



### Peace Lutheran Church of Orofino ID

13946 1st Ave

8:00 am Worship Service; 7:30 am Bible Study

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### St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarkston WA

1107 14<sup>th</sup> Street

11:00 am Service; 10:00 am Sunday School; 10:15 am Bible Class

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## REFORMATION SUNDAY 2011

OCTOBER 30,

**Preparation for Worship:** Read Psalm 46 front of hymnal p. 134

The Hymns: 261, 775, 262, 767:4

*Prayer: Lord God, heavenly Father, forgive us our sins, and grant us always true repentance. Keep us always in the truth of Your pure Word. Teach us by Your Holy Spirit to love Your saving Word, so that by Grace Alone, Faith Alone, and Scripture Alone, we may be preserved by You unto eternal life. We ask this in the name of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

### Opening Prayer

#### THE INVOCATION

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
(Hymnal, page 5 – Congregation Stands)*

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: (sing) Amen.**

From Psalm 119

**Pastor:** Oh, how I love Your law!

**People: It is my meditation all the day.**

**Pastor:** You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies;

**People: For they are ever with me.**

**Pastor:** I have more understanding than all my teachers,

**People: For Your testimonies are my meditation.**

**Pastor:** I understand more than the ancients,

**People: Because I keep Your precepts.**

**Pastor:** How sweet are Your words to my taste,

**People: Sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

**Pastor:** Through Your precepts I get understanding;

**People: Therefore I hate every false way.**

**People:** Your word is a lamp to my feet

**People: And a light to my path.**

*[TLH 261, sung by all]*

*Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word;*

*Curb those who fain by craft and sword*

*Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son*

*And set at naught all He hath done.*

From Psalm 2

Pastor: Why do the nations rage,

**People: And the people plot a vain thing?**

Pastor: The kings of the earth set themselves,

**People: And the rulers take counsel together,**

Pastor: Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,

**People: "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us."**

Pastor: He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;

**People: The LORD shall hold them in derision.**

Pastor: Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure:

**People: "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion."**

*Lord Jesus Christ, Thy power make known,  
For Thou art Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Thy Christendom that we  
May evermore sing praise to Thee.*

From Psalm 31

Pastor: In You, O LORD, I put my trust; Let me never be ashamed;

**People: Deliver me in Your righteousness.**

Pastor: Bow down Your ear to me, Deliver me speedily;

**People: Be my rock of refuge, A fortress of defense to save me.**

Pastor: For You are my rock and my fortress;

**People: Therefore, for Your name's sake, Lead me and guide me.**

Pastor: Pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me,

**People: For You are my strength.**

Pastor: Into Your hand I commit my spirit;

**People: You have redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.**

*O Comforter of priceless worth.  
Send peace and unity on earth.  
Support us in our final strife  
And lead us out of death to life.*

Pastor: God our Father, *has* preserved His Word for us. It is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path. Our Lord Jesus *has* made His power known. He is sitting at the right hand of the Father and will come to judge the world.

God the Holy Spirit *has* extended God's grace to us through Word and Sacrament. But we have not kept the Word of our Lord. I now ask you, therefore, before God who searches the heart: Do you confess the sins you have committed in thought, word, and deed; do you repent of them, believe on the Lord Jesus for forgiveness, and sincerely intend, with the help of God's Holy Spirit, to lead a godly life from now on? If so, then answer "yes."

Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of God's Word, announce the grace of God unto you. In the stead of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by His command, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen. Let us praise our gracious God!

*Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To Thee, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!*

### **THE BIBLE LESSONS**

*God speaks to us.*

#### **The Old Testament Reading:**

Isaiah 55:1-11 "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance. 3 Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you; The sure mercies of David. 4 Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, A leader and commander for the people. 5 Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, And nations who do not know you shall run to you, Because of the LORD your God, And the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you." 6 Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. 7 Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. 8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. 10 "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, 11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void,

But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

## **A SERMON FOR CHILDREN ON REFORMATION**

*(Children up to 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to come forward!)*

**“The just shall live by faith.”** Romans 1:17

### **The New Testament Reading:**

Matthew 11:12-15 From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it. 13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. 14 And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come. 15 He who has ears, let him hear.

