

Historic Scripture Lessons for  Reformation Festival Sunday  
Old Testament




**II Chronicles 29:12-19 NIV** Then these Levites set to work: from the Kohathites, Mahath son of Amasai and Joel son of Azariah; from the Merarites, Kish son of Abdi and Azariah son of Jehallelel; from the Gershonites, Joah son of Zimmah and Eden son of Joah; 13 from the descendants of Elizaphan, Shimri and Jeiel; from the descendants of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah; 14 from the descendants of Heman, Jehiel and Shimei; from the descendants of Jeduthun, Shemaiah and Uzziel. 15 When they had assembled their brothers and consecrated themselves, they went in to purify the temple of the LORD, as the king had ordered, following the Word of the LORD. 16 The priests went into the sanctuary of the LORD to purify it. They brought out to the courtyard of the LORD's temple everything unclean that they found in the temple of the LORD. The Levites took it and carried it out to the Kidron Valley. 17 They began the consecration on the first day of the first month, and by the eighth day of the month they reached the portico of the LORD. For eight more days they consecrated the temple of the LORD itself, finishing on the sixteenth day of the first month. 18 Then they went in to King Hezekiah and reported: "We have purified the entire temple of the LORD, the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the table for setting out the consecrated bread, with all its articles. 19 We have prepared and consecrated all the articles that King Ahaz removed in his unfaithfulness while he was king. They are now in front of the LORD's altar."

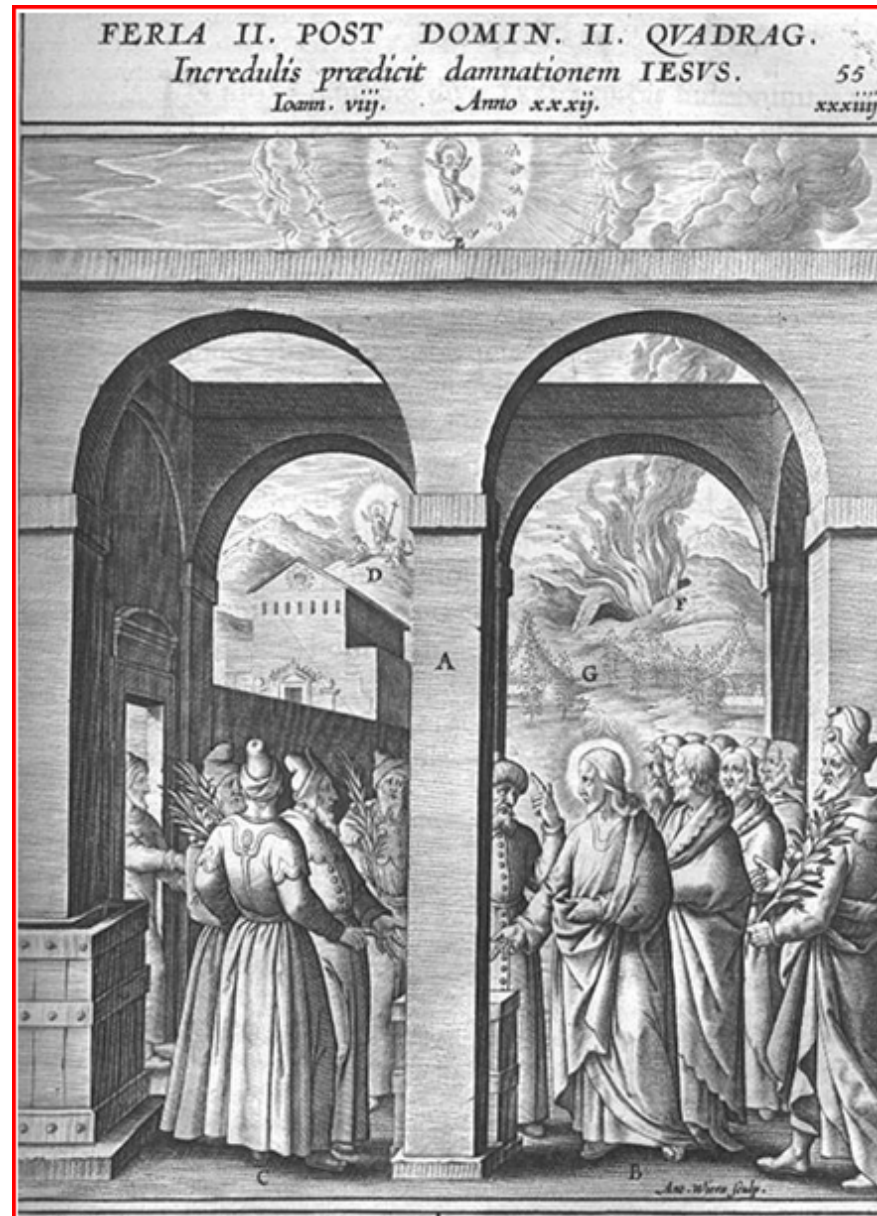
**Epistle**

**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."

**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 & Peace Lutheran of Lakeland   
21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity ✠ Reformation (Observed)  
October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015  9:30am & 11:00am



From "Illustrations of the Gospel Stories" by Jerome Nadal -- John 8  
Jesus preaches the truth of the Gospel to the Pharisees.

