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THE LORD'S DAY



REFORMATION SUNDAY October 26, 2025

Sunday School: 9:30AM (all ages)

Morning Worship Service: 10:40AM

Evening Worship Service: 5PM

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Prayer of Preparation

O Lord Jesus Christ,

You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Turn our wandering hearts toward You,
that we might love You above all else.

Forgive us for the *pride* that seeks other
paths,
for the *idols* that dull our delight in You,
and for the *self-reliance* that keeps us from
humble trust.

On this Reformation Sunday, we remember
with gratitude those who have gone before
us—
men and women who counted all things loss
for Your sake,
who bore reproach, imprisonment, and even
death because they loved You more than life
itself.

And though we are not likely called to die
for You with our bodies,
we are surely called to die to ourselves each
day—

to crucify our pride, to surrender our will,
and to live wholly for You who gave
Yourself for us.

Teach us, by Your Spirit, to walk the low
road of grace—
stooping beneath the narrow gate with joy,
finding in You our highest treasure and
deepest rest.

Let the beauty of Your humility capture us,
and the glory of Your cross draw our hearts
to worship.

May we come to this hour with reverence
and wonder,
loving You as the chief joy of our lives,
until faith becomes sight in the Father's
house You have prepared.

In Your matchless name we pray, Amen.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

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Parents, we are delighted for your little ones to join us in worship! If they need to stretch their legs or lungs during the service, please feel free to use the Worshippers in Training (WIT) room or the nursery.

WELCOME

Rev. Alex Mark
Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 46:1

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Trinity Hymnal #92

OLD TESTAMENT READING/CALL TO CONFESSION: DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9

[4]"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. [5]You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. [6]And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. [7]You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. [8]You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. [9]You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: ROMANS 1:16-17

[16]For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. [17]For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: SCOTS CONFESSION

Leader: People of God, what do you believe?

People: We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom alone we must worship, and in whom alone we put

our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING:

*HYMN OF PREPARATION:	Be Thou My Vision	Trinity Hymnal #642
SERMON:	“CHRIST ALONE” John 14:4-7	Rev. Alex Mark
*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING:	In Christ Alone	see pages 9 and 10

***BENEDICTION**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:	Take My Life, and Let It Be, #585 (Stanza 1)
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*Take my life, and let it be consecrated Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

**Congregation Standing*

MORNING SERMON TEXT

[4]“And you know the way to where I am going.” [5]Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” [6]Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. [7]If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”—John 14:4-7

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES

I. THE INCLUSIVITY OF CHRIST

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Is Christ the Only Way?

(a devotional on John 14:1-6 from www.ligonier.org)

We live in a "pluralistic" society. Some have called pluralism "political polytheism," because a pluralistic society tries to give equal time and equal influence to many different conflicting religious and philosophical principles. In fact, pluralistic societies are simply societies in transition from an older religion to a newer one.

Ultimately, no society can remain stable if it does not have a common religious foundation. Often modern pluralism is only a smokescreen for anti-Christian secular humanism, because true Christianity refuses to play the game of pretending that all beliefs are equal. Because of the pervasive influence of pluralism, it is regarded as the height of bad taste and political incorrectness to assert that Christianity is the only truth and Christ is the only way of salvation.

But, of course, that is exactly the "offense of the Gospel" to modern pluralistic people. When we examine the content of the world religions, we see that at cardinal points of values and truth claims, they are wholly at odds with biblical religion. No religion except Christianity has an atonement. How can a person believe that Christ's atonement saves him, and yet also think that the atonement is unnecessary? Let us be candid: When people say that all religions are basically the same, they are saying that they know little or nothing about world religions.

The notion that all religions are valid is logically impossible. If all are valid ways to God, then Christianity is also valid and Jesus is simply one of many ways to God. But we find that Jesus says He is the only way, and that no one can come to the Father except through Him. Thus, if Christ is one of the ways to God, then He is also the only way. Or else this Jesus, who is one of the ways, is dead wrong in claiming to be the only way, in which case it would be foolish to think that He is even one of the ways.

Christians did not come up with the idea that Jesus is the only way to God. That idea originated with Christ Himself. If He was wrong, then Christianity has no validity at all. If He was right, then there is no other way.

Pluralism is the cover that secular humanism has used to persuade Christians to give up their influence in society. Today it is politically incorrect to believe an "intolerant religion" that holds up ethical absolutes. Be willing to stand up and be called pejorative names in order to proclaim God's standards in an age of pluralism.