Congregation stands for:

### **A Reformation Confession of Faith**

*We boldly confess what we believe.*

*(from the Formula of Concord – on Justification by Faith)*

**“We unanimously believe, teach, and confess the following about the righteousness of faith before God. A poor sinful person is justified before God, that is, absolved and declared free and exempt from all his sins and from the sentence of well-deserved condemnation, and is adopted into sonship and inheritance of eternal life, without any merit or worth of his own. This happens without any preceding, present, or subsequent works, out of pure grace, because of the sole merit, complete obedience, bitter suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Christ alone. His obedience is credited to us for righteousness. These treasures are brought to us by the Holy Spirit in the promise of the holy Gospel. Faith alone is the only means through which we lay hold on, accept, apply, and take them for ourselves. This faith is God’s gift, by which we truly learn to know Christ, our Redeemer, in the Word of the Gospel and trust in Him. We trust that for the sake of His obedience alone we have the forgiveness of sins by grace, are regarded as godly and righteous by God the Father, and are eternally saved.”**

Congregation sings Hymn 775

## **THE SERMON**

Revelation 14:6-7 Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth; to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people; 7 saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

Theme: “THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL”

I. It is sent (v. 6)

II. It is for all (v. 6)

III. It has power (v. 7)

## **THE OFFERTORY**

*In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.  
(Hymnal, pages 12-13) (sing)*

***Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.***

***Cast me not away from Thy presence And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me***

***Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.***

## **THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS**

*In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. While the ushers present our offerings at the Lord’s*

*Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 788:1:*

***Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand  
Blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land.***

***Grant us, then, the grace of giving with a spirit large and true.***

***That our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.***

## **THE GENERAL PRAYER** (Pastor)

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER** (All)

**Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name...**

Congregation sings Hymn 262

Congregation stands for:

## **THE BENEDICTION**

*The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

**PASTOR** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**CONGR. (sing) Amen, Amen, Amen.**

The Closing Hymn 767:4

\*\*\* SILENT PRAYER \*\*\*

## A n n o u n c e m e n t s

**TODAY – QUARTERLY MEETINGS** Following both services.

**SHARE THE PROMISE!** We hope you can join us in our weekly Bible Study. "SHARE THE PROMISE WITH YOUR CHILDREN" is a study from God's Word on "How to Lay the Foundation for a Strong Christian Home." This would be a great time to invite your friends to your church!

**WEDDING ON TUESDAY** We thank the LORD that He has led Jason and Tiara Smith to be re-united in marriage at this 5:00 pm service.

**ST. JOHN'S REMINDERS:** Potluck next Sunday – theme: Thanksgiving!

**FIRE IN INDIA** We recently learned of a tragic fire that destroyed the homes of several families in one of the congregations of the CLC-India. While we are saddened and concerned over this earthly trial, we are thankful that the Lord has allowed us to offer a small amount of emergency assistance through the MDF to help the affected families including CLCI Pastor Isaiah who also teaches at the CLCI Seminary.

What follows is a portion of an email received from Pastor Jyothi Benjamin:

*We are sorry to write this letter to you regarding recent fire accident in Mannava village. Sudden fire accident destroyed 10 houses of our Mannava CLCI congregation members including Pastor Isaiah's house. The cause of the fire was due to the sudden breakage of electrical live wire and causing extensive damage. 10 families suffer huge loss, and have lost everything in these fire accident not even dry clothes. Ten thatched huts were fully devastated. The accident site presented pathetic sight of families crying inconsolably over their belongings and utensils getting burnt in the fire...Nothing left for all families especially Pastor Isaiah who has four kids...We are short of words to describe the sufferings of our effected CLCI members. Pastor Isaiah and those members lost their belongings, paddy, clothes, books and everything...We are sorry to report you that an old woman (V.S. Benjamin's aunty) died in this fire accident and four water buffaloes were dead and three water buffaloes were severely injured. At least three bicycles were damaged in the fire. We provided some temporary rehabilitation shelters to these families with the help from other members.*

Please remember Pastor Isaiah, his family, and the members of the congregation he serves in your prayers.

