

3-Year Scripture Lessons for ☽ the Festival of the Reformation

Old Testament

Jeremiah 31:31-34 NIV "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. 32 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. 33 "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. 34 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."

Epistle (Sermon Text)

Romans 3:19-28 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. 20 Therefore no one will be declared righteous in His sight by observing the Law; rather, through the Law we become conscious of sin. 21 But now a Righteousness from God, apart from Law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22 This Righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified freely by His grace through the Redemption that came by Christ Jesus. 25 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 – 26 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. 27 Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the Law? No, but on that of faith. 28 For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the Law.

3-Year Gospel

John 8:31-36 To the Jews who had believed Him, Jesus said, "If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." 33 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?" 34 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. 35 Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Historic Reformation Epistle

Revelation 14:6-7 Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal Gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth - to every nation, tribe, language and people. 7 He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His Judgment has come. Worship Him Who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Historic Reformation Gospel

Matthew 11:12-15 From the days of John the Baptist until now, the Kingdom of Heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it. 13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. 14 And if you are willing to accept it, He is the Elijah who was to come. 15 He who has ears, let him hear.

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(22nd Sunday after Trinity) ☸ *Reformation, Observed*



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October 27th, 2019 ✕ (Trinity-19) ☀ Reformation Festival

WELCOME to Our Savior! We are so happy to have you worship with us today. If you are visiting us for the first time (or in a long time), we ask that that you please fill out a visitor card found in the pew cardholder and place it in the offering plate. Come and worship with us again! **The LORD bless you.**

ORDER OF WORSHIP On gold liturgy sheets or in the (red) TLH Hymnal p.15

Service	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	262 (4v)	A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Psalm 91	Ps. 91 "3v"	Be With Me LORD When I Am in Trouble ↗
Hymn of the Day	297 (6v)	The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace
Offertory Verse	283 (1v)	God's Word Is Our Great Heritage ↗
Third Hymn	263 (4v)	O Little Flock Fear Not the Foe
Closing Hymn	261 (3v)	LORD, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word

Suggested Bible readings for weekdays after the 19th Sunday after Trinity

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nehemiah 1:1-11 Neh. 2:1-20 Nehem. 4:1-23 Nehe. 8:1-18 Nehemiah 9:1-38 Zech. 8:1-23					
I John 1:1-10 I John 2:1-17	I John 5:1-3	I John 5:10-21	II (2 nd) John	III (3 rd) J ohn	

PROPERS for REFORMATION SUNDAY (19TH after TRINITY) ☀ OCTOBER 27TH

INTROIT The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our Refuge. Therefore will not we fear though the earth be removed and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea. God is our Refuge and Strength, a very present Help in trouble. ...from **Psalm 46 (Ein Feste Burg)**

COLLECT O LORD God, heavenly Father, pour out, we beseech You, Your Holy Spirit upon Your faithful people, keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptations, defend us against all enemies of Your Word, and bestow on Christ's Church Militant Your saving peace; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, Who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One True God, now and forever, C: ♫ A---men.

GRADUAL C: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness. Walk about Zion; tell the towers thereof, mark well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, that you may tell it to the generation following. Alleluia! Alleluia! For this God is our God forever and ever. He will be our Guide even to death. Alleluia! ...from **Psalm 48**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS (printed on the outside back page of the bulletin)

O.T. II Chronicles 29:12-29 Purification of the (OT) Temple by Hezekiah.

Epi. Revelation 14:6-7 4th Angel with the Eternal Gospel: (Is it Dr.M.L.?)

Gos. Matthew 11:12-15 "He who has ears let him hear" ...the Gospel.

SERMON (3-Yr Gos: John8:31-36) **ETERNAL GOSPEL "ABIDE IN MY WORD FOREVER"**

Psalm 91 REFRAIN: BE WITH ME LORD, WHEN I AM IN TROUBLE; BE WITH ME LORD, I PRAY

Refrain C: ♪ Be with me LORD, when I am in trouble; Be with me LORD, I pray.

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the LORD Most High, Who abide in the shadow of our God. Say to the LORD: "My Refuge and Fortress, the God in whom I trust."

Refrain C: ♪ Be with me LORD, when I am in trouble; Be with me LORD, I pray.

