

# **"The Five Solas"**

October 29, 2023

## **As We Gather**

There are five statements that sum up the Reformation faith. Each of these statements contains the word "alone," or "sola" in Latin, so they are referred to as the "Five Solas." As we celebrate the Reformation today, we review the Five Solas of the Reformation: Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Christ Alone, Scripture Alone, to the Glory of God alone. Although these formed the backbone of a reforming movement 500 years ago, they are just as relevant and important in our lives today.

## **Welcome**

## **+ Gathering +**

### **"By Grace I'm Saved" LSB 566**

1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and  
boundless;  
My soul, believe and doubt it not.  
Why stagger at this word of promise?  
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?  
No! Then this word must true remain;  
By grace you too will life obtain.

2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;  
Our works and conduct have no worth.  
God in His love sent our Redeemer,  
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;  
His death did for our sins atone,  
And we are saved by grace alone.

3 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,  
Came down to earth to bear our sin.  
Was it because of your own merit  
That Jesus died your soul to win?  
No, it was grace, and grace alone,  
That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.

4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain;  
So long as God is true, it stands.  
What saints have penned by inspiration,  
What in His Word our God commands,  
Our faith in what our God has done  
Depends on grace--grace through His Son.

5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,  
In tribulation's furnace tried,  
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,  
The Father's heart is open wide.  
Where could I help and strength secure  
If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;  
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;  
For though I know my heart's condition,  
I also know my Savior's voice.  
My heart is glad, all grief has flown  
Since I am saved by grace alone.

## **Invocation**

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

C Amen.

## **Baptism of Karl, Aidan, & Alex Frisinger**

## Prayer

## Children's Church

### + Service of the Word +

#### **First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7**

Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people.<sup>7</sup> He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God!**

#### **Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28**

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.<sup>20</sup> Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

<sup>21</sup> But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup> This righteousness is given through faith in<sup>[a]</sup> Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup> God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement,<sup>[b]</sup> through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— <sup>26</sup> he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. <sup>28</sup> For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God!**

## Holy Gospel: John 8:31-36

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup> Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

<sup>33</sup> They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

<sup>34</sup> Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to You O Christ!**

## Sermon

## "The Five Solas"

## Offering

## Musical Offering

## "Jesus, Author of Salvation"

*Robert A. Hobby*

## Sanctuary Choir

**Ian Cochran, Trumpet**

Jesus, Author of Salvation,  
Love to all the world made known,  
By your death and resurrection  
Death was conquered, sin atoned.  
At your cross I stand forgiven,  
Justified by grace alone.

At your Table I am nourished,  
At the font was made your own.  
Through your Church I grow and flourish  
As the living seed is sown.  
In your House I pray and worship,  
Grounded in God's Word alone.

Humbly, then, I trust God's promise,  
Though no merit of my own,  
Raised to life the day the angel  
Came to roll away the stone.  
At your empty tomb I marvel,  
Heir to heav'n through faith alone.

Oh, what heav'nly joy awaits me,  
Joined with saints around your Throne!  
Till that day, I gladly labor  
That your love in me be shown.  
In your world I find my calling,  
Living here to Christ alone.

## Prayers

*Please add your prayer requests to the chat.*

## Thanksgivings

Pastor: O Lord, we praise You.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Petitions

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

## St. John's People and Families

Penni, Haley, & Jacob Cremen

Irv & Betsy Gewirz

Tim & Christy Kramer

Andrew, Jennifer, Archie, & Rex Schluter

Gail Valeskie

Bill & Jenson Benck

Giancarlo Fradella, Lupe Cendejas, & Vito Fradella

Thomas, Kandace, Austin, & Sawyer Long

Nicholas, Melinda, & Maverick McGlothorn

Ryan, Nicole, & Abigail Robles

## + The Service of Holy Communion +

### **Preface**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### **Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Lord, Lord God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In these last days, You have poured out Your Holy Spirit on Your Church that Your sons and daughters might proclaim the wonders of Your salvation in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon Your gathered people that, faithfully eating and drinking the body and blood of Your Son, we may go forth to proclaim His salvation to the ends of the earth.

