

# SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

*October 25, 2009*

## *Reflection*

A Great Cloud of Witnesses

Lutherans celebrate reformation day (or the Sunday closest to it as reformation Sunday) in commemoration of Martin Luther's posting of the 95 Theses on the church door at Wittenberg on October 31, 1517—an action which helped to spark the Protestant reformation.

But this celebration is not just for Lutherans. In fact, all Protestants of whatever stream trace their roots, and owe a great debt to, Luther and the other reformers. All believers are indebted to their courageous stand for the purity of the gospel over against virtually all the civil and ecclesiastical forces of their day, armed only with an unshakable confidence in God and His Word. All were persecuted; some paid with their lives.

Two crucial facts about the reformation are often overlooked:

- 1) Luther never intended to start a new branch of Christendom; his initial desire was to reform the Church from within.
- 2) The teachings of Luther, Calvin and the other reformers were not new teachings; rather they were an attempt to recover and restore to the Church the apostolic, New Testament teachings regarding faith and salvation, which had been obscured in the Church of that day.

As we worship today, it is fitting to honor these heroes of the faith, for by so doing we bring a greater honor to the God who was "their rock, their fortress and their might" (from the hymn "For all the Saints").



## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*\*\*In recognition of the reason and reverence of worship, please remember to turn off your cell phones. Also, if you need a drink, please bring only water into the worship service. Thank you.*

### SONG OF ASCENTS

#### ***Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven***

Trinity Hymnal #76

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
To his feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who, like me, his praise should sing?  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise him, still the same forever,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless;  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes;  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
Widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish,  
Blows the wind and it is gone;  
But while mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on.  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
Praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him;  
You behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before him,  
Dwellers all in time and space,  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
Praise with us the God of grace.

### WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SILENT PREPARATION

## CALL TO WORSHIP

#### ***Psalm 124:8***

Our help is in the name of the LORD, the Maker of  
heaven and earth.

## CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge that we were conceived and born in sin, and are therefore inclined to all evil and slow to all good; that we transgress your holy commandments without ceasing, and ever more corrupt ourselves. But we are sorry for the same, and beseech your grace and help. Have mercy on upon us, most gracious and merciful God and Father, through Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant to us and increase in us Your Holy Spirit, that we may recognize our sin and unrighteousness from the bottom of our hearts, attain true repentance and sorrow for them, die to them wholly and please you entirely by a new godly life.

*This confession of sin is from John Calvin's days pastoring in Strasbourg.*

*The placement of the confession of sin so early in the service is a bit jarring to us today. Calvin argued he had biblical and historical precedent, citing Nehemiah and Chrysostom. He asks, "For since in every assembly we stand before the sight of God and the angels, what other beginning of our action will there be than the recognition of our own unworthiness?"*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

**1 John 2:1**

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

Let each of you confess that he is really a sinner who has to humble himself before God. He must believe that the heavenly Father will be gracious to him in Jesus Christ. To all who have repentance and who seek Jesus Christ for their salvation, I pronounce forgiveness in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

*These words of comfort and pardon were used by John Calvin following the confession of sin in his Strasbourg liturgy.*

***A Mighty Fortress is Our God***

Trinity Hymnal # 92

***Amazing Grace***

Trinity Hymnal #460 (verses 1,2,3,5,6)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.

*Amazing Grace*  
Words: John Newton  
and John Rees (verse 5)  
Music: American folk tune

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

*We invite everyone to fill out the registry pad located on the end of the aisle.*

*If you are a visitor, we hope that you have been encouraged by the time that you have spent worshipping with us today.*

*Prayer requests can also be submitted online through our web site at any time. Private requests will only be seen by the church leadership.*

### **Deacon's Prayer**

David Larsen

### **The Giving of Our Tithes & Offerings**

Please sign and pass the registers.

## OFFERTORY SONG

### **Blessed Are the Sons of God**

Trinity Hymnal #526

Blessed are the sons of God,  
They are bought with Christ's own blood;  
They are ransomed from the grave,  
Life eternal they shall have:

#### **Refrain:**

**With them numbered may we be,  
Here and in eternity.**

They are justified by grace,  
They enjoy the Savior's peace;  
All their sins are washed away,  
They shall stand in God's great day:  
**(Refrain)**

They are lights upon the earth,  
Children of a heav'nly birth;  
One with God, with Jesus one,  
Glory is in them begun:  
**(Refrain)**

## MINISTRY OF WORD & PRAYER

### **1 John 2:28-3:3**

page 1208 in the pew Bibles

### **Prayer for the Kingdom of God on Earth**

Anthony Dunn

## SONG OF PREPARATION

### **What Wondrous Love Is This**

Trinity Hymnal #261

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on:  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on!

