

# Tuesday Tidings of Grace



This Tuesday is October 29, 2024

This past Sunday was:

Reformation Day (observed)

[Sunday Worship on YouTube](#)

[Sunday Sermon on Website](#)

This past Sunday Pastor shared about Martin Luther's statement before the Diet of Worms: "I am bound by the Scriptures ... my conscience is captive to the Word of God..." The Word of God gives us faith and salvation. The Word of God reveals to us Jesus Himself. We cannot truly know Jesus apart from the Word which means they are inseparable.

Next Sunday, November 3 is:

## All Saints Day

This coming Sunday we celebrate All Saints Day. It is a beautiful day in the Church Year in which we celebrate our connection to all the saints of all time including Adam & Eve, including those saints whom we knew and loved. We are all bound together in Jesus.

*The readings are:*

[Revelation 7:9-17](#)

[1 John 3:1-3](#)

[Matthew 5:1-12](#)

*The Hymn of the Day is:*

"When Peace Like a River" - LSB #763

## Grace Events This Week

Thu 10/31 - Thursday Morning Bible Study on "Christ in Judges"

Fri 11/1 (11a) - Funeral for Mrs. Judy Miller

Sat 11/2 (9a-1p) - Trash & Treasures in the Gym

Sun 11/3 (8a, 10:30a) - All Saints Worship & the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Tue 11/5 - Election Day (Grace's gym will be very busy this day, keep everyone in your prayers. Keep our nation in your prayers for a calm, peaceful, and honest election.

## Daily Bible Readings

<https://bit.ly/gracedailybible>

# Reformation

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November 3, 2024

**Psalm:** Psalm 149

**First Reading:** Revelation 7:9-17

In this reading St. John has a vision of the saints in heaven. He sees them with white robes standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They are crying out and singing the praises of the Lamb with the same words we so often use in worship: “Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!” We hear this reading today for the comfort and hope it brings. It reminds us that all those saints who have gone before us rest peacefully with their Lord. It reminds us with hope that the day is coming when God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

**Epistle Reading:** 1 John 3:1-3

For All Saints Day, this passage reminds us of the shared brotherhood/sisterhood we all have in Christ. For we are all children of God in Him. We are all blessed in the love the Father has given unto us. This passage from John also hints at the good still to come when we will “be like him [Jesus].” The best is yet to come when we know Jesus!

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes. These verses are the beginning of Jesus’ sermon on the mount and a beautiful passage reminding us of just how blessed we are in Christ. Some read this passage as statements reminding us how to live. Others read this passage as pure Gospel telling us of the things that Jesus has done perfectly for us to make us blessed. Either way, they are a pleasant reminder of how God works through the humble things of this world to bless us. So often we are looking for the amazing and the spectacular to see God’s hand at work when all we really need to do is to take notice of the simple and mundane and we will see God with us.

# The Five Solas

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Included in the October 27, 2024 Worship Folder

Sola Scriptura, or Scripture Alone, is the principle by which we determine all teaching and understanding of the Scriptures from the Scriptures themselves. Just the other day, I joked with someone and said, "If you want to know the Lutheran answer to a question on life, just say 'well what do the Scriptures say?'"



The Scriptures make clear in places like 2 Peter 1:21 and 2 Timothy 3:16-17 that they are the inspired and inerrant Word of God and useful for teaching and training in righteousness. We should always guard against making statements like "Well I think God would say this..." or "I think God should be doing that...". Scripture Alone would have us make all interpretations based upon the Scriptures themselves, not our own opinions or the will of human culture.

Martin Luther exemplified this in his famous moment of 1521 before the Diet of Worms. When the Holy Roman Emperor and the Pope were demanding he recant his teachings he replied with the principle of sola scriptura: "Unless I am overcome with testimonies from Scripture or with evident reasons -- for I believe neither the Pope nor the Councils, since they have often erred and contradicted one another -- I am overcome by the Scripture texts which I have adduced, and my conscience is bound by God's Word."

May we also hold such a conviction to the Scriptures that we could also say "my conscience is bound by God's Word."