

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.

Our Savior Lutheran Church  Lakeland, FL  ELS
(22nd Sunday after Trinity) ☸ *Reformation, Observed*



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BIBLE CLASS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM FELLOWSHIP 10:45 AM

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October 28th, 2018 ✧ (Trinity-22) ☼ 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.**

OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP On gold liturgy sheets and in (red) Hymnal p.5.

Suggested Hymn	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	44 (4v)	Ye Lands, to the LORD Make a Jubilant...
Psalm "98"	Ps. '98'	O Sing to the LORD a New Song ... ↗
Hymn of the Day	262 (4v)	(Ein Feste Burg) A Mighty Fortress ...
Offertory Verse	283 (1v)	God's Word Is Our Great Heritage
Third Hymn	387 (10)	Sing v1-4 Dear Christians,1 & All Rejoice
Closing Hymn	261 (3v)	LORD, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word

Suggested Bible readings for weekdays after the 22nd Sunday after Trinity

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Micah 6:9-5:1	Isaiah 49:14-21	Isaiah 2:10-21	Isaiah 63:1-6	Joel 2:1-11	Joel 2:12-27
Matt. 18:1-22	Mark 9:33-50	Luke 17:20-37	Rom. 8:24-39	Mark 12:1-12	Matt. 25:14-30

PROPERs for REFORMATION SUNDAY (22nd after TRINITY) ☼ OCTOBER 28TH

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	4 th Angel with the Eternal Gospel: (Is it Dr.M.L.?)
Gos.	Matthew 11:12-15	"He who has ears let him hear" ...the Gospel.

Verse 1. **O Sing to the LORD a New Song,**— for He has done marvelous things
O sing to the LORD a new song!— Come, lift up your voice- and sing!

Verse 2. **O shout to the LORD all the earth!**— Break forth into jubilant praise.
O shout to the LORD all the earth!— Rejoice in His glory and grace!

Let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the riv-ers clap their hands.
Let the mountains sing together for joy! ... O sing to the LORD a new song!

Verse 3. **O sing to the LORD a new song,**— for He has done marvelous things
O sing to the LORD a new song!— Come, lift up your voice- and sing!

My life flows on- in endless song;- above earth's lamenta-tion.
I hear the sweet, - though far-off hymn- that hails a new crea-tion.
No storm can shake- my inmost calm- while to that Rock I am clinging.
Since Christ- is LORD- of heav'n and earth- how can I keep- from sing-ing?-

Through all the tu-mult and the strife, - I hear the music ring-ing.

It finds and ech-o in my soul,- how can I keep- from sing-ing?

No storm can shake- my inmost calm- while to that Rock I'm clinging.

Since Christ- is LORD- of heav'n and earth- how can I keep- from sing-ing?

Verse 4. **O sing to the LORD a new song,**— for He has done marvelous things
O sing to the LORD a new song!— Come, lift- up- your voice- and sing,

Come and sing a new song! — ("O Sing to the Lord..." Lloyd Larson, 2018)

PRAYER REQUESTS: (Member or Relation) Pray for...

Elma Hendricks	Comfort for family. Jim H passed. Funeral was Thursday
Dee Kurczewski (David)	Dee - rehabbing. David back working
Carolyn Miner (Don)	Carolyn had brain bleed stroke. Home recovering well
Jon & Andrea Sawyer	Jon's heart, resuming work. Andrea started new work
Dave Wiesenauer (Pat)	Dave had a DVT bloodclot. Recovering at home
Ethel Wendt (Steve)	PTL Ethel had (major) surgery. Recovering well at home
Barb Wolkens	Barb seriously stiff neck. Doctors don't know cause yet
James Vanesky & Delores Platt	Both at home rehabbing. We miss them

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Vivian & Tom Temple	Elaine Jones
Treaters	(Prep for Reformation Meal)	Pam & Dave Wiesenauer

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday, Attendance (Communion)	16 / (16)	19 / 17
Bible Class Attendance: Sunday	7	10
Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD	\$. (\$1,350)	YTD\$, (\$58.K)

