

**THE LORD'S DAY
REFORMATION SUNDAY**

October 29, 2023 at 8:30 AM & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude David Schmidt
Piano Wendy Baldwin

Hymn 150 Awesome Power

Hymn 151 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Hymn 152 The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

Prayer

Scripture Reading – Psalm 124 (opposite page)

Announcements

Meditation I Surrender All Dean & Tracie Arnold

Pastoral Prayer

Meditation Bless the Lord, O My Soul Dean & Tracie

Message THE POWER OF PRAYER

Revelation 8:6-13 Rev. Calvin VanderMey

Benediction

Postlude

WESTMINSTER CATECHISM

Q. 78. What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own, or our neighbor's good name.

Lev. 19:16; Ps. 15:3; Prov. 6:16-19; Luke 3:14

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Tuesday 6:30 PM - Precept on Zoom

Wednesday 10 AM - Men's Bible Fellowship

Wednesday 6:30 PM – Prayer and Bible Study

Thursday 8:15 AM – Precept Bible Study

Thursday 6:30-7:45 PM - Choir Rehearsal

Please remember to silence your cell phones to help maintain an attitude of worship without distraction.

Psalm 124 The LORD the Defense of His People

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

¹“If it had not been the LORD who was on our side,”

Let Israel now say—

²“If it had not been the LORD who was on our side,

When men rose up against us,

³Then they would have swallowed us alive,

When their wrath was kindled against us;

⁴Then the waters would have overwhelmed us,

The stream would have gone over our soul;

⁵Then the swollen waters

Would have gone over our soul.”

⁶Blessed *be* the LORD,

Who has not given us *as* prey to their teeth.

⁷Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers;

The snare is broken, and we have escaped.

⁸Our help *is* in the name of the LORD,

Who made heaven and earth.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1

On the last Sunday of October each year we remember the Reformation started by Martin Luther on October 31, 1517. It was this matter of knowing how to be saved that we have Martin Luther's quest for a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. He would starve himself, sit in cold rooms shivering, trying everything to find Christ and know that he was saved. Then, as he studied for classes that he was teaching at Wittenburg University he came across the verse in Romans 1:17—*The Just shall live by faith*. The same verse was found in Galatians and Hebrews, and all three were a quote of Habakkuk 2:20. Luther found his answer, he could be saved from his sins and be accepted by God through **justification by faith alone**. That means that Christ Jesus accomplished through His suffering and death on the Cross all that is necessary for salvation. This was the **Good News** that Luther wanted to share with everyone!

LOOKING AHEAD

November 11 – Ladies of Grace 1:30-3 PM

November 18 – Ladies' Luncheon 12:30 PM

November 22 – Thanksgiving Eve Service – 6:30 PM

November 25 – Men's Breakfast 9-10 AM

Samaritan's Purse Gift Boxes available by the double doors!

I Surrender All

1. All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.

Refrain: I surrender all, I surrender all;
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

2. All to Jesus I surrender, Humbly at His feet I bow;
Worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me, Jesus, take me now.

3. All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
Let me feel the Holy Spirit, truly know that Thou art mine.

4. All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power, Let Thy blessing fall on me.

Bless the Lord, O my soul

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

He has done great things, He has done great things,

He has done great things, bless His holy name.

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face.

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim

In the light of His glory and grace.

MISSIONARY CORNER

Judith Collins and Peter Lkayo ask us to pray for the Youth Conference and baptisms in Baalah, Kenya, scheduled for Dec. 8-17th. They also want to praise God for much needed rains in Baalah. Pray, too, for the people as a bacterial infection has killed a number of the camels. Pray for the unemployed Baalah youth who are vulnerable to radicalization, that Christian programs will be available to help them. Judith's health remains much as it has been recently. Strength to her right arm and leg are slow and she receives speech therapy once a week.