of Christ. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East: Jews, Muslims and Christians; Palestinians and Israelis. Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice can be experienced by all. Teach us to be peacemakers. Guide us in our pursuits of justice and the common good. Inspire us to welcome all, forgive all, love all. Direct us as we walk in the shadow of Jesus. Inspire us to perceive the world through your eyes, that we might find hope and joy in each day, supportive of each other, for the sake of your Kingdom. God of grace, hear our prayer.

God our champion, you are our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Draw near to all who suffer especially Shirley, Charlotte, Louise, Jay, Kim, Pam, Jane, Joe, Stephen and others we name now *(worshippers may add names silently or aloud)*. Be their rest and comfort. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

God our reformer, you make all things new. Free us from complacency, open us to unexpected ways, and kindle zeal in us for the future. We pray for young people affirming their baptism. With them, stir in us a desire for your wisdom. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

God our savior, you made yourself known in the lives of all who have died in the hope of your grace. We give thanks for the witness of reformers like Martin Luther and for all whose example has brought us closer to you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Other prayers may be offered now.

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Peace

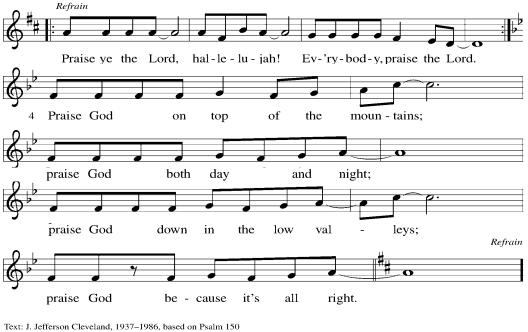
The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.



ngGrant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, LordTrinity ChoirMartin Luther (1483-1546)Plainsong Mode 1

Offering is an act of worship that shows our gratitude to God for all that we are and have in our lives. The offering today will provide support for the ministries of Trinity both locally and in the world around up. You must be offering in bottom offering in bottom offering to a diagont on condition will be world around up.

world around us. You may provide your offering in person, scan the QR code adjacent or send it by mail. We thank you for sharing not only your monetary gifts but also your gifts of time and talent to further our mission to share Jesus' love in worship, fellowship, hospitality, and community, doing God's work with our hands.



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Prayer

Let us pray.

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. **Amen**.

Dialogue

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

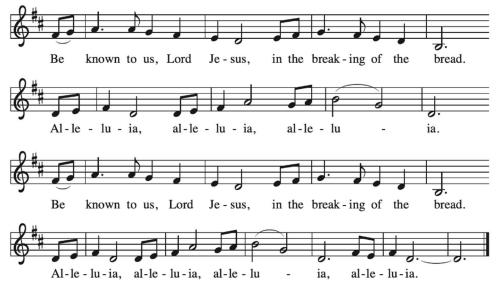
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

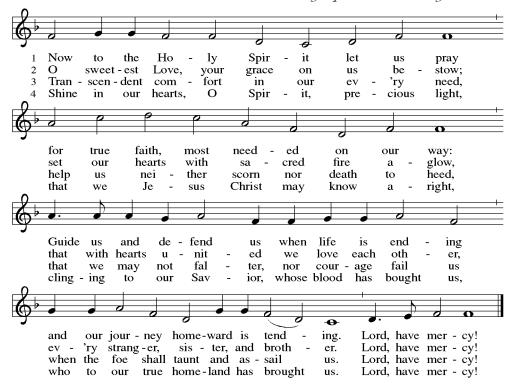
Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

Those communing from home, have your package ready to open, but do not consume the elements until the pastor acknowledges those at home and says: "Take and eat. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is given and shed for you." Then you may partake.