*If you are able,  
please stand  
in honor of God's Word,  
which is forever true.*

*Children age 30 months through  
1st grade are invited to go to  
Children's Church  
during this song.*

*Children's Church is an optional  
activity during the sermon to  
help young children prepare to  
sit through the service. There is  
singing and an explanation of this  
week's Scripture Passage by an  
Elder.*

*This Month's Children's Church  
Workers:  
2 & 3 year old -  
Boss  
4 year old to 1st grade -  
Simon*

*Next Month's Children's Church  
Workers:  
2 & 3 year old -  
Morris  
4 year old to 1st grade -  
Seale*

## SERMON

### *For Further Discussion & Application:*

What is the connection between the new birth and practicing righteousness (see 1 John 2:29)?

How do rebel sinners become children of God (see John 1:12)? What are the "birthmarks" that distinguish God's children?

Why does a child of God do what is right and constantly purify himself from sin (2:29, 3:2-3)? Why does the hope of 3:2 motivate us to purify ourselves?

What has Jesus done that enables us to purify ourselves from sin? Why is this crucial to remember? What happens when we forget this?

### *Sunday Lunch Question:*

What other passages in the New Testament speak of Christ's personal return? How are Christians to live in the light of the Second Coming?

### *Children of God!*

1 John 2:28-3:3  
Senior Pastor Dan Seale

## RESPONSE & BLESSING

### SONG OF RESPONSE

#### *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss.  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life.  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything:  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

### BENEDICTION

*How Deep the Father's  
Love for Us  
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## THIS WEEK

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| <b>Today</b>     | 9:15 a.m.  | Sunday School   |
|                  | 10:30 a.m. | Worship Service   |
|                  | 5:30 p.m.  | Youth Group<br><i>(meets at church, supper provided by Poole)</i>   |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 7:00 p.m.  | Women's Bible Study<br><i>(meets at church, Lorilynn Spronk, 789-4282)</i>  |
|                  | 7:15 p.m.  | Middle School Small Groups<br><i>(Boys - Rein's house, 905 Brookfield Road 27615)</i>   |
|                  | 7:30 p.m.  | Middle School Small Groups<br><i>(Girls - Wood's house, 7704 Foxwood Drive 27615)</i>   |
|                  | 7:30 p.m.  | High School Small Groups<br><i>(Girls - Borders Bookstore, Six Forks @ Strickland)</i><br><i>(Boys - Brown's house, 3440 Kennebuck Court 27613)</i> |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 9:45 a.m.  | Women's Bible Study<br><i>(meets at church, Sally Narveson, 783-7582)</i>   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 7:45 p.m.  | Music Team Practice   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 7:00 a.m.  | Men's Bible Study<br><i>(Starbucks @ Stonehenge Shopping Ctr., on Creedmoor Rd., Dan Seale, 518-2370)</i>   |

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** See the screen in the foyer or the weekly e-letter.

**Next Sunday:** Nurseries Team I (Amy Wood, Coordinator)  
Greeters Larsen & Pearsall

**We will celebrate communion next Sunday.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Last Chance to Have Your Photo Included in the New Directory - Please Don't Miss Out!!

We have been informed of another make-up location here in Raleigh. If you have yet to get your photo taken for the new directory, this is your last chance. We want everyone to be included, members and regular visitors, so please take advantage of this last opportunity as we won't do another photo directory for at least two years. The make-up dates and location will be:

- Thursday, October 29 through Saturday, October 31
- Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, 7600 Falls of Neuse Road

To schedule an appointment, please call our account representative, Connie Batchelor, at 919-633-0107. Please make sure to tell her that you are a make-up appointment for Redeemer. If for some reason you cannot make it to an appointment next week, we hope that you will submit one of your own photos for the directory. It doesn't have to be in digital format as they can scan whatever you submit. The cost for submitting your own photo is \$5.00. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa in the church office.

### \*\* IMPORTANT \*\* Please Review Your Information

In the back of the new directory, separate from the photos, there will be a listing of all the contact information for each family. This section will be the same as our old directory and will include information such as e-mail addresses, cell phone numbers and birth dates. So even if you didn't have a photo taken for the new directory, your information will still be listed.

