

nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

⁹“You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. ¹⁰ And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. ¹¹ Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

Sermon Hymn: 204 O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word

Sermon: Grace to the End

Offering: *(Please remember to sign the Friendship Register.)*

Distribution Hymn: 199 In Trembling Hands, Lord God, We Hold

Benediction

Closing Hymn: 203 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word

Ushers: This Week – Richard Englehart & Mark Genz
Next Week – Paul Milbrath & Lucas Zuehlke

Greeters: This Week – Keith & Lynn Fry
Next Week – Chuck & Sharon Christoph

New Logo Stationery & Business Cards:

We would like to purchase new stationery and business cards for the church and school. The estimated cost is \$500.00. As this is not an item we budgeted for, we would like to open this up for special donations. If you would like to make a donation for this, please make sure to mark “stationery” on your blue envelope.

REFORMATION

October 27th & 28th, 2018



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We Welcome You!

Order of Worship: Please follow along on the screen

Opening Hymn: 201 A Mighty Fortress

Prayer of the Day:

M: Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson - Jeremiah 18:1-11

The Jews of Jeremiah's day trusted in outward forms that had become empty formalism. They no longer listened to the Word of the Lord which rebuked them for their sins, and thus no longer lived on the forgiveness pictured in the forms. Separated from the Word, they were separated from grace, so that their lives were ruled by the evil that flows from unbelief. Only the reformation that comes from the Word, that comes by grace, that comes through faith could save them from the doom promised by God; for he will always take his Word seriously, whether we do or not. Like clay, may he re-form us to be vessels of his grace!

¹This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²“Go down to the potter’s house, and there I will give you my message.” ³So I went down to the potter’s house, and I saw him working at the wheel. ⁴But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

⁵Then the word of the LORD came to me: ⁶“O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?” declares the LORD. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, ⁸and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. ⁹And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, ¹⁰and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it.

¹¹“Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, ‘This is what the LORD says: Look! I am preparing a

disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.’”

Psalm of the Day - Psalm 46 p. 84

Second Lesson - Revelation 14:6-7

This standard Reformation Epistle lesson (used at Luther's funeral) extols both the grace of God and the true glory of the preaching ministry. For it is God alone who preserves his Word from the destructive wiles of the devil and wicked men on earth. Grab at it and drag it down though they will, God still holds his Word aloft as a saving breath of the Spirit wafting down on those who hear it. It is the great glory of the preaching ministry that the saving message which ascribes all glory to God is likewise preserved from age to age. Where God receives all the glory for our salvation, we need not dread what men may do, nor even the judgment of God himself. May he by his grace preserve us faithful to his Reformation message and ministry!

⁶Then 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. ⁷He 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.”

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. *If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia.* (John 8:31 & 32)

Gospel - Mark 13:5-11

It should not be a surprise to us that error runs rampant through the world and that both nature and nations are so often in chaos. For that is exactly what our Savior has foretold. Each error, each natural disaster, each country in turmoil should drive us to cling all the more tenaciously to his Word by which alone we are saved in the hour of judgment. For without his pure Word there is only faithless error, fear and torment, and finally a total separation from grace on the Day of Judgment. To retain that Word in all of its truth and purity as the anchor which holds us and the rock on which we find refuge in the storms that threaten destruction, and then to share it, those are the goals of true children of the Reformation. For the very heart and soul of that Word is Christ, the incarnate anchor and rock of our salvation.

⁵Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁸Nation will rise against