

October 30, 2011 / Reformation Sunday

The Readings from Scripture

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31–34

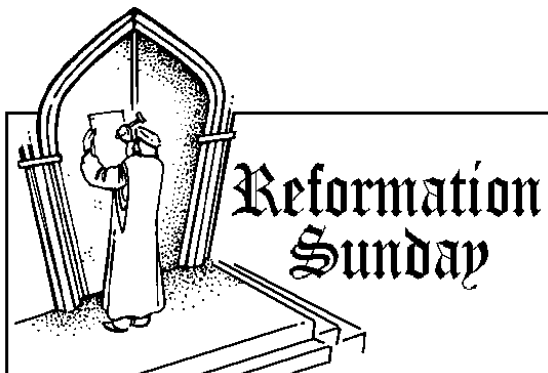
The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah:

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



The Second Reading

Romans 3:19–28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and the other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

A Reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans:

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

The Holy Gospel according to St. _____ the _____ chapter

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him,
"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples;
³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham
and have never been slaves to anyone.

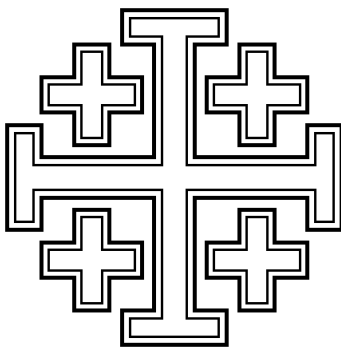
What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you,
everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.

³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household;
the son has a place there forever.

³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

The Gospel of our Lord.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In grateful response to God's endless bounty of grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Wisdom of God, inspire your church to continue in your word. Where it is in error, purify it. Where it is true, sustain it. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

All of creation is a gift, O God, worthy of our wonder and deserving of our care. Inspire in us the desire to care for this gift, so that future generations might also revel in the beauty of this world. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God, you are in the midst of our cities and towns, our nations and our communities. Let your justice reign in all these places, so that through them we might catch a glimpse of the coming City of God. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Give strength and hope to those who are in bondage to oppression, poverty, or illness. Through your healing touch, free those who are sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this congregation. Renew its faith and mission that, following in the faithful footsteps of our ancestors, we might continue to bear witness to the one who frees us from sin and death for the promise of eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For what else do the people of God pray?

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Through your Son you have freed us from sin and death, giving us the hope and promise of eternal life. Comfort with this promise all who mourn (*especially*), and at the last draw us to your holy city. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, holy God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.



If you would like to participate in giving to the fall United Way Campaign through Lutheran Charities please use the following information:

United Way Donor Choice-
Lutheran Charities #00390

That number will give a general donation.

You can choose to specify a social ministry if you like:

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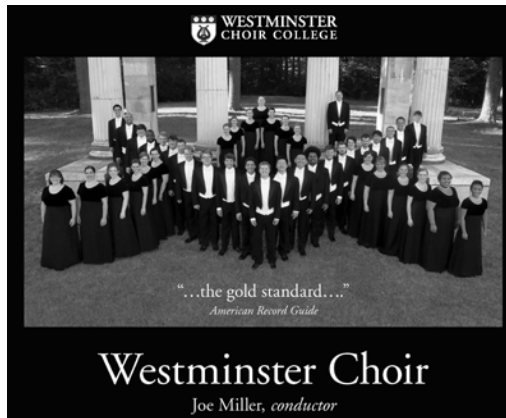
Lutheran Children & Family Services #04024

Lutheran Settlement House #00390

Mary J. Drexel Home #00617

Paul's Run #02628

Silver Springs-Martin Luther School #03544



Choral Concert ~ The Quakertown High School Choir is proud to sponsor an evening with the world-renowned Westminister Choir. This is the top choir from Westminister Choir College in Princeton, NJ. They perform regularly with the world's best orchestras and conductors including the New York Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Berlin Philharmonic, and others. **Please join us on November 19, 2011, at 8:00 pm** (doors open at 7:30) Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets will be available at the door. You can pre-purchase by contacting vpchorus@qmpo.org. All proceeds benefit the Quakertown High School's Vocal Music Program. Hope to see you there!