Calendar of Events		
Today October 28th (Trinity-22 Sunday)	8:30 am 9:30 am	Bible Study Figures of Christ: <i>King</i> 🏰 ☼
<i>Reformation.Observed</i>	10:45 ff...	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
Joint Worship&Meal	4:00, 5:30	"FFF" = Fellowship (& Don grilling Brats)
Joint Reformation & Anniversary -RWH		
Tuesday, 10/31	(all-day)	Reformation Day. (...also Halloween)
Next Sunday 11/4 Trinity-23 Sunday	8:30 am 9:30 am	Bible Study Figures of Christ: <i>Priest</i>
<i>Heavenly Citizenship</i>	10:45 ff...	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
		"FFF" = Fellowship (& Clear hall-Election)

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 11/4 Trinity-23(B) (p.15 L.S.) ♪ Hymn #s 258 581 644 377 660

(TRINITY-22) REFORMATION Romans 3:19-28 "FAITH ALONE" 10.28.18 OSL

"For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the Law" (Rom.3:28)

(← FROM INTRO.) → ... These are shocking statistics. But they reveal that it is possible for a church to become busy with many activities and yet miss that which is essential - the pure preaching of the Gospel and the right administration of the sacraments. Can it be any clearer than that? Can it be any more plain even to the casual hearer? All have sinned, all fall short of the glory of God, all are justified by God's grace, His undeserved kindness, a gift that comes through the redemptive blood of Jesus Christ. How can it be more clear?

CLEAR AS MUD(?) And yet, it isn't always so clear, is it? It was not terribly clear in Luther's day, on that **October 31st, the Eve of All Hallows**, in 1517 when an Augustinian monk and teacher of the Scriptures nailed his **95 Theses** for debate to the church door in Wittenberg. It was not at all clear that there was a righteousness of God apart from the Law, received through faith and not as the result of our works. It was not at all apparent to the faithful who sat in church week after week and heard sermons on indulgences and obligations and religious duties, who feared the fires of purgatory for their loved ones and themselves, who bought masses in the hope that their loved ones would be freed from torment, who saw Jesus as a stern judge with the scales of justice in His hands measuring your sin against your righteousness. No, it was not at all clear, that one is justified by faith apart from the works of the Law.

TODAY TOO And it's **no more clear today in many parts of Christianity**. This central and core teaching, the hub around which all of Christian doctrine spins, the heart of the Christian faith, is in no better shape today. It is not at all clear today, whether one sits in a pew or an easy chair in front of the television, that a sinner stands justified, declared righteous with the imputed, external, alien righteousness of Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen Son of God, on no other basis than by God's free grace through faith for Jesus' sake.

"CHRIST...+" (NO!) The usual language today, as in former days, is **Christ plus something**. Christ **plus love**. Christ **plus obedience**. Christ plus your **piety**, your **prayers**, your **devotion**, your **decision**. Christ plus whatever it is that you do to plug into the power and make Jesus' Salvation yours. The doctrine of Justification is treated by many today as a presupposition, a stepping stone to the "Christian life," something "we all know" so let's move on to greater things, the beginning but not the central core.

BIKE W/O HUB The Christian faith without justification in the middle is like a **bicycle wheel without a hub**. It may have a full set of spokes and a perfectly true rim, but **without a hub it's not going to spin**.

2 REASONS What's the problem then? Why, when the **Apostle Paul** says it so clearly, do we not get it? **Two reasons** come to mind from our text. **First**, we underestimate the Law. We think the Law is a set of principles, a guidebook to give us purpose, an owner's manual to show us how to live in order to please God. We think the Law will make us better.

LAW SAYS But listen to what Paul says. He says, *"Whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so every mouth may be stopped, and*

the whole world may be held accountable to God." There you have it. What's the purpose of the Law? To shut every mouth before God. **God is NOT interested in what you have done for Him lately**. He already knows about it, and it doesn't impress Him. **We are sinners**, guilty under the Law before God. Idolaters, blasphemers, despisers of His Word, disobedient to authority, murderers, adulterers, thieves, liars, gossips, cheats, and coveters. We sin in our **thoughts**, we sin with our **words**, we sin in our **deeds**. We sin by the things **we do**, and we sin by the things **we haven't done**. And that's just scratching the surface. Those are the symptoms; the condition is sin, the inherited, congenital disease of disobedience and death that comes from Adam.

