

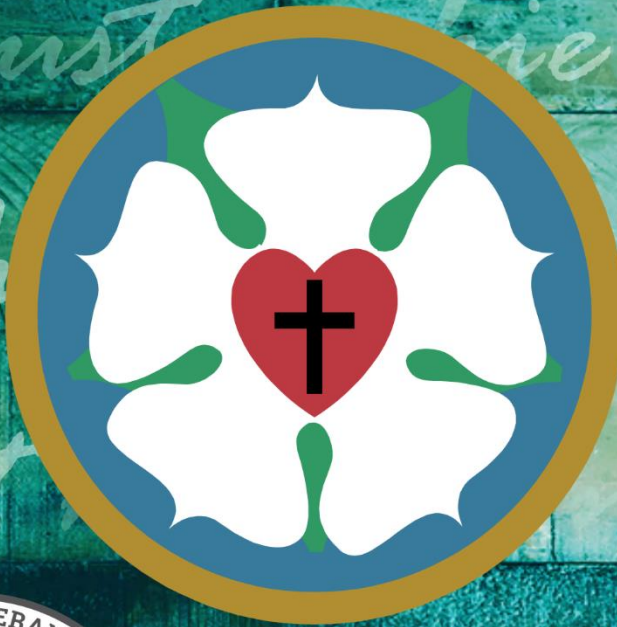
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Reformation Sunday

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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalm 17:7-15

⁷ Teach Wondrously show your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand. ⁸ Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings, ⁹ from the wicked who do me violence, my deadly enemies who surround me. ¹⁰ They close their hearts to pity; with their mouths they speak arrogantly. ¹¹ They have now surrounded our steps; they set their eyes to cast us to the ground. ¹² He is like a lion eager to tear, as a young lion lurking in ambush. ¹³ Arise, O LORD! Confront him, subdue him! Deliver my soul from the wicked by your sword, ¹⁴ from men by your hand, O LORD, from men of the world whose portion is in this life. You fill their womb with treasure; they are satisfied with children, and they leave their abundance to their infants. ¹⁵ As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

P Pastor

C Congregation

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: WS #776

“Lord, ‘Tis Not that I Did Choose You”

- 1. Lord, ‘tis not that I did choose You;
That, I know, could never be,
For this heart would still refuse You
Had Your grace not chosen me.
You removed the sin that stained me,
Cleansing me to be Your own;
For this purpose You ordained me,
That I live for you alone.**
- 2. It was grace in Christ that called me,
Taught my darkened heart and mind,
Else the world had yet enthralled me,
To Your heav’nly glories blind.
Now I worship none above You;
For Your grace alone I thirst,
Knowing well that, if I love You,
You O Father, loved me first.**
- 3. Haste then on from grace to glory, Armed by faith and winged by prayer.
All but heav’n is transitory; God’s own hand shall guide you there.
Soon shall end this earthly story; Swift shall pass the pilgrim days,
Hope soon change to heav’nly glory, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.**

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

RESPONSIVE PSALMS

Ps. 119; Ps. 2; Ps. 31

P Oh LORD, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.

C You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; for they are ever with me.

P I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Your testimonies are my meditation.

C I understand more than the ancients, because I keep your precepts.

P How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

C Through Your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

P Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

HYMN: TLH #261:1**“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word”**

C *Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word; Curb those who fain by craft and sword
Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son And set at naught all He hath done.*

P Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing?

C **The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,**

P Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,

C **“Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us.”**

P He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the LORD shall hold them in derision.

C **Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure:**

P “Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.”

HYMN: TLH #261:2**“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word”**

C *Lord Jesus Christ, Thy power make known, For Thou art Lord of lords alone;
Defend Thy Christendom that we May evermore sing praise to Thee.*

P In You, O LORD, I put my trust; Let me never be ashamed; deliver me in Your righteousness.

C **Bow down Your ear to me, deliver me speedily; be my rock of refuge a fortress of defense
to save me.**

P For You are my rock and my fortress; therefore, for Your name’s sake, lead me and guide me.

C **Pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me, for You are my strength.**

P Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

HYMN: TLH #261:3**“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word”**

C *O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.*

P God our Father *has* preserved His Word for us. It is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path. Our Lord Jesus *has* made His power known. He is sitting at the right hand of the Father and will come to judge the world. God the Holy Spirit *has* extended God's grace to us through Word and Sacrament. But we have not kept the Word of our Lord. I now ask you, therefore, before God who searches the heart: Do you confess the sins you have committed in thought, word, and deed; do you repent of them, believe on the Lord Jesus for forgiveness, and sincerely intend, with the help of God's Holy Spirit, to lead a godly life from now on?

