

Sermon Notes (Oct 29) – “Reformation and Faithfulness in our Lives”

A. Accountable to God as the Creator

- Revelation 14:6-7 is a traditional Lutheran Reformation reading because many leaders in the Reformation considered Martin Luther to be part of the angel’s work spreading the eternal Gospel to all who dwell on earth.

- But the words fit not only Martin’s Luther work and time, but also fits all times of history in this world.

- Who is fearing _____, the Creator who has made all things?

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. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. Romans 3:19-20

Lies of Satan in every age:

There is no one in _____. You can behave anyway you want.

You are your own _____. You control everything:
the world, people and the future.

You can make up your own _____ and _____.

Your made-up rules make you a _____ person.

The truth is NO. All are personally accountable to the Creator God, and before Him all are wicked sinners to be damned to eternal punishment.

B. The “Reforming” of the Church’s message always makes clear humanity’s sin and God’s grace.

Reformation emphasizes going back to, and remaining with, _____ Word.

God’s Law Shows our _____

The Word of God points out the reality of humanity’s sinfulness and alienation from God

God’s Gospel Shows our _____

The Word of God bears the reality of God’s love through His _____, _____.

God’s love does not want humanity to remain in _____ and death, but to be Recreated as His people by Jesus’ forgiveness and life.

C. So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you _____ in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

John 8:31-32

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

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!” Revelation 14:12-13

- _____ Cling to; hold on; remain in.

- _____ Patience in the midst of troubles and persecution.

- To die in the faith in Jesus is not the end, but rest from the labors. Jesus will return to raise the body and soul together for life everlasting.

Additional Announcement - **Church organ will be tuned tomorrow, Oct 30 starting at 3:00 pm.** The building will be closed until about 5:30 pm during the tuning.