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**October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (Trinity-21) ☸ Reformation (Observed)**

**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! **God bless.**

**OUR SAVIOR WORSHIP ORDER** (Red) TLH hymnals starting at p. 5

Hymns	OSL# (v)Peace#	1 <sup>st</sup> Line of Hymn
Opening	262 (4v) 200	A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Sermon	377(10/6)390	Salvation Unto Us Has Come
Offertory Verse	283 (1v) - - -	<i>Sing 1 "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"</i>
Third Hymn	267 (3v) 202	If God Had Not Been on Our Side
Closing	261 (5v) 203	Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word

**Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays of the 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday  
 Micah 6:1-9 Isa. 58:1-14 Isaiah 59:1-21 Jer.31:1-22 Jer.31:23-40 Isa.48:1-22  
 Eph. 1:1-23 Eph.2:1-22 Eph. 4:7-21 Eph. 4:29-32 Eph5:10-14 Eph5:22-33

**PROPERs for REFORMATION SUNDAY (21<sup>st</sup> after TRINITY) ☸ OCTOBER 25**

**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)*

**II Chronicles 29:12-29** The purification of the (OT) Temple by Hezekiah.  
**Revelation 14:6-7** A 4<sup>th</sup> angel with the eternal gospel: maybe DrML(?)  
**Matthew 11:12-15** "He who has ears let him hear" the Eternal Gospel.

**OFFERING HYMN VERSE** *(sung as the Offering is brought up) #283 1 verse*

**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.**

PRAYER REQUESTS:	Member or Relation	Pray for...
Jeanette Ammann	(Donna's daughter) Health.	Pray for healing and peace
Pastor	Pastor has some health challenges. Surgery scheduled this week	
Alex (& Ilene) Gourley	Welcome these members. Alex shoulder recovery	
Elma & Jim Hendricks	E&J's health and Elma's brother and sister-in-law	
Linda Kryszak	Linda's health (infection). Plus stress of moving house	
Dee Kurczewski (David)	Dee's ongoing health. Dee at home. David helps	
Mary, Pam & Karen	Friends & family of Donna M, all battling health issues	
Vivian Temple (Tom)	Vivian is recovering at home. Tom is helping her	
Janice Thomas	The Lord is strengthening Janice in battling health issues	
Jim (& Delores) Vanesky	Jim is at LRMC. Surgery. Also Delores' health	
Steve (& Ethel) Wendt, Rita & Victor Wendt family	Comfort. Victor passed	

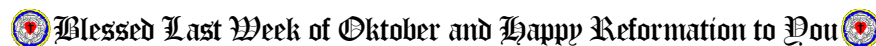
Volunteers	Today OSL/PLL	Next Sunday
Greeters	Leroy & Robin / (Everyone)	Barb Wolken / (Everyone)
Treaters	Volunteers / (Volunteers)	Volunteers / (Volunteers)
(Head)Usher	Leroy Dux / Phil Steinberg	Leroy Dux / Phil Steinberg

Statistics	Last Sun. O/P	Year to date (Avg)
Sunday Attendance (Communion)	25(23)/36(21)	28 (24) / 35 (22)
Bible Class Attend (Sunday School)	10 (-) / 15 (7)	13 (-) / 6 (4)

Calendar of Events		
Sunday, 10/25 <i>(Trinity21) Sunday Reformation (Observed)</i>	8:30 am	OSL Bible Study - Baptism, Part 2
	9:30 am	OSL Worship (NO Communion)
	10:45 ff... 11:00 am	OSL Fellowship, Coffee... <i>Please stay</i> PLL Worship (NO Communion) -AB
Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 pm	Bible Study at Peace Elisha, Axe-head
Saturday, 10/31	11:00 am	OSL Catechism Class (Mariah) at OSL
Sunday, 11/1 <i>(Trinity22) Sunday All Saints Day (Observed) ...Area Reformation Fest</i>	8:30 am	OSL Bible Study Sacrament, Lord's Sup.
	9:30 am	OSL Worship (WITH Communion)
	10:45 ff... 11:00 am	OSL Fellowship, Coffee... <i>Please stay</i> PLL Worship (WITH Communion) -AB
	4:00 pm	RWH Reformation Service & Meal