2. No evil shall be fall you, no pain come near, For His angels stand close by your side. Guarding you always and bearing you gently, Watching over your life.

Refrain C: ♪ Be with me LORD, when I am in trouble; Be with me LORD, I pray.

3. Those who cling to the LORD live secure in His love, Lifted high those who trust in His Name. Call on the LORD, He will never forsake you, He will bring you salvation and joy. C: ♪ BE WITH ME LORD, WHEN I AM IN TROUBLE; BE WITH ME LORD, I PRAY.

#283 1. **God's Word is our Great Heritage - And shall be ours forever;**
To spread Its Light from age to age - Shall be our chief endeavor.

Through life It guides our way, - In death It is our Stay.

LORD, grant, while worlds endure, - We keep Its teachings pure.

Throughout all gen-er-a-tions. A--men.

PRAAYER REQUESTS: Member or Relation Pray for...

Shirley Marquardt (DuWayne)	Shirley had a (2 nd) hernia surgery in August
Joan Patrick (Frank)	Joan has been battling health and insurance issues
Joe Thacker (Bev Foster)	Joe had an infection in MI. Hope return late October
Jim Vanesky & Delores Platt	Jim had a fall, stitches out, back at home rehab
Dave Wiesenauer (Pat)	Dave had major surgery. Back home (2 nd time)

Volunteers Today Next Sunday

Greeters	Elaine Jones	Orpha & John Weber
Treaters	Bev & Don (& Cook Brats)	Bev Foster & Joe Thacker

Statistics Last week Year To Date / Avg.

Sunday, Attendance (Communion)	9 / (9)	16 / 15
Bible Class Attendance: Sunday	6	7
Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD	\$. (\$1.3K)	YTD \$., /\$52.0K

Calendar of Events

Today October 27 th	9:00 am	BibleStudy Messiah/I AM: Hose on Rock
Trinity-19(Conf&Abs)	10:00 am	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
Reformation Observed	11:15 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ...Stay!
Joint Reformation	4:00 pm	ELS FLA Circuit #1 REFORMATION Fest
Worship, then Meal	5:30 pm	Reformation German Fellowship Meal
Sunday, 11/3	9:00 am	BibleStudy Messiah/I AM: The 2 Debtors
Trinity-20(Perservere)	10:00 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
All Saints Day Observe	11:15 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ...Stay!

Elders: Tom Temple 213-4622; John Weber 853-5458; Don Wienke 815-8892.

✖ Basket for FWMS Florida Women's Missions is placed at back **these two Sundays**.

Next Sunday 11/3 (Trinity-20/C) All Saints (p.15 L.S.) 468 463 463.7-8 377 660

REFORMATION John 8:31-36 "*ABIDE IN THE WORD - FOREVER*" 10.27.19 OSL

"If you abide in My Word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32)

HAPPY (HALLOWEEN)REFORMATION Today (Well, the 31st, actually) is **Reformation Day**, the eve of All Saints, all Hallows Eve, Halloween, and so a little bit of everything this morning. (**502**) years ago, an Augustinian friar and professor at Wittenberg University named Martin Luther posted 95 theses in Latin for theological discussion concerning the sale of indulgences on the Castle Church door, the town bulletin board. And so began what we now call the **Reformation of the Western Christian Church**.

CONSERVATION

When you reform something, you don't start from scratch. You **conserve** what you can and you fix what you can't. Reformations tend to be **conservative**. It's like pruning a perennial or trimming a tree. You don't dig out the whole plant and put another in its place. Nor do you whack down the whole tree to the root. You prune selectively, skillfully, carefully. Luther did **not** intend to split an already fractured church. Nor did he intend to start a new church, as if such a thing were possible. This was not about shaking a defiant fist at the Pope, though he did do a bit of that later on, nor was it about breaking away from the big bad Catholic Church, nor was it, as some believed, a pure church emerging from the impure Catholic. This was supposed to be, and always is, about **Reformation. Correcting what is wrong, conserving what is right.**

EVER REFORM... And so it is today. **The Church is always and ever being reformed.** The Lutheran churches. This church. Every part of the church. It's not simply a once and done deal where you can rest on your laurels. There is always error, always drift, always a little sideways current or wind that blows the Church slightly off course. That's **true for each of us justified sinners too.** We are **ever in need of reformation.** It's not about once saved always saved or once confirmed always Lutheran or whatever other false security blanket we try to wrap ourselves in. Our Baptism was a one-time-thing but it is still a **daily thing**, a daily dying and rising, a daily justification, a **daily re-formation.**

