

# Tuesday Tidings of Grace



This Tuesday is October 22, 2024

This past Sunday was:

**Pentecost 22**

[Sunday Worship on YouTube](#)

[Sunday Sermon on Website](#)

This past Sunday Pastor shared Jesus' statement "with God all things are possible." How shall we hear such a promise? Like this: Our God is the God who has raised the Jesus. Jesus is risen! Never to die again. If our God can raise the dead like this then He can also do other wondrous things: forgiving sins, creating life, and even working faith in our sinful hearts.

Next Sunday, October 27 is:

## Reformation Day

This coming Sunday we the Reformation. Starting with Martin Luther nailing the 95 Theses on the church doors in Wittenberg and continuing in the ongoing confession of Christians everywhere that we are saved by grace alone through faith alone by Christ alone as promised by the Scriptures alone to the glory of God alone.

*The readings are:*

[Revelation 14:1-6](#)

[Romans 3:19-28](#)

[John 8:31-36](#)

*The Hymn of the Day is:*

"A Mighty Fortress is our God" - LSB #656

## Grace Events This Week

Thu 10/24 - CANCELLED—Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thu 10/24 (11a) - Funeral for Mrs. Barb Hehl

Fri 10/25 (6p) - Grace Trunk-or-Treat

Sat 10/26 (9) - Circuit Convocation "Let Us Pray" @ St. John's Waltz

Sun 10/27 (9:15a) - Sunday Bible Study on the book of Genesis

## Daily Bible Readings

<https://bit.ly/gracedailybible>

# Reformation

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October 27, 2024

**Psalm:** Psalm 46

**First Reading:** Revelation 14:6-7

This moment from John's Revelation speaks of an eternal gospel. The good news of Jesus Christ, the gospel, is eternal. It is unchanging. It is one gospel. It did not change from the Old Testament to the New Testament. It has not change through the generations of the Church. This was a core tenet of the Lutheran Reformation of the 1500s as the Reformers rightly believed from Scripture, that the church in that age had strayed terribly from the gospel and it was time for the good news for God's people to come to light again.

**Epistle Reading:** Romans 3:19-28

This passage from Romans 3 highlights the full depth of both God's Law and the Eternal Gospel. The Law is made clear in verses like 20 "for by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight" and also verse 23 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." These words should rightly convict every human being even the most self-righteous among us. The Gospel immediately follows in verse 24 "and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." Our being justified and saved comes as grace, a gift from God, because of Christ. Verse 22 similarly emphasizes it "the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe." We cannot by ourselves attain the righteousness of God, we will always fall short. But the Gospel tells us this righteousness becomes ours because of Christ, by grace through faith. It is the greatest gift!

**Gospel Reading:** John 8:31-36

Jesus sets the tone with the opening words of this passage "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples." To often as Christians we are looking for the loopholes by which we can do whatever we want, feel good about it, and receive God's forgiveness. And while God's forgiveness and mercy are truly limitless, we are at the same time professing with our mouths that we have practically no interest in being our Lord's disciples/followers. If we still wish to do our own thing and abide by our own "word" then we do not abide in His word, nor are we truly His disciples. Instead, we should daily flee from sin. We should daily pray our old Adam (sinful nature) be drowned in our baptism that we never follow it again, but instead, Christ alone.

# The Five Solas

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Included in the October 20, 2024 Worship Folder

Solus Christus, Christ Alone. To say Christ alone seems obvious, feels like a given. One might think there is nothing more to be said, and perhaps that is so. But let's be clear some of the depth of what we confess when we say Christ alone.



We are confessing that it is by Christ's work alone that our sins are forgiven, and we are saved. This means we trust not in our works. We contribute nothing to our own salvation, not one bit, not one iota. 0% us, 100% Christ. This means we trust not in the prayers of the saints or any form of purgatory to complete our salvation. This means we look not even to the angels or any other spirit to contribute to our salvation. This means we look not anywhere else, but as John 14:6, Romans 10:9 and Acts 4:12 (to name a few) make clear, we look to Christ alone. He is the only mediator between God and man (1 Timothy 2:5). He alone is our Savior. To God be the glory!