C **I do so confess, believe, and intend with the help of God.**



- ☐ Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of God's Word, announce the grace of God unto you. In the stead of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by His command, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen. Let us praise our gracious God!

HYMN: TLH #261:4

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word"

**🎵 ♪ *Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!***

OLD TESTAMENT READING – 2 Chronicles 29:12a, 15-19 Then the Levites arose. . . ¹⁵ They gathered their brothers and consecrated themselves and went in as the king had commanded, by the words of the LORD, to cleanse the house of the LORD. ¹⁶ The priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD to cleanse it, and they brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took it and carried it out to the brook Kidron. ¹⁷ They began to consecrate on the first day of the first month, and on the eighth day of the month they came to the vestibule of the LORD. Then for eight days they consecrated the house of the LORD, and on the sixteenth day of the first month they finished. ¹⁸ Then they went in to Hezekiah the king and said, "We have cleansed all the house of the LORD, the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and the table for the showbread and all its utensils. ¹⁹ All the utensils that King Ahaz discarded in his reign when he was faithless, we have made ready and consecrated, and behold, they are before the altar of the LORD."

EPISTLE READING – Galatians 2:16-21 Yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. ¹⁷ But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸ For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. ¹⁹ For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

GOSPEL READING – John 2:13-17 The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵ And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

REFORMATION CONFESSION OF FAITH

We boldly confess what we believe using the following words from the Formula of Concord – on Justification by Faith.

C “We unanimously believe, teach, and confess the following about the righteousness of faith before God: A poor sinful person is justified before God, that is, absolved and declared free and exempt from all his sins and from the sentence of well-deserved condemnation, and is adopted into sonship and inheritance of eternal life, without any merit or worth of his own.

This happens without any preceding, present, or subsequent works, out of pure grace, because of the sole merit, complete obedience, bitter suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Christ alone. His obedience is credited to us for righteousness. These treasures are brought to us by the Holy Spirit in the promise of the holy Gospel.

Faith alone is the only means through which we lay hold on, accept, apply, and take them for ourselves. This faith is God’s gift, by which we truly learn to know Christ, our Redeemer, in the Word of the Gospel and trust in Him. We trust that for the sake of His obedience alone we have the forgiveness of sins by grace, are regarded as godly and righteous by God the Father, and are eternally saved.”

Sola Gratia

Grace Alone

Sola Fide

Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura

Scripture Alone

1. Lord Jesus Christ, be present now, Our hearts in true devotion bow,
Thy Spirit send with grace divine, And let Thy truth within us shine.
2. Unseal our lips to sing Thy praise, Our souls to Thee in worship raise,
Make strong our faith, increase our light That we may know Thy name aright;
3. Until we join the hosts that cry, "Holy art Thou, O Lord, most high!"
And in the light of that blest place Fore'er behold Thee face to face.
4. Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity, Be praise throughout eternity!

SERMON – Psalm 46 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ² Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, ³ though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the



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holy habitation of the Most High. ⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. ⁶ The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. ⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth. ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. ¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" ¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

"For Us Fights the Valiant One"



OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

- ☞** *♫* Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

1. A mighty Fortress is our God, A trusty Shield and Weapon; He helps us free from every need That hath us now o'ertaken. The old evil Foe Now means deadly woe; Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight; On Earth is not his equal.
2. With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected; But for us fights the Valiant One, Whom God Himself elected. Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is. Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God; He holds the field forever.
3. Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us. We tremble not, we fear no ill, They shall not overpower us. This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none, He's judged; the deed is done; One little word can fell him.
4. The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it; He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit. And take they our life, Goods, fame, child and wife, Let these all be gone, They yet have nothing won; The Kingdom ours remaineth.

