

**COS Sunday Devotional Streaming**  
**Reformation Day - Observed**  
**10/25/20**

**Prelude Music**

**Welcome**

Good morning, and welcome to Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, in San Antonio, Texas. Whether you are worshiping in person, through Zoom, or listening in on mixlr.com, we hope and pray that you have a blessed Sunday in the Lord Jesus!

Today we conclude our five-week series on **Authority** in **Matthew's gospel**. We've looked at authority from a number of angles, but this Sunday, our theme is **Authority** in **Conflict**, and we will look at the founding of the Lutheran Church, and its emphasis on justification as opposed to the earthly authority of the church.

**Invocation**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES** - *Psalm 46:1a, 2a; Romans 3:23–24a; John 8:31b–32*

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength;

**People: therefore we will not fear.**

Pastor: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

**People: and are justified by His grace as a gift.**

Pastor: If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples,

**People: and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.**

**Confession of Sins Spoken Together**

Pastor: Let us pray and confess our sin to our heavenly Father.

**Dear God, Your Word of truth confronts us in our sin. We live in conflict every day, with You, because we have placed other gods before You. We have failed to fear, love, and trust in You above all things. We also live in conflict with one another – we have failed to love and serve our neighbors as ourselves. Heavenly Father, forgive our sins against You and our sins against one another. Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive us. By the power of His death on the cross and His resurrection from the grave, reunite our lives to Your life. Equip us by Your Holy Spirit to love and to serve others as You have first loved and served us. Amen.**

## **Absolution**

**Psalm 46**, was one of Luther's favorite Psalms, right in the beginning, in verse 1, it says: ***"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."***

Almighty God heard about our trouble and in His great mercy, gave His Son to die for you and for Jesus' sake forgives you all your sins. Upon this your confession, I, as an ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **Hymn**

### ***The Church's One Foundation, Concordia***

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation by water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.

Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore,  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us may see You face to face.

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

<sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> 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."

## **Epistle Reading – Romans 3:19–28**

<sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup> But now the

righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

### **Gospel Reading – Matthew 11:12-19**

<sup>12</sup> From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup> For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup> and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup> He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

<sup>16</sup> "But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

<sup>17</sup> "'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'

<sup>18</sup> For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' <sup>19</sup> The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

### **Children's Sermon – Pastor Ely**

#### **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Brief Announcements**

### **Offertory**

**In Christ Alone, Keith and Kristyn Getty**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease,  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied,  
For every sin on Him was laid.  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand,  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

### **Prayer of the Congregation**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Sermon Song**

*By Grace I'm Saved, Koine*

By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;  
My soul, believe and doubt it not.  
Why waver at this word of promise?  
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?  
So then this word must true remain:  
By grace you, too, shall heav'n obtain.

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.

By grace! Oh, mark this word of promise  
When you are by your sins oppressed,  
When Satan plagues your troubled conscience,  
And when your heart is seeking rest.  
What reason cannot comprehend  
God by his grace to you did send.

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

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.

## Meditation – “*Authority* in *Conflict*” – Pastor Ed

### Prayer and Benediction

### Virtual Sharing of the Peace

#### Closing Hymn

#### *A Mighty Fortress is Our God, Concordia*

A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the Valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,  
Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God;  
He holds the field forever.

Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us.  
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r us.  
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;  
One little word can fell him.

The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,  
Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won;  
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

### Chat Time