"This is my comfort in my affliction, For Your word has given me life." Psalm 119:50

**CLC** >> Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI, has called the Rev. Vance Fossum, West Columbia SC. >> The Rev. Richard Kanzenbach, pastor of Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild WI, has accepted the call to Peace with God Lutheran, Onalaska WI, with the result that these two congregations now become a joint-parish.

**This week's memory verse: Hebrews 13:7**

**"Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct."**

## A Key Word: "ALONE"

...Against (the) assaults of Satan we must pray for the spiritual strength to continue contending for the faith once delivered to the saints. For the cause and strength are not ours, but Christ's. And this contending consists in nothing more nor anything less than continuing to believe, cherish, preach, teach, profess, and live the soul-saving and faith-strengthening principles of the Reformation -- grace alone, faith alone, and scripture alone.

If there is one term in these principles which most identify us, truly separate us from the vast majority of Christendom today, it is the word ALONE. Many speak of grace, faith, and Scripture, and not only do they at times mean something different, but rarely would they add the word "alone."

**GRACE ALONE** -- undeserved love, we profess, is the basis for God's favor, that which moved Him to reach out with and through His Son to fallen mankind. Grace alone -- nothing else, nothing supplemental, nothing infused, nothing whatsoever in us.

**FAITH ALONE** -- As the Holy Spirit transforms our hearts from degenerate to regenerate, faith alone is the gift by which the blessings of salvation come to us. By faith alone, not by works (as Ephesians chapter 2 and all Scripture proclaims), nor together with works ("lest any man should boast") lest the Gospel be annulled and Christ be robbed of His full glory as our Savior.

**SCRIPTURE ALONE** -- is the almighty God's inspired and inerrant revelation to man and the only authority in all matters of faith. Not scripture plus supposedly harmless doses of false teaching; not scripture plus the thoughts and opinions of the proud and humanistic mind of man; not scripture minus that which conflicts with man's reason or interferes with his desires or lifestyle. Only scripture completely and only alone!

I have yet to find a more strikingly simple illustration of the principles of the Reformation and of the Christian faith than that simple verse of the children's song all of us learned and loved in our childhood: "Jesus loves me. This I know, for the Bible tells me so."

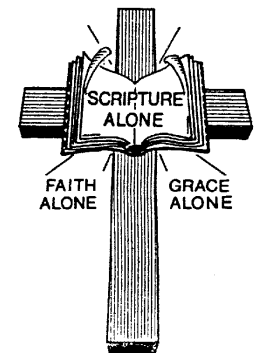
**JESUS LOVES ME** -- Isn't that grace alone? He loves me, undeserving sinner though I am, "having been justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

**THIS I KNOW** -- Isn't that faith alone, the confidence and certainty of Christ's love and my salvation in Him?

**FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO** -- Because my God has said so in His Word and I believe it. Isn't that scripture alone?

May the lyrics of this children's Reformation song live in our hearts. For each Reformation offers us yet another opportunity to reaffirm our commitment, to write our own Formula of Concord.

By Pastor David Schierenbeck  
from the Oct. 1996 edition of the *Lutheran Spokesman*



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(Please rise for our Reformation Confession of Faith...)

### **The Old Testament Reading for Reformation Sunday**

#### **Isaiah 55:1-11**

In these verses the LORD invites us to a bountiful meal for our souls – the forgiveness of sins through His Word. He emphasizes that the time for this offer of pardon is limited, and that His Word is powerful and effective in producing the desired response of faith. Hear now the grace of God...

### **The New Testament Reading**

#### **Matthew 11:12-15**

Here Jesus reminds us that the Good News of the Kingdom of God advances forcefully throughout the world through dedicated messengers who receive their strength from Him. The success of the Reformation 500 years ago and the success of teaching God's Word in our own time are evidence that through His messengers God is still challenging each person with the invitation "He who has ears, let him hear!" We read...