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 PLL Next Sun. 11/1 Tri.-22 All Saints (p.15 + L.S.) 528 Ps.33 169(551)551/494

(TRI.10/21) **REFORMATION John2:13-22 "JESUS CLEANS HOUSE" 10.25.15 OS**

**INTRODUCTION** When the Lord Jesus went to the temple in Jerusalem, He treated it as if it was His house. So it was, for the temple was built to be a house for the Lord's name, the place where He would be present to hear the prayers of His people and forgive them their sins. The Lord Jesus walked into a temple which had become commercialized and corrupted by those who came not to seek God's presence and pray, but to buy and sell. In righteous indignation, the Lord made himself a whip and drove out the merchandisers with their livestock, overturning their money tables. The temple had become so cluttered with things of men that it **was hardly recognizable as the Holy House of God.**

Some **sixteen centuries later, Martin Luther came** to a church that had likewise been corrupted by the hands of men. The message which we hear in **St. Paul's** epistle - that sinful human beings are justified by grace through faith apart from the deeds of the Law - had been muted. Instead, people were taught that salvation came by a combination of God's grace and human works. No one could be sure and certain of salvation, for no one could ever know if he had done enough to merit God's acceptance. So, as a young monk, Luther lived in terror, fearful that his righteousness would not be sufficient before the judgment seat of Christ. Then the words of **Romans 3** broke through Luther's anguish: *"Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the Law."*

Set free and given peace with God through the Gospel, Luther did not keep silent. He did not keep the good news of salvation by grace through faith for the sake of Jesus Christ to himself. He preached, taught, and wrote of what God does to save sinners. And in doing so, Martin Luther found himself up against a **church that had commercialized the Gospel.**

The Reformation was a rediscovery that the Gospel offers and bestows Salvation **without cost**. That is, without cost **TO US**. Heaven is not something that we buy or earn. It is costly. **Salvation is not cheap**. The price of salvation is far too expensive for anyone of us to purchase or earn. There is one alone who could pay the price which our sins demanded and the justice of God required. **That One Man is Christ Jesus**. He is True God **without sin** and He is true man **with flesh and blood** capable of suffering and death. He alone is able to be our substitute who can pay the price of our Redemption. And that is what He did on the Cross. So Luther comes to confess in the explanation of the **Second Article of the Creed in the Small Catechism**: *"I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true."*

It is the **Truth of this Gospel** by which we live. Luther knew that if the church did not have the Truth of the Gospel, sinners would be **left in their sins and left without the peace of God**. So the Reformation was nothing less than a struggle for the very Truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We stand in need of that

same Reformation today for in these early years of the twenty-first century, the **Truth of the Gospel remains under attack**. In fact, **the concept of truth itself is under attack**. Truth is said to be **subjective**. We are told, *"What's true for you might not be true for me."* With this mindset it is not surprising that the category of **"preference" or "choice"** in the name of **tolerance** replaces the category of truth when it comes to matters of religion. Look at the way many people approach the question of church membership. Instead of asking *"Does this church teach the truth of the Holy Scriptures?"* - they tend to judge a church in terms of **personal preferences, likes or dislikes**.