St. Paul's Prayer List ~ Weekly update to the October Vision

Gene Woehr – Manor Care

Linda Shagg

Arlene Hackman

Barbara Woehr- Recovering at home

Norman Benner – Recovering at home

Calvin Miller – Recovering at home

Jerry Landis

Robert Stevens – Recovering at home

Pastor Bill Phillips – Luth Comm. Telford

Please look in the current edition of the Vision Newsletter for other names on our prayer list. The Sunday bulletins only list updates to the complete list in the Vision.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and to beautify God's House by Mr. & Mrs. Wood and Sara in memory of Loved Ones.

Capital Improvement Fund ~ We have currently received a total of \$67,069. in our Capital Improvement fund toward our goal of \$225,000. Pledges amount to \$64,914.

Elevator Fund ~	Project Cost	\$170,000.00
	Total Gifts Received as of 10.10	\$73,050.00



Ham Dinner ~ The 2012 Appalachia Service Project team will be hosting its Ham Dinner on November 12, 2011 at 3:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This event benefits the ASP home repairs ministry. Come enjoy food and fellowship while supporting a great cause.

ASP at St. Paul's will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary with an ASP reunion picnic on July 28, 2012. A combined worship hour will be held at 9:15 on July 29 with Pastor Bill Bixby as the guest preacher. Pastor Bixby was associate pastor during the initial years of ASP.

Pie Making by the Kitchen Committee will take place the week of November 7. If you would like to help pinch pies shells join us on Wed. Nov. 9 at 6:30 PM. If you would like to help with pie baking join us on Thur. Nov 10 and Fri. Nov 11 - 8:30AM to 5 PM. The pies will be sold at the ASP Ham Dinner. Questions or interested in helping for a few hours call Donna Stever at 215.679.7521.

Lunch Bunch ~ Lunch Bunch invites you to join us for our Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon Meeting, Wednesday, November 9 at 11:30 AM in Church Fellowship Hall. No need to pack your lunch. You need to make a luncheon reservation. **Sign-up deadline is October 31.** The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall. The Rev. Robert Gerhart will entertain us with his talent of story in chalk art. Lunch Bunch is our active group of ladies and men aged 50 +, not limited to St Pauls' members. Don't forget to save your Redner's Tapes and us your Save-A-Tape Gas Card at Redners. Bring your tapes to Lunch Bunch. Hope to see you on November 9.

This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday	Early Service with Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Contemporary Service with Holy Communion	9:15 AM
	Sunday Church School	9:15 AM
	Late Service with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
	Senior Youth Group	6:00 PM
	Generations Choir	6:30 PM
	Bell Choir	7:30 PM
	Narcotics Anonymous - <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	8:00 PM
Monday	Praise Team	7:30 PM
Tuesday	Robotics Team	6:30 PM
Wednesday	AA	8:00 PM
Thursday	Bible Study off site	1:00 PM
	Bible study off site	7:00 PM
Friday	Brownies & Daisies	6:30 PM
Saturday	Robotics Team	9:00 AM
Sunday	Early Service with Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Contemporary Service with Holy Communion	9:15 AM
	Sunday Church School	9:15 AM
	Late Service with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
	Confirmation	4:30 PM
	Generations Choir	6:30 PM
	Bell Choir	7:30 PM
	Narcotics Anonymous - <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	8:00 PM

Today's Worship Assistants

Next Sunday's Worship Assistants

Altar Guild:	8:00AM	Alan & Diane Richard	8:00AM	Niccole Oswald
			Wash	Pat Walter
Assistant:	8:00AM	Charles Shagg	10:30AM	Stephanie Smith
	10:30AM	Robert Walp	8:00AM	Stan Rose
Ushers:	9:15AM	Rich Kressley	10:30AM	Joanne Hersh
		Traci Kressley	9:15AM	Ron Leister
	10:30AM	Nancy Yerger Pat Walter	10:30AM	Diane Leister Nancy Yerger Pat Walter
Monday:	Sandy Bergey Alan Richard Diane Richard		Monday:	Sandy Bergey Claude Croisette Jean Croisette