

BEFORE WORSHIP

As you prepare to worship your Lord today, spend a few quiet minutes in prayer before the service. Review the lessons, the service notes and pray this prayer:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FOR THE CHILDREN

A Staffed Nursery is available for your use at any time during the service. It is located down the hallway to the right as you exit the gymnasium by the water fountains.

A Cry-Room area is available if your little ones need a moment. Simply use the hallway located out the gymnasium doors by the water fountains.

Children's Activity Sheets give activities and lessons pertaining to the Scripture lessons for the day. Ask an usher near the table as you enter the worship space.

SERVICE NOTES:

Today we celebrate the Festival of the Reformation of the Church. What does that mean? It means that today we remember why we're called Lutherans.

The effect of the Lutheran Reformation of the Church on the history of the world can hardly be overstated. Quite simply, it caused one of the most profound sea changes in history. In fact, when US News and World Report ranked the most important events of the last 1000 years, the Lutheran Reformation placed second, right behind Gutenberg's moveable type printing press. Now consider that for a minute... That means that they considered the Lutheran Reformation to be of greater significance than the discovery of the New World (number 3 on the list).

But why? And who was this Luther guy? He was a monk, a priest, a professor at a little university in Wittenberg, Germany. Why would a guy like that be listed as the third most influential person of the last 1000 years (*1000 Years and 1000 People*, Gottlieb and Bowers)? More important than Einstein, Edison, George Washington, etc.?

Why? All for the reason that we call ourselves "Lutherans" and celebrate this Festival of the Lutheran Reformation.

During the dark days of the Middle Ages, the truth of God's Word was hidden away in monasteries. The church of that day was not teaching that we are saved by Jesus' death and resurrection. Instead, people were told that they needed to try and earn their way to heaven—or worse, that they had to buy their way to heaven. The truth of God's word was rejected, and the traditions of men put in its place.

Dr. Luther changed all that on October 31, 1517, when he nailed 95 Statements for Debate on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. He said that the Bible should be our only source of teaching, not manmade traditions. He showed that God saved us by grace alone, by faith alone. He returned the Bible into the hands of the people, and quite literally changed the world.

Today, we are not here to celebrate a man. We're here to celebrate the grace of God who reformed his Church, and brought back the pure and simple teaching that had been lost: Jesus Christ died and rose for me, so I will be in heaven forever. Period.

By Christ Alone. By Grace Alone. By Faith Alone. By Scripture Alone.

CHRIST ALONE LUTHERAN CHURCH

He Did It All!

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THE FESTIVAL OF THE LUTHERAN REFORMATION OF THE CHURCH OCTOBER 29, 2017

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word. Please take a moment to sign our guest register as you leave this morning.

✓ **Restrooms** are located in the hallway as you exit the gymnasium by the water fountains.



TODAY'S THEME:

**LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR
WORD**

OPENING DIALOGUE

Please Stand

**Sing: Stand up, stand up for Jesus, as soldiers of the cross,
Lift high his royal banner; it must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry his army shall he lead,
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed.**

L: Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto the One who sits on the throne,

C: And to the Lamb, forever and ever.

L: His blood sets us free to be the people of God.

**Sing: Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;
Stand forth in mighty conflict on this his glorious day.
Let all his faithful serve him against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.**

L: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I
have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved
you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by
the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.**

L: Jesus' death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. He said
to his people, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." Because of the
promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a
dear child of God and an heir of eternal life!

**Sing: Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you, you dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor; each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.**

L: Fight the good fight of faith!

C: For the Lord, the righteous Judge, has laid up for us a crown of life,

L: For us, and for all who await his appearing.

**Sing: Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long.
This day the din of battle, the next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming, their crown of life shall see
And with the King of glory shall reign eternally.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

The leader says the Prayer of the Day.

C: Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE FIRST LESSON: DANIEL 6:10-12, 16-23

¹⁰ Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. ¹¹ Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. ¹² So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: "Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or man except to you, O king, would be thrown into the lions' den?"

The king answered, "The decree stands—in accordance with the laws of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed."

¹⁶ So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!"

¹⁷ A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed. ¹⁸ Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

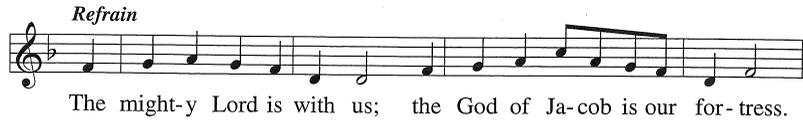
¹⁹ At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰ When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?"