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my
 2. In Christ a - lone! Who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less
 3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the world by dark - ness
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the pow'r of Christ in

song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the
 babe! This gift of love and righ - teous - ness, scorned by the
 slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the
 me. From life's first cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com -

fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 ones he came to save. 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died,
 grave he rose a - gain! And as he stands in vic - to - ry,
 mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,

when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - for -
 the wrath of God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry
 sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am
 can ev - er pluck me from his hand; 'til he re -

CHRIST, THE ONLY MEDIATOR AND REDEEMER

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble staff at the top and a bass staff at the bottom. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: 'ter, my all in all— here in the love of Christ I stand. sin on him was laid— here in the death of Christ I live. his and he is mine— bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ. turns or calls me home— here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.'

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Arr. Ruth Coleman

The Only Way to the Father

(a devotional on John 14:4-6 from www.ligonier.org)

The disciples were understandably worried after Jesus told them of His impending betrayal and departure at the Last Supper (John 13). So, He moved to calm their fears by telling them that His returning to the Father would be for their benefit, that He would be preparing a place for them (14:1–3). And, as today’s passage reveals, after telling the disciples this comforting truth, Jesus told them that they knew the way to where He was going (v. 4).

Given that the disciples have shown some confusion about what is about to happen to the Lord (13:37), Jesus’ comments might strike us as odd. In fact, they strike Thomas as odd, for he objects that the disciples do not know where He is going (14:5). But our Lord’s point is not that the disciples have complete knowledge of all that is about to transpire in the arrest, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Christ. No, His point is that they know the way to where Jesus is going because they know Him. As the author of Hebrews makes clear, Jesus goes back to the Father on high as our forerunner; He returns to heaven ahead of us in order to bring us there (Heb. 6:20). But the only way to get to heaven, the only way to be reconciled to God, is through Jesus. So, while the disciples do not yet fully know where Jesus is going, they know the way to get there because in knowing and belonging to Jesus they will be taken to the Father as well.

This point is confirmed in John 14:6, which features one of the most important teachings regarding our salvation in all of Scripture. Jesus proclaims Himself as the way, the truth, and the life—the only way to the Father. Here we read perhaps the boldest declaration of the exclusivity of Christ ever spoken. There are no alternatives for redemption other than Jesus; only He can reconcile us to the Father. John Calvin comments that “if any man turn aside from Christ, he will do nothing but go astray; if any man do not rest on him, he will feed elsewhere on nothing but wind and vanity; if any man, not satisfied with him alone, wishes to go farther, he will find death instead of life.”

We must never compromise on this point. To reject Jesus’ teaching and authority here is to reject His other teachings about Himself and His work. Dr. R.C. Sproul writes in his commentary John: “Our friends, our community, and even many churches tell us that we must deny the uniqueness of Christ. But to do that, we must deny the church’s confession of faith, and more importantly, we must deny Jesus’ own confession about Himself.”

It is scandalous in our age that Jesus is the only way to the Father. But to confess otherwise is tantamount to rejecting our Lord. Dr. Sproul comments that “if [we] deny that [Jesus is the only way to God, we] deny Him.” Let us resolve never to deny that Christ is the only way to the Father, and let us pray for strength to confess this truth no matter the pressure to say salvation is available through other means as well.

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

October 26, 2025

Hymn Sing

Rev. Michael Bauer

Call to Worship

Psalm 65:1-4

[1]Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed. [2]O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come. [3]When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions. [4]Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

**Opening Hymn:*

O God, We Praise Thee

Trinity Hymnal #105

Scripture Reading:

Luke 19:28-48

Evening Prayer

Scripture Reading & Sermon: "GOD OF OUR SALVATION"
Psalm 65

Rev. Michael Bauer

**Closing Hymn*

Praise Waits for Thee in Zion

Trinity Hymnal #372

**Benediction*

**Congregation Standing*

PSALM 65

TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID. A SONG. [1]Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed. [2]O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come. [3]When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions. [4]Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple! [5]By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas; [6]the one who by his strength established the mountains, being girded with might; [7]who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples, [8]so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs. You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy. [9]You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide their grain, for so you have prepared it. [10]You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. [11]You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with abundance. [12]The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, [13]the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

EVENING SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES

I. GOD OUR REDEEMER (v. 1-4)

II. GOD OUR CREATOR (v. 5-8)

III. GOD OUR PROVIDER (v. 9-13)