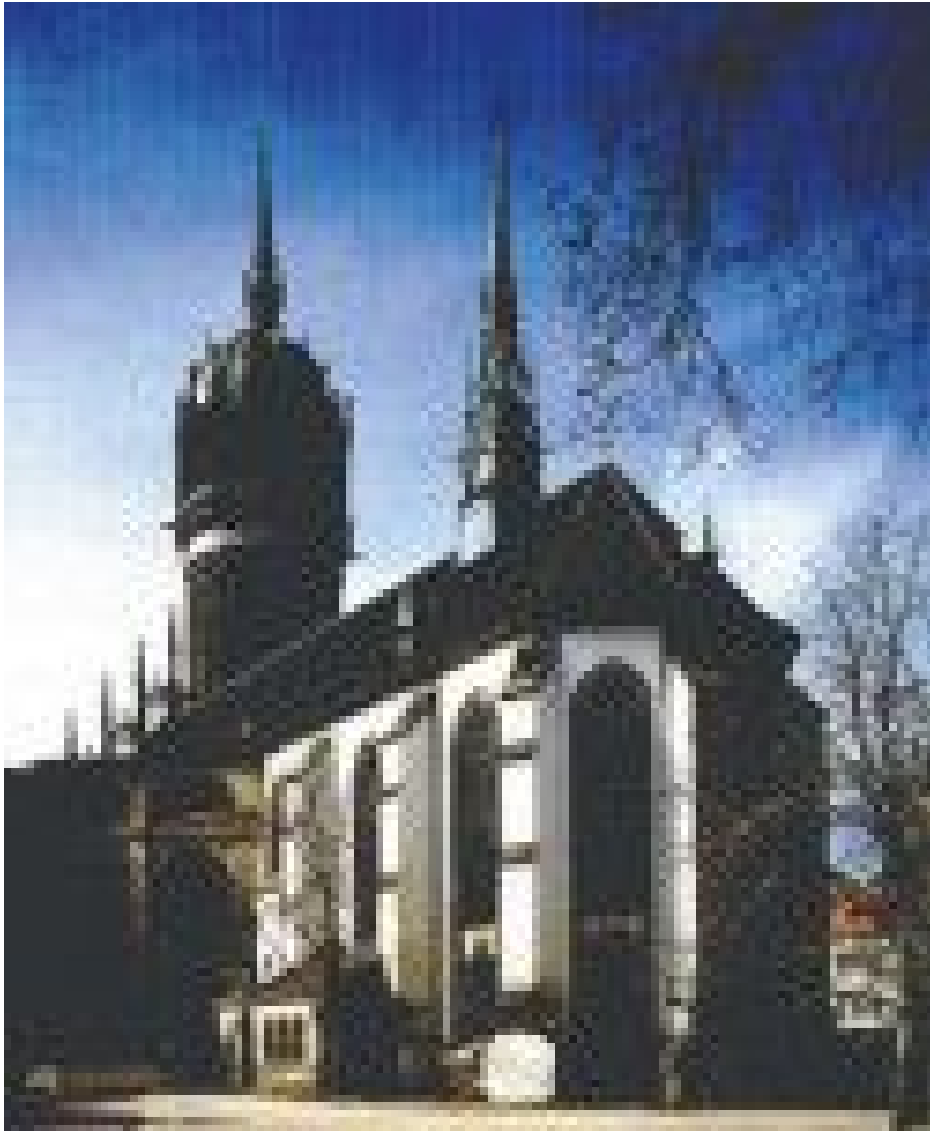
And we have churches that **accommodate themselves** to this mindset. They are the *"You've got a need, we've got a creed"* ...kind of church(es). These are the churches that have determined **not to offend anyone**. These are the churches that seek to entertain rather than edify with the Word of Christ. Some of these churches have gone so far as to **remove even the Cross** from the architecture of the building because some might find this symbol offensive. Instead of teaching Biblical doctrine, there are classes on **time management, personal finances, and self-esteem**. No wonder that so many even within the churches are ignorant of the Gospel.

This was already 17 years ago now (1998), but a survey was done by Lutheran Brotherhood, now **Thrivent** the insurance company. Their survey, conducted among lay members of the **ELCA, LCMS, 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**. But they reveal that it is possible for a church to become **busy with many activities** and yet **miss what is essential** - the pure preaching of the Gospel and the right administration of the Sacraments. 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, and so we pray: **(God's Word Is Our Great Heritage... TLH #283 - We'll sing it as the offering is brought up today) IJ'N, Amen. SDG**

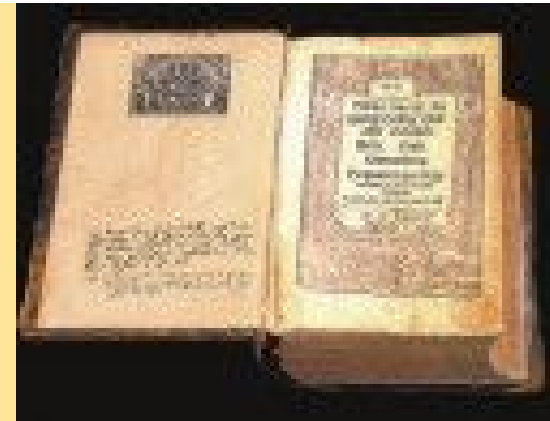
*The Peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds...*



*The castle church in Wittenberg. On October 31, 1517 Martin Luther hammered his theses against the indulgence trade to the door of this church.*



*On April 19, 1521 Martin Luther refuses to recant his teachings under heavy pressure from the emperor and the pontifical legates. This day became the turning point from the Middle Ages to Modern Time, one of the decisive days of the second millennium.*



*One of the first printed copies of the Luther bible in the German language from 1524. Bible translations into English, French, Dutch and many other languages follow. With their help, millions of people in Europe learned to read and write.*