²¹ Daniel answered, "O king, live forever! ²² My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, O king."

²³ The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 46

The congregation is invited to sing the refrain. Cantor will sing the verses.



God is our refuge and strength,*
an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the éarth give way*
and the mountains fall into the heart óf the sea,

though its waters róar and foam*
and the mountains quake with their súrging.

Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,*
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she wíl not fall;*
God will help her at break of day.

“Be still, and know that Í am God;*
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON: GALATIANS 5:1-6

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

²Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will value you at all. ³Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. ⁴You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. ⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

Cantor introduces the refrain. Congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain thereafter.

Refrain



Cantor: Refrain

All: Refrain

Cantor: If you continue in my Word, you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Refrain

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 10:16-23

¹⁶I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.

¹⁷"Be on your guard against men; they will hand you over to the local councils and flog you in their synagogues. ¹⁸On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, ²⁰for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

²¹"Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ²²All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. ²³When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. I tell you the truth, you will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: #201, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*¹



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y
 2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y



shield and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry
 loss ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant
 to de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no
 thanks have for it; He's by our side up - on the



need That has us now o'er - tak - en. The
 one Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You
 ill; They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This
 plain With his good gifts and Spir - it. And



old e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;
 ask, "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,
 world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
 do what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—



Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in
 The al - might - y Lord. And there's no oth - er
 He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is
 Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is



fight; On earth is not his e - qual.
 God; He holds the field for - ev - er.
 done! One lit - tle word can fell him.
 won; The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

¹ This battle hymn of the Reformation by Dr. Martin Luther is still a favorite of Lutherans. Based on Psalm 46, it is as rousing today as it was when Luther urged his close friend Melancthon to sing it with him during time of sorrow and distress.

SERMON:

Stand Firm in Your Freedom

1. Before God
2. Before people

Galatians 5:1-6

THE APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

THE OFFERING:

The members of Christ Alone Lutheran Congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S BLESSING

L: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: #203

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word²

By Dr. Martin Luther



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, For you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



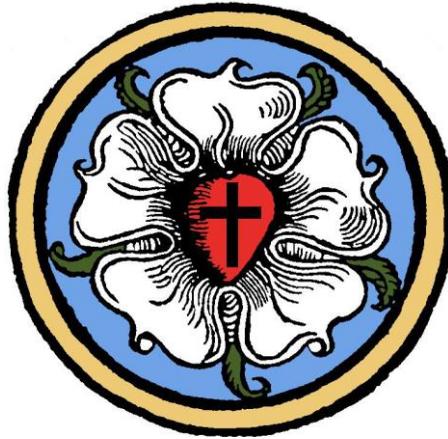
by de - ceit or sword Would seek to o - ver - throw your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend your Chris - ten - dom that
u - ni - ty on earth. Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And to de - stroy what he has done.
we May sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife, And lead us out of death to life.

² This hymn was written by Dr. Martin Luther in 1541 because of a grave and growing threat. Militant Islam was on the move. Seeking to conquer the West and force conversion, the armies of Islam conquered much of the Mediterranean world. They conquered right up to Vienna, the gateway to Europe. A service of prayer for the safety of Christendom was held in 1541, and Luther wrote this hymn for the boys' choir. It is our prayer that God preserve his people regardless of the evil aims of this world.

ABOUT THE LUTHER SEAL



The Luther Rose

The Luther Rose is the most well known symbol of Lutheranism
Here is how Martin Luther explained it:

First, there is a black cross in a heart that remains its natural color. This is to remind me that it is the faith in the Crucified One that saves us. Anyone who believes from the heart will be justified (Romans 10:10). It is a black cross, which mortifies and causes pain, but it leaves the heart its natural color. It doesn't destroy nature, that is to say, it does not kill us but keeps us alive, for the just shall live by faith in the Crucified One (Romans 1:17). The heart should stand in the middle of a white rose. This is to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace—it puts the believer into a white, joyous rose. Faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). This is why the rose must be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and angels (Matthew 28:3; John 20:12). This rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that a joyful spirit and faith is a beginning of heavenly, future joy, which begins now, but is grasped in hope, not yet fully revealed. Around the field of blue is a golden ring to symbolize that blessedness in heaven lasts forever and has no end. Heavenly blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and better than any possessions, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal. (Letter to Spengler, July 8, 1530; tr. P.T. McCain)

Announcements

Welcome Visitors and Guests: We are glad that you are with us this morning, and we pray that you will worship with us again soon. God's richest blessings to you!