LAW: "SHUT-UP" & LISTEN! The Law is intended to **"shut us up" so we can listen**, because only in hearing are we going to be freed from this mess. As long as we are credentialing before God, as long as our mouths are babbling over our holiness and obedience, our ears will be deaf to the only word that can save us, the justifying Word of Jesus's Forgiveness. That Law says in effect, *"Shut up and listen"* because **faith comes by hearing and** there won't be any faith as long as your lips are flapping.

ALL ACCOUNTABLE The Law holds the whole world accountable to God. We **all** answer to a higher authority. Everyone does, whether they acknowledge Him or believe in Him or not. The whole world is accountable to God under the Law, and just so there's no mistaking it, the whole world feels the pressure of the Law. The wages of sin is death, and there's no one who misses Death's payday.

TERMINAL CASE The **purpose** of the Law is to bring knowledge of sin, to give us the divine diagnosis of our condition, the way a doctor connects the dots of your symptoms and gives you the underlying cause. You think you have problems? The Law says **you are the problem**. You think you have a few bad habit to straighten out? Think again. The Law says you are shot through with sin. You're a terminal case. This is not going to get better by itself-you can't fix it.

SIN-SLAVERY That's the **second reason we don't get** justification. We underestimate the depth of our sin. Jesus nails those who would play fast and loose with the notion of sin. *"Everyone who sins is a slave to sin."* Sin is slavery. Every sin is a form of slavery, an abrogation of freedom, a denial of our humanity. And the thing about slavery is that you cannot free yourself from it. Someone else, from "the **outside**" (extrano~) has to redeem you, pay the price and buy you back.

(30-AD JEWS) DIDN'T GET IT The **Jews of Jesus' day didn't see it**, and so they didn't get it. They had Abraham's blood running through their veins, what more did they need? They'd even forgotten their past, that they lived by mercy not merit, by grace through faith. *"We've never been enslaved to anybody,"* they said. Remember that little thing about 400 years in Egypt? How easily we forget! Sin is slavery, and everyone who sins is a slave to sin. **You cannot free yourself any more than the Israelites could free themselves from Egypt**.

THE "JESUS POINT" That brings us to the **Jesus point, which is also the Justification point**. Jesus has redeemed you from slavery to sin. If the Son sets you free, you truly are free. He redeemed you not with gold or silver or money, but with His holy, precious Blood and with His innocent suffering and

death. He was made your sin, though He Himself knew no sin. He was baptized into your sin and death. He drank the cup of God's wrath poured out on you. He became you under the Law; He became all humanity under the Law, to bear our sin and also to be our righteousness.

ACTIVE & PASSIVE OBED... Jesus is perfect humanity under the Law. He fears, loves, trusts in God above all things. He rightly honors God's Name and Word. He is the obedient Son of His Father and His mother. He helps and befriends His neighbor; He is sexually pure, chaste, and holy. He does not steal, lie, gossip, slander or covet anything. He is perfect Man under the Law, and that perfection is yours by grace through faith all for Jesus' sake. He was made your sin. He is condemned humanity, one huge rebellious Man, covered with your sin. He is the drunkard, the adulterer, the murderer, the thief, the liar. He is damned with our damnation, cursed with the curse of the Law, receiving in His own Body what you and I deserved. But He gets it instead. He does justice to our sins in two ways: **He keeps the Law for us where we could not; and He dies under the Law for us as we deserve to die.** This is the "righteousness of God" that brought hope and joy to Luther and the reformers. Not the righteousness of God under the Law by which we are judged and found wanting, but the righteousness of God under the Gospel who justifies the sinner for Jesus' sake.