COMMUNION SONG







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Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice



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Post Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Announcements

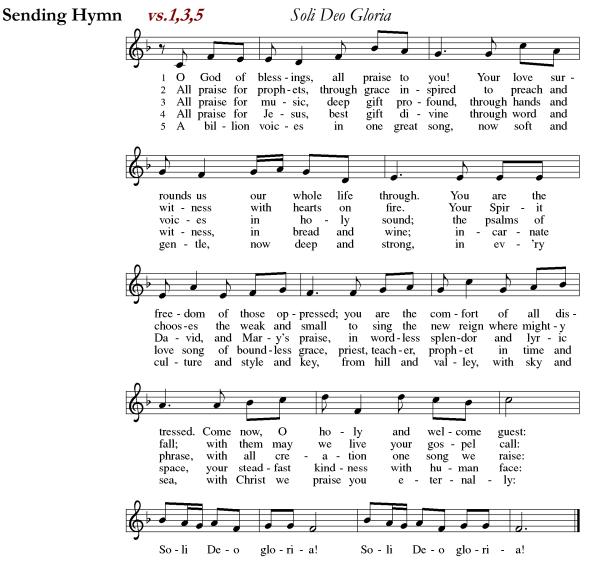
Blessing

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in + Christ Jesus. Amen.

Soli Deo Gloria

"To the glory of God alone," says that the purpose of creation, salvation, and everything—including our goal as Christians—is the glory of God, "that God may be all in all" (1 Cor 15:28).

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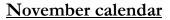
Sending Go in peace. Share the Good News To the glory of God, alone! We will!

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Fanfare

Hostetler (b.1941)

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- Choir meets every Thursday at 5:45PM
- 5 2AM FALL BACKWARD, Time change
 - 9:30AM Worship, All Saints Sunday
 - 6:30PM Council meets with Pastor John Wert
- 7-6:30PM Council meeting
- 13-18- Food Distribution preparation in parish hall all week
- 14-9:30AM Sewing for the Savior, Room 204
 - 11:30AM Lutheran Church Women, parish hall
- 19-Noisy Offering benefits Bright Futures

Angel Tree goes up

- 23-Happy Thanksgiving, church office closed
- 27-2:00-8:30PM, Pictorial Directory photo sessions, parish hall
- 28- 9:30AM Sewing for the Savior, room 204
- Noon-6PM, Pictorial Directory photo sessions, parish hall
- 30- Dec. 2 church parking lot closed for Kringle Market

Birthdays

5-Dan Painter6-Mark Landes10-Fadua Houser11-Martha Cooley, Charlotte Bailey22-Joey Patterson23-Linda Sibert

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TRENDING @ TRINITY

This morning Trinity welcomes into membership Patty Stringer and Dortheé St. Germaine. All are welcome to greet them following worship at the German potluck meal.

Your congregation council is looking for people willing to serve on council. There will be three (3) vacancies at the end of the year. Terms are three (3) years. If you think this is a way you are able to minister at Trinity, please speak to any council member: Roger Wickboldt, Diann Dailey, Mistie McPadalin, Dan Painter, Dorrie Greene, Jim Hall, Carole Pfisterer or Mike Pyne.

Anyone wishing to have flowers on the chancel in December, the list in the Narthex is available to sign up, or speak to Martha Cooley.

Trinity will always accept your food donations of canned and boxed items. This food is used every month when requests come in from people in the community. The black donation bin is in the Narthex stairwell. Soon you will be seeing requests for specific food items that will be used in the holiday gift boxes.

Don't forget to "fall back" one hour this coming Saturday. Time changes 2AM Nov. 5th.

Reserve your photo session for the Church Pictorial Directory by November 1. You can do so this morning by speaking to Mistie McPadalin or Sue Scheulen. Or at home, go online to www.ucdir.com and use the church code: va233 and church password: photos.

Invite family and friends to sign up to have their portraits taken. They can purchase photos, but non-members won't appear in the directory. If you have six or more people in your photo, please sign up for two spots!

Everyone who has their picture taken will receive a free 8 X 10 portrait and members will also receive a free directory.

If you prefer to use a digital photo you already have, you can send that to Mistie McPadalin at msmcpadalin@gmail.com and she will be sure to include this in the directory. Please note, there will be a \$15 cost for the use of the digital photo. Members using their own digital photo will receive a directory.

We need volunteers for this project, too! Please, volunteer to help with the photo sign up before and after church services and with the photo shoot in November by talking to Mistie or Sue.

If you have any questions, please contact Mistie McPadalin or Sue Scheulen.

This week: Greeter: Maxine Rogers; Reader: Marcie Stern; Comm. Asst.: Bob Lowden Next week: Greeters: Dave and Pam Reichert; Reader & Comm. Asst.: Hilda Painter