RESPONSIVE REFORMATION PRAYER

- P** For sending your Son to rescue the human race from sin, We thank and praise You, O Lord.
- C** For sending your Spirit to lead us to repentance and faith in Jesus as our Savior, We thank and praise You, O Lord.
- P** For teaching us that our righteous acts are filthy rags, We thank and praise You also, O Lord, for the gift of Jesus' righteousness.
- C** For guiding women and men like Martin Luther to understand the scriptural truth, "The just shall live by faith," We thank and praise You, O Lord.
- P** For blessing the spread of the gospel through the Reformation during these last 502 years, We thank and praise You, O Lord.
- C** For loyalty to hold to Your truth and remain Your true disciples, We ask for the power of Your Spirit, O Lord.
- P** For boldness to confess Your truth in a fallen world, We ask for the power of Your Spirit, O Lord.
- C** For zeal to spread the message of salvation in Christ alone, We ask for the power of Your Spirit, O Lord.
- P** And with grateful hearts we raise our voices to proclaim,
- C** "The just shall live by faith." Amen.



We continue by singing the Lord's Prayer on the next page.

- C** *♪* 1. Father in heaven, holy be Your name.
Your kingdom come. Your will be done the same
On earth as it is done in heav’n above.
Our Father, bless Your children with Your love.
2. Our daily bread provide for us each day.
As we forgive, so take our sins away.
In time of tri-al, saving Lord, be near,
From every evil our Deliverer.
3. Yours is the kingdom; over all things reign.
Yours is the pow-er; all things You maintain.
Yours is the glory, sound it forth again.
For ever and for evermore. Amen!



Order of Holy Communion



- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

- C** *♪* Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Please Note: The Lord's Supper is described in 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 as a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicines, of course, it must be used at the right time for the right purpose by the right person, lest it do more harm than good. That is one reason we ask our visitors...please speak to the pastor before you commune with us. Thank you!

THE DISTRIBUTION

Approach at the usher's direction.

P Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink. This cup is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

May this body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace. Amen.

☞ **♪** O Jesus, bless-ed Lord, to Thee, My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed, On me Thy body and Thy blood.

**Break forth, my soul, for joy and say, what wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart: How blest am I! How good Thou art!**

THE BENEDICTION:

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

☞ The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

☞ Amen!

HYMN: TLH #370

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

**1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**3. His oath, His covenant, and blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When every earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne!
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

✠ Announcements ✠

What is a Lutheran? Many Christians today, especially in Central Florida, might not know what a Lutheran is. “Is that a cult?” “What’s the difference between that and Christian?” While we proudly bear the name “Lutheran,” that does not mean we worship Martin Luther. In 1519, “Lutheran” was a derogatory slur used against Martin Luther by the German Scholastic theologian Dr. Johann Eck during their debate in Leipzig, Germany. The Catholics followed the practice of naming a heretical group after it’s leader, and so Eck and all Catholics began using “Lutheran” as an offensive word to describe anyone who followed the teachings of Martin Luther.

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Nov. 1:** Communion
- ✠ **Nov. 1:** Quarterly Voters Mtg.
- ✠ **Nov. 4:** Zoom Bible Class 6:30 p
- ✠ **Nov. 8:** Orlando Service 8 am
- ✠ **Nov. 15:** Masks-On Service 9 am

What were those teachings? Simply put, they're God's teachings—that we are saved by God's free **Grace Alone**; justified through **Faith Alone** apart from our works; and the basis for our hope of salvation is **Scripture Alone**. These ought to be truths eagerly proclaimed by anyone who would call themselves Christian; sadly that is not the case. Nevertheless, this is what we believe and hold fast to, not because it was taught by Luther, but because it was taught by Christ Himself.

So what is a Lutheran? A Lutheran is a Christian. A Lutheran believes strongly that all Christian teachings should come from the Bible, because it is the very Word of God. A Lutheran believes that God's Word ought to be taken very seriously, as everything God says is correct and true. A Lutheran recognizes what God teaches us in His Word: that we are all sinners deserving damnation in hell, but that we are forgiven solely because Christ died to take away our sins. A Lutheran believes that this free gift of salvation is acquired by the individual through faith in Jesus as Savior—and that this faith only comes through the work of the Holy Spirit, as God tells us! In short, a Lutheran is a follower of Christ who depends entirely upon His grace and redeeming work, totally apart from any works, feelings, or decisions that we could attempt to contribute! ***For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast!*** (Ephesians 2:8-9)

From CLC President Eichstadt - In studying the prophet Isaiah's words from 700 BC, I can't think of a more appropriate message just days before an important election in our nation. In Isaiah 45 the Lord announces that He has anointed Cyrus to free His captive people and aid them in returning to their homeland. Incredibly, God names this Persian king well over 100 years before He is even born. What also demonstrates the Lord's complete control over the affairs of men is that Cyrus was not a believer. He did not acknowledge the Lord as the one true God. Yet that did not prevent God from using him for His saving purposes. In fact, Cyrus as the one "anointed" by the Lord became a type of Christ, the "Anointed One" who would deliver a world of sinners from captivity to sin and death.