JOHN 8 (TEXT)

Jesus spoke to the **Jews who had believed in Him.** The verse before our text spoke of many coming to believe in Him. Now we learn of those who **no longer believed. They used to**, but not any more. There's no once believed always believing security here. You dare not take the gift of faith lightly. What went wrong? Did God fail? Did the Word fail to do its faith creating, sustaining, enlivening work? **No. They refused.** They turned from the Word (and anyone can do that). Faith is born of the Word, is fed by the Word, is sustained by the Word. And without the Word, faith dies.

ABIDE IN WORD

"If you abide in My Word you are truly My disciples." Being a disciple is not like being a member of a political party or a member of the local gardening club. We can claim any sort of affiliation we want. We can call ourselves "**Christian**" or even "**Lutheran**." But to be a

disciple is to abide in the Word of Jesus, that is, to be **connected to Jesus by hearing His Word and having His Word have its way with you.** The same word "abide" is used in Jesus' description of the vine and the branches. A branch abides in the vine and draws life from it. Cut off from the vine, the branch is fruitless and dead. Cut off from the Word, faith is fruitless and dead too.

PROMISE ATTACHED

There is a **promise for those who abide in the Word of Jesus.** "*You will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free.*" **Jesus Himself is the Truth. His Word is Truth.** To abide in the truth is to abide in Jesus, the **only place a sinner** may abide and live before God. The truth is that we are sinners. Not simply ones who commit sin, that is, do bad things, think bad thoughts, say bad words. It goes much deeper than that. We are slaves to **Sin** (with a Capital S). "*Whoever sins is a slave to Sin.*"

(DO YOU SIN?)

Do you sin? Well, in case you're not sure, the **Commandments** say you do. Do you **fear, love, and trust** in God above all things? Do you use the **Name of God** rightly in worship and prayer? Do you **gladly hear** and learn God's Word? Do you **honor** father, mother, and other temporal authorities? Do you **help** your neighbor in every need? Do you **keep marriage pure** and encourage others to do the same? Do you help your neighbor **protect** his property? Do you **speak well of others** and put the best construction on everything? Do you **desire/covet** what doesn't belong to you? Are you always **content** with what you have?

HOW SOON WE FORGET The truth is no, we are all slaves to sin, just as Israel was once a slave in Egypt, a fact that the Jews seem to have conveniently forgotten. That's how it goes. You're freed from slavery, and then pretty soon you forget you ever were enslaved. "*We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone.*" **How soon we forget.** That's **pride talking**, and a strange kind of pride. It's the worst form of pride = **Spiritual pride.** It's receiving a gift and then acting as if you'd earned it all along. Or forgetting entirely that it **is** a gift, and so also **forgetting the Giver.**

SLAVES TO SIN

We are born enslaved, captive to sin and death. **We canNOT free ourselves.** We're stuck. And any attempts at self-liberation only make matters worse. When we look into the mirror of the Law we find that it's a **magnifying** mirror. Even things we thought were okay, even those places where we felt self-justified turn out to be so riddled with sin we barely recognize the good. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Our own **sins in thoughts, in our words, in our actions - remind us** that we are slaves to sin.

THE SON FREES US

A slave remains for a while, **a son remains forever.** **The Son** came down to us. The Son **joined us in our humanity.** The Son stood side by side with the slave to free us. He paid the slave-freeing price. He redeemed us. He did the whole Law flawlessly and without sin. He was not enslaved by sin, **He was LORD over sin.** And as LORD, He came under the Law that accuses us, that gives our consciences no rest,

that kills us. He took up our sin and our Death and nailed it all to His Cross. The Son became the slave **so that the slave might become the son**. And if the Son sets you free, you are free as free can be.

LUTHER'S EPIPHANY That's what **Martin Luther discovered when He looked at the Cross of Jesus and for the first time** in his life and saw **mercy** rather than **merit**. Undeserved kindness rather than an example to follow. When he heard that phrase "the righteousness of God" and recognized that this was not something you worked for but something given as a gift through faith. In his fear and despair, he finally heard that **the Law** of God, no matter how holy and good and just it is, **cannot save**. It can **only drive you to Jesus** seeking mercy, which is what it's supposed to do. The Law is there to shut every mouth so that no one can boast before God. Through the commandment comes **knowledge of sin**.

