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Reformation Day ~ October 29, 2023

Color of the Day: Red - is associated with blood and fire, the latter reminiscent of the Spirit's presence at Pentecost, red is used for Pentecost and for the days dedicated to martyrs. It is also used for festivals of renewal in the Holy Spirit - such as Reformation and missions - and often for ordination rites as well as ordination and installation anniversaries.

Opening Hymn#790 - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Confession and Absolution Page 184

✠ ✠ ✠ Service of the Word ✠ ✠ ✠

Introit Page 186

Ps. 9: 1-2, 9-10; Ps. 117; antiphon: Ps. 9:18

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
and shall not be | put to shame.

I will bless the LORD at | all times; *
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast | in the LORD; *
let the humble hear | and be glad.

Come, O children, lis- | ten to me; *
I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.

The LORD redeems the life of his | servants; *
none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
and shall not be | put to shame.

Kyrie Page 186

Gloria In Excelsis Page 187

Salutation & Collect of the Day Page 189

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading Page 190
Revelation 14:6-7 (Reformation Day)

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Gradual Page 190
Ps. 91:11; 103:1

Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised *
in the city | of our God!

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her | towers, *
consider well her ramparts, go through her | citadels,
that you may tell the next gener- | ation *
that this is God, our God forever and | ever.

Epistle Reading Page 190
Romans 3:19-28 (Reformation Day)

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

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

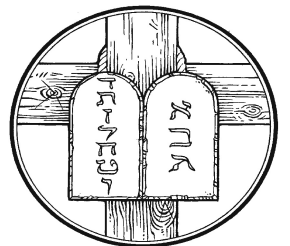
²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Choral Anthem

Alleluia Page 190

Holy Gospel Page 190
John 8:31-36 (Reformation Day)

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free?'"



³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Creed Page 191/192

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day #657 – *Almighty Fortress*

The Sermon **Justified by Faith** ~Rom. 3:19-28

Check out Pastor Bogs’ blog at: rabswritings.blogspot.com or Pastor Mendez’s blog at: pastormendez.blogspot.com.

Introduction

Today is _____ .

The Law and Its Purpose

The law serves to _____ .

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The law serves to _____ .

The Gospel and Its Purpose

The Gospel _____ .

The Gospel is _____ .

The Gospel comes _____ .

How the Law and Gospel Work Together

The Law _____ .

The Gospel _____ .

The importance of _____ .

This shows _____ .

Our Response

To humbly _____ .

To recognize _____ .

To humbly _____ .

To humbly _____ .

Other Notes or Questions for Pastor:

Offertory Page 192

Offering & Prayer of the Church Page 193

Our First Fruits and Tithes are our regular, top priority, proportionate, grateful gifts to the Lord for the work of the Gospel. Our Offerings are special gifts for special causes over and above our tithes. This is an act of worship for members and friends of St. Matthew who are moved by God’s love to respond to the Gospel. Guests should not feel obligated to participate.

☩ ☩ ☩ *Service of the Sacrament* ☩ ☩ ☩

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It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus Page 195

Lord’s Prayer Page 196

The Words of Our Lord & Pax Domini. Page 197

Agnus Dei & Distribution. Page 198/199

Before partaking of the Lord’s Supper, we ask that you read our communion statement on the pew insert behind the Bible. Thank you.

Distribution Hymns #645 – *Build on the Rock*

#583 - God Has Spoken by His Prophets

#655 - Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Nunc Dimittis Page 199

Thanksgiving Page 200

Salutation & Benedicamus Page 201

Benediction Page 202

Closing Hymn #662 - *Onward Christian Soldiers*