It is reassuring to know that the fate of our nation does not ultimately lie in the hands of millions of voters or in the decisions and actions of whoever is elected president next week. God's Word still stands: "I am the LORD, and there is no other" (Is. 45:5). Nothing happens apart from His will. "I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster" (45:7). "The Most High is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and gives them to anyone he wishes" (Dan. 4:17).

The Lord encourages us to bring all our concerns for our nation to Him with the confidence that His will is always good, and His will is always done for the eternal wellbeing of His people. In his letter to the exiles in Babylon, Jeremiah wrote, "Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper" (Jer. 29:7).

Having been redeemed from sin and death and given new life through Jesus' sacrifice, how could we doubt that "He who did not spare his own Son...will graciously give us all things?" (Rom. 8:32). May we then both as individuals and as congregations of believers go to the Lord's throne with prayers for His sovereign and gracious will to be accomplished in our lives and nation.

Shut-in/Encouragement List Patti Meno continues to receive regular dialysis and is awaiting a kidney transplant. Bill Issitt III remains mostly housebound due to poor health. Johanna Jaehnigen remains mostly housebound. Bill Hartmann's health is deteriorating quickly. Bob Doriot recently underwent hip replacement and is awaiting another hip surgery. Paulette Galstad is suffering through bad back pain. Mr. Beymer is still quarantined at Southern Gardens. Emily Kuehne suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain, among other ailments. Loye Issitt is building back her strength. David Kleinschmidt is home

Last Week (10/18) WH – 31 General = \$1,935 **Total Offering = \$2,090**

Nov. Usher: Darrin Ream | **Cleaner (11/7):** Ream | **Acolyte (10/8):** Mason G.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Nov. 2-7, '20.

Mon Daniel 6:10-12,16-23 Daniel was safe in God's hands, but Darius was caught between a rock and a hard place (14). Daniel's safety was up to God (16-20), right where Luther's and our safety reside also. The Roman Pope resembles Darius in allowing himself to be idolized and worshiped more than any human merits. [Now, let's figure out how Luther resembles Daniel.]

Tues Matthew 10:16-23 When Satan's wolves come into our yard, we might hole up and recoil defensively (as snakes do) or sit tight in our olive tree as *harmless* pigeons might do. Jesus and Luther faced their wolves, and wolves are circling again around many of our overseas brethren, forcing some of them to pack up and move to safer territory. Not to worry, dear friends, for Jesus will find you wherever you hole up or wherever you fly to safety.

Wed Galatians 5:1-6 What *liberty* is meant? Liberty from slavery under Satan, freedom from self-idolatry and release from the false notion that humans can earn salvation credits by decent, law-abiding behavior. In Paul's day it was the false doctrine that salvation depended on being painfully Jewish. Jesus put an end to that enslavement and set us free to serve God and our neighbor because we love them, from Greatest to least (6).

Thurs Psalm 46 presents cause and effect: because *God is our refuge and strength, a very present* (not distant) *help in trouble, therefore we will not fear* even if planet Earth convulses in earthquake and volcanic eruptions (1-3). Our refuge is where God feels at home on Earth (4-5), where His children gather (actually/virtually) in worship (7). The control panel is still in God's hands; He can counter man's warring madness (8-9), and perhaps He is using the pandemic to humble humanity (10). Now return to square one (11).

Fri Luke 21:14-15 Jesus' advice may seem counter-intuitive, but it's the best policy; Luther didn't know in advance what tricky questions and deceptive techniques he would face, but Jesus knew (14) and had responses on tap that would be indisputable and almost fool-proof (15). Luther trusted Jesus' good judgment on this, and so should we in similar circumstances.

Sat Acts 18:18-23 Although Paul's comings and goings seem haphazard, Jesus was at the control panel, so He guided Paul to lay over at Ephesus in order to lead Bible believers to Jesus as Messiah (18-21). After some zigzagging (22), why did Paul revisit the congregations in Asia Minor? Because Jesus knew that those novice Christians needed strengthening—which demonstrates that in-reach is just as important as out-reach. That's the protocol Jesus is still entrusting to our pastors and teachers. He who has an ear to hear. . .