GOOD-NEWS/GOSPEL But the **Good News** that propelled the Reformation is that God declares **the unrighteous to be righteous**. God justifies the ungodly. He declares the sinner righteous in the righteousness of Jesus. All have sinned; all fall short of the glory of God; all are justified by God's grace, a gift, given freely through the Redemption that is in Christ Jesus through faith in His Blood.

FREE 4-EVER! **In Jesus you are free**. Free from the Commandment(s). Free from the obligations of the Law. Free from the Law's condemnation. Free from enslavement to sin. Free from Death. Free to live before God as a **justified** sinner. Free to serve your neighbor in love. The slave is made a son, a child, an heir. Should you doubt this and wonder if it applies to you, remember you are **Baptized**. **Baptism is your adoption paper**. The slave is now an heir with the full rights of sons and daughters. You have a place at the table. **You have a permanent place in the house**.

ETERNAL GOSPEL At Luther's funeral, they cited the verse from **Revelation 14** about the angel with the Eternal Gospel and saw **Luther** as that angel. It may be a bit overblown in its interpretation, but it was a reminder that **God intends for every person** from every nation, tribe, language and people to hear this Good news and believe it. The Son became a slave **to make the slaves into sons and daughters**. Humanity finds its freedom and life in Jesus, and every human being must hear it. Sadly, not all will believe it. Some will believe it for a while, as the Jews who once believed in Jesus but did so no longer.

TREASURE *"For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the Law."* My **dear fellow Lutherans**, learn to treasure that sentence like the most precious of gems. That's your Blood-bought freedom. That's what you were Baptized into. That's your son-ship and inheritance as a child of God. That is how you, a sinner stands before a holy God and lives. **God does justice to sin and justifies the sinner**. By grace. Through faith not works. All for Jesus' sake. Abide in that justifying Word, and you are a disciple of Jesus. Abide in that Word, and you are forgiven. Abide in that Word, and **you are free**. **IJN, Amen. SDG**

Possible Prayer of Church for Reformation Sunday October 27th, 2019
God is our Refuge and Strength, an ever-present Help in trouble. So let us lay before Him the needs of all people. (Possible) Brief silence

God of grace, keep us steadfast in Your Word that makes us Christ's disciples and teaches us Your truth. Guide our wayward hearts, so that we never follow the false gospels that lead us away from You. Provide for us and Your whole Church faithful pastors who preach with purity and joy that we are saved by Your grace alone through faith alone because of Christ alone. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

God of grace, we confess that we commit sin and so are slaves to sin. Grant to each of us humble repentance along with confident faith that never doubts Your promise that because Your Son has set us free, we are truly free. Give us a zeal for learning Your promises and Your ways from Scripture alone. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

God of grace, silence our mouths with Your Law. Remind us that we are accountable to You, so that we never trust our efforts to achieve our salvation. Use this congregation to assure each of us and all people that we are declared righteous as a gift by Your grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

God of grace, You present Your Son as a sacrifice of atonement. Give us lips that are ready and eager to tell the people in our communities and the people of the world what Christ has done. As Your eternal Gospel is proclaimed to every nation and tribe and language and people, turn unbelievers to faith in Jesus, so that more and more forgiven sinners fear You and give You glory. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

God of grace, when we fret over the state of the world, remind us that even when nations are in uproar and kingdoms fall, You remain in control. Teach us to be still and know that You are God. Show us and all people the joy that comes in following Your ways instead of yielding to the ways of the world. Guide all who govern us so that evil is thwarted, righteousness is rewarded, true marriage is honored and the lives of the unborn are protected. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

God of grace, do not let Your people fear though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea. Come to the rescue of all people in need **including Your servants [OSL Prayer List]**. Comfort them with the promise that You, the Lord Almighty, are with them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

God of grace, lead us with humble but joy-filled hearts to the Supper of Your Son's Body and Blood. Unite us as Your people. Prepare us with this meal for life and death. Keep us as You kept all the faithful before us, who now rest with You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

God of grace, hear our prayers and help Your people, for we pray through Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**.