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**REFORMATION SUNDAY**

**October 27, 2024**

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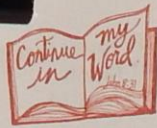
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# Today's Readings

Reformation Sunday  
October 27, 2024

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

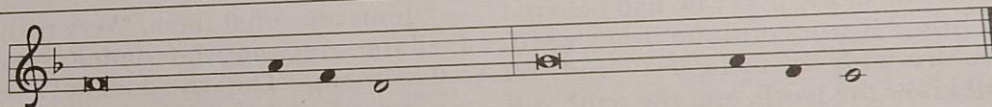
Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel

after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

## Psalm

Psalm 46; tone 11



God is our ref-<sup>1</sup>uge and strength,  
a very present<sup>1</sup> help in trouble.  
<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear,  
though the<sup>1</sup> earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake  
in the depths<sup>1</sup> of the sea;  
<sup>3</sup>though its waters<sup>1</sup> rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble  
<sup>1</sup>with its tumult.  
<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams  
make glad the cit-<sup>1</sup>ty of God,  
the holy habitation  
of<sup>1</sup> the Most High.  
<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city;  
it shall<sup>1</sup> not be shaken;  
God shall help it  
at the<sup>1</sup> break of day.

<sup>6</sup>The nations rage,  
and the<sup>1</sup> kingdoms shake;  
God speaks,  
and the earth<sup>1</sup> melts away.  
<sup>7</sup>The LORD of<sup>1</sup> hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob  
<sup>1</sup>is our stronghold.  
<sup>8</sup>Come now,  
regard the works<sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
what desolations God has  
brought up-<sup>1</sup> on the earth;  
<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to  
cease in<sup>1</sup> all the world;  
who breaks the bow,  
and shatters the spear,  
and burns the<sup>1</sup> shields with fire.

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Psalm, continued

<sup>10</sup>“Be still, then,  
and know that <sup>1</sup> I am God;  
I will be exalted  
among the nations;  
I will be exalted <sup>1</sup> in the earth.”

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of <sup>1</sup> hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob  
<sup>1</sup> is our stronghold.

## Second Reading

Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift,

through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith.

<sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

## Gospel

John 8:31-36

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

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**Next Sunday's Readings: All Saints Sunday** Isaiah 25:6-9 or Wisdom 3:1-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44, OR  
**24th Sunday after Pentecost** Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Psalm 119:1-8; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34.

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