\*\* Please review your information in the directories located on the foyer tables and make any necessary corrections. If you are not included in the directory, but would like to be, please write in your information or contact Theresa in the church office. If you are included, but would like to be removed, please cross out your listing.

### Fellowship Supper

will be held at the church on Wednesday, November 4 at 6:00 p.m. The Helms community group will be responsible for the set up and clean up. Please bring a main dish to share, plus another item according to your last name: A-E Vegetable, F-P Side Dish, Q-Z Dessert. Please remember that all foods must be NUT FREE due to allergies of some in the congregation.

### Church Property Work Day

Join us for a church property work day on Saturday, November 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come for as long as you can and bring yard tools (wheelbarrow, shrub clippers, shovel, rake). Don't forget your work gloves! David Tucker and the Landscaping team will have a list of jobs to complete. A light breakfast will be served. If you have questions, please call David Tucker at 847-5157.

*Need to contact Dan?*  
Call anytime—  
518-2370 (office)  
or 413-9954 (cell)  
dan@redeempca.net

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or 457-2282 (cell)  
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*Need an elder?*  
Anthony Dunn—881-0478

*Need a deacon?*  
David Larsen—345-3996

*Prayer chain:*  
Cynthia Morris—845-9372  
cynthiamorris@bellsouth.net

*Church Office*  
Theresa Curtis—518-2370  
office@redeempca.net

**Save the Date**  
*for these upcoming events that you won't want to miss!*

- November 7: Church Property Work Day
- November 10: Baby Welcome
- November 13-15: Youth Fall Retreat
- November 22: Visitor Luncheon
- December 2: Women's Christmas Event  
*(this will take the place of the fellowship supper)*
- December 4: Intro to Redeemer Dinner & Dessert
- December 5: Intro to Redeemer Class
- December 12: Christmas Dinner & Concert

*Hear Sunday's Sermons online @ [www.redeempca.net](http://www.redeempca.net). For more information on all upcoming events, please check out the online events calendar or the weekly e-letter.*



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## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

### ELDERS:

Anthony Dunn  
Rob Helms  
Mike Newkirk  
Dan Seale  
Jeff Smith  
Ivan Spronk  
Steve Welsh  
Andy Wood

### DEACONS:

Todd Blevins  
Steve Brown  
Mark Brubaker  
Al Cadwell  
Ken Coyer  
Dave Larsen

John Morris  
Cisco Ojeda  
Tim Phillips  
David Tucker  
David Walliser

### SENIOR

**PASTOR:**  
Dan Seale

### ASSOCIATE

**PASTOR:**  
Andy Wood

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

Outside of Sunday Morning Worship, Community Groups are the main way to get plugged in here at Redeemer. As we continue to grow, these groups become more and more important in helping people connect and feel a part of our community. Groups of individuals and families meet in someone's home on the first and third Sundays of the month. It's in these smaller settings, also called shepherding groups, that we can be cared for and learn, serve, grow and pray together as a family.

#### **North Raleigh (Creedmoor/I-540)**

*Leader: Ivan Spronk 789-4282*  
*Time & Place: 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.*  
*3108 Cranesbill Drive, 27613*

#### **North Raleigh (Baileywick)**

*Leader: Dave Larsen 345-3996*  
*Time & Place: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.*  
*816 Berwyn Way, 27615*

#### **Northwest Raleigh**

*Leader: Rob Helms 518-1271*  
*Time & Place: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.*  
*3405 1st Place, 27613*

#### **Northeast Raleigh (Durant Road)**

*Leader: Dan Kemp 848-9945*  
*Time & Place: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.*  
*9944 Koupela Drive, 27614*

#### **Lake Lynn Area**

*Leader: Mike Newkirk 412-0621*  
*Time & Place: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.*  
*4208 Omni Place, 27613*

#### **Southwest Raleigh/Cary**

*Leader: Jeff Smith 949-9710*  
*Time & Place: 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.*  
*108 Wilander Drive, 27511*

#### **Crabtree Area**

*Leader: Anthony Dunn 881-0478*  
*Time & Place: 5:45 - 7:30 p.m.*  
*1804 Kenwyck Manor Way, 27612*

#### **North Raleigh (Creedmoor/I-540)**

*Leader: Steve Welsh 676-1944*  
*Time & Place: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.*  
*5217 Antherton Bridge Road, 27613*