### **Words of Institution**

**Pastor:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** Amen.

### **Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)**

Lamb of God  
You take away the sin of the world  
Have mercy on us

Lamb of God  
You take away the sin of the world  
Have mercy on us

Lamb of God  
You take away the sin of the world  
Grant us peace

### **Communion**

**Pastor:** Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**People:** Amen. *(Take and eat)*

**Pastor:** Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**People:** Amen.

*(Take and drink)*

**“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” LSB 556 (v. 1, 5, 6, & 8)**

1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,  
With exultation springing,  
And with united heart and voice  
And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done,  
How His right arm the vict'ry won,  
What price our ransom cost Him!

5 God said to His beloved Son:  
"It's time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright jewel of My crown,  
And bring to all salvation.  
From sin and sorrow set them free;  
Slay bitter death for them that they  
May live with You forever."

6 The Son obeyed His Father's will,  
Was born of virgin mother;  
And God's good pleasure to fulfill,  
He came to be my brother.  
His royal pow'r disguised He bore;  
A servant's form, like mine, He wore  
To lead the devil captive.

8 "Though he will shed My precious blood,  
Me of My life bereaving,  
All this I suffer for your good;  
Be steadfast and believing.  
Life will from death the vict'ry win;  
My innocence shall bear your sin,  
And you are blest forever.

**“In Christ There Is No East or West” LSB 653**

1 In Christ there is no east or west,  
In Him no south or north;  
But one great fellowship of love  
Throughout the whole wide earth.

2 With God there is no tribe or race;  
In Him we all are one.  
He loves us as His children through  
Our faith in His dear Son.

3 So, brothers, sisters, praise His name  
Who died to set us free

From sin, division, hate, and shame,  
From spite and enmity!

4 Join hands, disciples of the faith,  
Whate'er Your race may be;  
Who serves my Father as His child  
Is surely kin to me.

5 In Christ now meet both east and west;  
In Him meet south and north.  
All Christian souls are one in Him  
Throughout the whole wide earth.

**Communion Blessing**

**Pastor:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. His peace be with you.

**People:** Amen.

**Prayer**

**Benediction**

**“A Mighty Fortress is our God” LSB 656**

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| <p>1 A mighty fortress is our God,<br/>A trusty shield and weapon;<br/>He helps us free from ev'ry need<br/>That hath us now o'ertaken.<br/>The old evil foe<br/>Now means deadly woe;<br/>Deep guile and great might<br/>Are his dread arms in fight;<br/>On earth is not his equal.</p> <p>2 With might of ours can naught be done,<br/>Soon were our loss effected;<br/>But for us fights the Valiant One,<br/>Whom God Himself elected.<br/>Ask ye, Who is this?<br/>Jesus Christ it is.<br/>Of Sabaoth Lord,<br/>And there's none other God;<br/>He holds the field forever.</p> | <p>3 Though devils all the world should fill,<br/>All eager to devour us.<br/>We tremble not, we fear no ill,<br/>They shall not overpower us.<br/>This world's prince may still<br/>Scowl fierce as he will,<br/>He can harm us none,<br/>He's judged; the deed is done;<br/>One little word can fell him.</p> <p>4 The Word they still shall let remain<br/>Nor any thanks have for it;<br/>He's by our side upon the plain<br/>With His good gifts and Spirit.<br/>And take they our life,<br/>Goods, fame, child, and wife,<br/>Let these all be gone,<br/>Our vict'ry has been won;<br/>The Kingdom ours remaineth.</p> |
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**Offering**

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**Memory Verse for This Week**

<sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.

*Ephesians 2:8-9*

**Serving in Worship Today**

Preacher	Rev. Michael A. Schmid
Lay Reader	Ruth Peterson
Communion Assistants	Gerry Schneider, Joel Wahlers, Dove Bain, Paula Schweiger
Organist	Erin Blackwood
Sound Technician	Brian Schoenfeld
Streaming Technician	Joshua Wright
Projection Technician	Bob Klein
Worship Preparation Team	Betsy Gewirz, Bob & Doris Klein
Ushers	Gary & Marlen Virkus
Children's Church	Kevin Mathison, Joy Dahl