October 29 – November 5

Today	9:15AM	Sunday School; Bible Class
	10:30AM	Worship
	4:00PM	DFW Area Reformation Festival Service
Monday	10:00AM	Pastors' Circuit Meeting – Calvary, Dallas
Wednesday	6:00PM	Confirmation
Sunday	9:15AM	Sunday School; Bible Class
	10:30AM	Worship – FALL FESTIVAL

Faithbuilders Class: Our Faithbuilders class is for people interested in becoming members of Christ Alone, or for people just looking to build their faith through the study of the basic teachings of the Bible. A new class begins soon. If you would like to attend, contact Pastor Seager. Free childcare is available.

DFW Area Reformation Service hosted by Calvary in Dallas will take place today at 4pm. Come, worship the crucified and risen Christ with nearby brothers and sisters in Christ who are a part of our national church body. This year we celebrate God's grace at the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation of the church. Special guest preacher Prof. Wade Johnston from Wisconsin Lutheran College will preach. A special dinner will be served following the service.

Fall Festival Is Coming: We will gather next week to celebrate a community Fall Festival on Sunday, November 5th. Following worship we'll enjoy food, fun, games, and activities. Please bring chairs for your family. Please consider the friends, neighbors, and acquaintances you might invite to join with you in Christian worship and fun!

Thanksgiving Eve Devotion and Bonfire: We will have a Thanksgiving bonfire on Wednesday, November 22nd, 6pm. Join us for dinner and devotion around the fire. The plan is to gather for these festivities on our property! We have no church service on Thanksgiving Day. Bring a friend! Please speak with Pastor Seager or Keith Murry if you would like to help coordinate this.

Congregational Canvass: We'll gather at Kay Granger on Tuesday, December 12th for a congregational canvass for our Christmas Eve service. We'll meet at 4:45pm and canvass from 5-6pm. No talking is required. Kids are welcome! We'll be safe and go out in pairs. This is one great way we can go and make disciples of all nations!

October-November Volunteer Schedules

Sunday	Friendship Register		Video Taping
Oct 1	Isaac Murry	Samantha Fleisher	Micah Berens
Oct 8	Ashley Horn	Eliana Seager	Pejah Berens
Oct 15	Nathan Covarrubias	Brenden Eicksteadt	Jessica Horn
Oct 22	Nadia Covarrubias	Addison Fleisher	Garrett Bartels
Oct 29	Aurora DeAmicis	Gabrielle Fleisher	Christopher Gross
Nov 5	Nathan Covarrubias	Grant Thowe	Dominic Gross
Nov 12	Aurora De Amicis	Nadia Covarrubias	Dalton Gross
Nov 19	Isaac Murry	Brenden Eicksteadt	Micah Berens
Nov 26	Samantha Fleisher	Ashley Horn	Jessica Horn

Ushering Teams

October				November			
Horn	John	Becker	Michael	Jackson	Jason	Covarrubias	Edgar
LaRocque	Brian(AV)	Sampe	Pete	Murry	Keith(AV)	Brown	Matt
Berens	Chad	Green	Leroy	Cloutier	Scott	Machina	Richard
Schrandt	Todd	Collura	Alex	Mekala	Ashley	Siegler	John

ABOUT CHRIST ALONE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christ Alone Lutheran Church is a new Christian congregation, a mission plant of the third largest Lutheran church body in America. Christ Alone congregation held its first service on January 10, 2010. More recently, Christ Alone purchased 11 acres of land on Main St. in Keller. By God's grace, Christ Alone Lutheran remains focused on our mission of reaching out with the good news of the Savior Jesus Christ who died on the cross to pay for all sins and rose again to give eternal life.

Christ Alone Lutheran Church worships the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We accept the Bible as God's inspired and errorless word. It is the only source of truth for life and for eternity.

Christ Alone is dedicated to preaching the truth, that God has prepared a way to save sinners from eternal damnation by sending His Son, Jesus Christ. By Jesus' perfect life and innocent death, the sins of all people have been paid for in full. Jesus' resurrection is proof of this! Whoever believes (trusts) in Jesus has the forgiveness of sins, possesses eternal life now, and has a certain future with Jesus in heaven. Believers in Jesus have been given the new life of faith by which they offer their lives in service to the Lord and all people.

The mission of Christ Alone is to proclaim this eternal gospel (the good news), *“that God was reconciling the world to himself **in Christ**, not counting men's sins against them”* (2 Corinthians 5:19). It is this gospel that gives our church its name: Christ Alone Lutheran Church—*He did it all!*

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