GOD GUARANTEES IT Even in the midst of the world's end, with smoke and fire and war and disease and famine all around us, there is **an Angel hovering in mid-heaven**, ready to proclaim the Gospel to the world, the Good News that men and women born and steeped in sin are justified by grace through faith in Jesus Christ who has redeemed them by His blood. Hopefully, it will be proclaimed by the churches who call themselves "**Lutheran**," but if not, then someone else. **God always has His preachers.**

HERE TODAY That Eternal Gospel comes to you here today, in our own smoke and fire that reminds us of the coming fire on the Last Day. Fear God and trust His Son. In Christ you are holy and perfected, in Him you are justified and sanctified, in Him you have life even in your death, in Him you are righteous before God enveloped in a robe of righteousness not your own but made your own through faith. In Jesus Christ, you are free. Free from the power of sin, free from the condemnation of the Law, free to live under Him in His kingdom and to serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

CONTINUED NEED... Martin Luther called the church of his day back to the foundation. Back to Jesus Christ Who alone justifies sinners and bestows the fruits of His justifying work in Holy Baptism, the preaching of His Holy Word, Holy Absolution, and the Holy Supper of His body and blood. That Reformation must continue in our own day as well. As we come together on this Reformation Sunday, we do not simply glory in something that God did back there in 16th century Germany, as grateful as we are for the gifts which He has bestowed on us through Martin Luther. Instead, we pray that God would keep us faithful in our own day to the Gospel which Luther preached:

For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the Law. Believe it. Live it. Proclaim it. Could it be any clearer than that? **IJ'N, Amen. SDG**

Possible Prayer of Church for ☺ Reformation Sunday ☽ October 28th, 2018
*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 ...*

Mighty Fortress, Rock of Refuge, hear today our prayers for Your whole Church. Deliver her from every error that would cloud the joy of Your salvation. Preserve in her the proclamation of the eternal Gospel. Make it resound to every nation and tribe, people and language, that its mighty power might bring all to fear You and give You the glory. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Fortress, Rock of Refuge, hear today our prayers for all ministers of the Word. Help them to proclaim Your Law in such a way that every excuse is stripped from the mouths of their hearers and all are held accountable to God. Help them to proclaim Your Gospel, that they may know Jesus Christ as their sole righteousness before You, the propitiation You have set forward by His blood to be received by faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Fortress, Rock of Refuge, hear today our prayers for all who bear civic authority in our land. Bless our president and Congress, our justices and magistrates, and all who serve. Protect them from the temptations that beset their offices, and impart to them wisdom and courage. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Fortress, Rock of Refuge, hear today our prayers for all who know the bondage of sin and yet imagine themselves free. Open their eyes by the words of Jesus, and grant them the true freedom of sonship and a permanent place in Your household through Him. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Fortress, Rock of Refuge, hear today our prayers for all who cry to You for healing in body or mind, heart or soul. [*Remember especially **OSL Prayers.***] Have mercy upon each one. In Your own time and way, grant them release from their afflictions. Sustain their confidence and hope in the full and final healing that awaits the day of our Lord's appearing and the resurrection of the body. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Fortress, Rock of Refuge, Your people have sheltered in You from age to age. Receive our thanks for all Your servants who have departed this life in Your fear and friendship. We especially bless You today for the great reformers of Your Church who ever call us back to the Gospel and to the righteousness we have in Christ alone. Keep us in fellowship with them, and bring us at last by Your truth to the heavenly home and the joy of seeing our Redeemer face to face. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen. Then, The Lord's Prayer...**

SURVEY INTRODUCTION

A survey done by (**Thrivent**, the Insurance company). Their survey, conducted among lay members of the **ELCA, the LC-MS, and the WELS**, (not the **ELS**?) yielded the following results:

- **48% said**, "*People can only be justified before God by loving others.*"
- **60% agreed** with the statement that "*The main purpose of the Gospel is God's rules for right living.*"
- **67% said yes** to the statement, "*Although there are many religions in the world, most of them lead to the same God.*"
- **44% would NOT say yes** to the statement, "Property (house, automobile, etc.) belongs to God and we only hold it in trust for God.
- **41% disagreed** with the notion that children enter the world as sinners.
- **28% couldn't say yes** to the statement, "God is one divine essence but three persons." ...These are **shocking statistics.** →...☞