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**Sunday, October 31, 2021**  
**Reformation Sunday**

Prelude  
Tower Bells  
Welcome and Announcements

*Visitors are encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the "Welcome" side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plate.*

Opening Hymn

*God Has Spoken By His Prophets*

**LSB 583**

Confession and Absolution

LSB 213 (Divine Service V)

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 46

1 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 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.**

Kyrie P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C: Christ, have mercy upon us. All: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Gloria in Excelsis

*All Glory Be to God Alone*

**LSB 948**

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Collect of the Day

P: Let us pray.

**All: Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Revelation 14:6-13

6 Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. 7 And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

8 Another angel, a second, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality."

9 And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, 10 he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. 11 And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name."

12 Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"

P: This is the Word of the Lord.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 3:19-28

19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. 20 For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

27 Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 8:31-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter.      **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." 33 They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

34 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.  
35 The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children’s Message

Confession of Faith – Second Article and Meaning of the Small Catechism (*Page 322 in the hymnal*)

Sermon Hymn

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

**LSB 656**

Sermon “Staying Ready By Abiding In God’s Word” Revelation 14; Romans 3 and John 8

Hymn

*Thy Strong Word*

**LSB 578**

*(Stand and offering brought forward on verse 6)*

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

Gracious heavenly Father, we thank You for the comfort of the Gospel restored to Your Church on earth through the work of Martin Luther and other faithful pastors and leaders during the Reformation. We praise You that by Your rich grace we have come to the sure knowledge that we stand justified before You, not by what we have done, but rather by faith in what Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, has done on our behalf. We implore You, defend Your Church from all enemies of Your saving Word. Cause Your eternal Gospel to be proclaimed in our time to every nation, tribe, language and people on earth, and graciously preserve Your truth for generations to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, make us truly Your disciples. Keep us in Your Word, free us from all errors, and make our homes and families peaceful. Preserve all fathers and encourage them for their godly task, that children would be brought up in the fear and instruction of the Lord. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Have mercy on our nation. Give us good and faithful rulers who will govern after Your good pleasure. Give us comfort and a right understanding of Your rule in this world, that we would not be deceived to think earthly powers will last forever, but have confidence in You alone. Your kingdom come! Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers for the sick, the joyful and those in any need [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*]. Answer their prayers, preserve them by Your promises and bring them safely through this world to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that You have brought us by Your Word out of the darkness of error and into the light of Your grace. Mercifully help us to walk in that light. Guard us from error and false doctrine, and grant that we do not become ungrateful and despise Your Word, but receive it with all our heart, conduct our lives according to it and put our trust in Your grace; through the merits

of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.*

Luther's Morning Prayer

**All: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (*sing*)

Our Father,  
Which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come,  
They 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.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord Look upon you with favor and give you peace.      **C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn

*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast*

**LSB 655**

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles

Postlude

Depart in His Peace

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# Sermon Notes - "Staying Ready By Abiding In God's Word" Revelation 14; Romans 3 and John 8

## I. Revelation 14

Verses 6 and 7

Verses 12 and 13

## II. Romans 3

Verses 19 and 20

Verses 21 and 22

## III. John 8

Verses 31 and 32

Verses 34-36