

October 31, 2021 Reformation Day

■ **Welcome / Baptisms / Call to Worship**

■ **“Reformation Song”**

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Your Word alone is solid ground, The mighty rock on which
we build; In every line the truth is found
And every page with glory filled.

Through faith alone we come to You; We have no merit we
can claim. Sure that Your promises are true,
We place our hope in Jesus' name.

Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone;

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In Christ alone we're justified; His righteousness is all our
plea; Your law's demands are satisfied;
His perfect work has set us free.

By grace alone we have been saved; All that we are has
come from You. Hearts that were once by sin enslaved
Now by Your pow'r have been made new.

And on this Reformation Day we join with saints of old to sing
We lift our hearts as one in praise: Glory to Christ our gracious King

■ **Scripture** - Isaiah 54:1-17

■ **“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**Hymn 26

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing. For still our
ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe His craft and pow'r are great,
And, armed with cruel hate, On earth is not His equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be
losing, Were not the right man on our side, The man of God's own
choosing, You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He
The Lord of Hosts His name, From age to age the same, And He
must win the battle.

And tho this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo
us, We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru us.
The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure, For lo, his doom is sure; One little word
shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, No thanks to them,
abideth; The Spirit and the gifts are ours Thru Him who with us
sideth. Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also The body
they may kill; God's truth abideth still: His kingdom is forever.

■ **Lord's Supper** /Confession- **The Five Solas of the Reformation**

*Pastor: Five solid truths undergird our faith in the
Gospel as it was recovered and proclaimed
by the heirs of the Reformation.*

Cong: Five truths that define our faith and give us

hope in the finished work of Christ

Pastor: Sola Fide

Cong: Faith Alone

Pastor: Sola Gratia

Cong: Grace Alone

Pastor: Sola Scriptura

Cong: Scripture Alone

Pastor: Solus Christus

Cong: Christ Alone

Pastor: Sola Deo Gloria

Cong: Glory to God Alone!

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Salvation

Cong: This is the foundation of our hope!

Pastor: That we are justified . . .

Cong: . . . by grace alone, through faith alone

in the finished work of Christ alone!

Pastor: We know this is true by Scripture alone

Cong: And so we give glory to God alone!

*Pastor: By Grace alone, through faith alone,
in Christ alone, based on the Word alone,
for the glory of God alone!*

Cong: This is our hope in the Gospel! Amen!

■ **“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”**

by Sandra Mccracken & Joshua David Moore © 2015 Drink Your Tea (ASCAP) CCLI #801260

**We will feast in the house of Zion We will sing with our
hearts restored He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more**

We will not be burned by the fire He is the Lord, our God We are
not consumed by the flood Upheld, protected, gathered up

In the dark of night, before the dawn My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh, how long? Oh, God of Jacob, be my
strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave Bind us together, bring shalom

■ **“Grace and Peace”**

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**Grace and peace, oh how can this be For lawbreakers and
thieves For the worthless, the least You have said, that our
judgment is death For all eternity Without hope, without rest
Oh, what an amazing mystery What an amazing mystery
That Your grace has come to me**

Grace and peace, oh how can this be The matchless King of
all Paid the blood price for me Slaughtered lamb, what atonement
You bring! The vilest sinner's heart Can be cleansed, can be free
Oh, what an amazing mystery What an amazing mystery That Your
grace has come to me

Grace and peace, oh how can this be Let songs of
gratefulness Ever rise, never cease Loved by God and called as a

saint My heart is satisfied In the riches of Christ Oh, what an amazing mystery What an amazing mystery That Your grace has come to me

Grace and peace, oh how can this be Let songs of gratefulness Ever rise, never cease Loved by God and called as a saint My heart is satisfied In the riches of Christ

■ **Message** – “By Faith Alone” Romans 1:16-17; 3:20-28 – Scott

■ **Closing Song** - “**Rock of Ages**”.

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee; Let the water and the blood, From Thy wounded side which flowed, Be of sin the double cure; Cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r

Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy law's demands; Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow, All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling; Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace; Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath, When my eyes shall close in death, When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

■ **Benediction**

A Word from Pastor Scott Sunday October 31, 2021

“I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes . . . For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

(Rm 1:16-17)

These words stunned a young monk when he read them for the first time. Like everyone in his day, he believed salvation came as a result of obedience to the teaching of the Church, attendance upon the sacraments and the performance of good works. So that’s what he had tried to do, as much as any man ever had. He tried to earn the righteousness God requires. He fasted. He prayed. He wept. He confessed his sins daily, even hourly. But still he was plagued with doubts and tormented by the guilt of his sins. It nearly drove him mad! *How could he, a sinner, ever hope to be righteous in the eyes of a holy God!* And he knew that was the problem – his sin! For God was holy and He was not! So even if he did manage to purge some sin from his life (if that was even possible!), even if he came to the place where he believed he was 98% righteous with only 2% sin remaining, he knew he would still fall short of God’s *perfect* righteousness. So what could he do? When told by one of his superiors that he must simply “*Love God,*” in deep agony he cried out, “*Love God? Sometimes I hate Him!*”

Yet God had mercy. The monk became a teacher and was given the assignment of teaching the book of Romans. That is where God began to open his eyes so he could see the simple, life-giving truth of the Gospel – that God gives the righteousness He requires as a gift, freely by grace to those who put their faith in Christ alone. So not by works! Not by religion! Not by morality! Not by ritual! But by grace through faith alone in Christ alone, any sinners may be saved! That realization changed everything for Martin Luther. And through him it would ignite the Gospel Revolution we call the Reformation which began to change the world 504 years ago today, on October 31, 1517. That Gospel is still changing the lives of those who put their trust in Christ by faith alone.

Rejoicing in God's mercy through the Gospel of grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone!
Pastor Scott

This Week's Fighter Verse: Feed Your Soul by Memorizing Scripture! Each week's '*Fighter Verse*' is meant to help you "fight the good fight" of faith. This week's "reformation" verse is central to a biblical faith in Christ through the Gospel.

Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Mens Discipleship Breakfast

**EQUIPPED
TO
DISCIPLE**

**Saturday
November 13
8:00 AM
Kyle Davis
speaking on
"Fatherhood"**

Equipping to Disciple Others to be a Good Fathers / Parents is the topic for the 11-13-21 Men's Breakfast. Kyle Davis speaking. Please bring food to share. We start at 8 AM

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - October 31

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	10:40 AM

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$4,341.00
September Weekly Average.....	\$4,703.01

Today's Nursery - Lucy & Megan Blunt

Please note: Nursery care during worship is for children up through age 2

Announcements

- We have Halloween tracts available in the foyer for anyone who might want to include them with your trick or treats
- Don't forget, Daylight Savings time ends next week.
So, Fall back on Saturday, or you'll be an hour early for Sunday School and church
- **Fall D-Groups**
We will meet to fellowship, pray and study the book of Joshua Wednesday Groups will meet the first and third Wednesday of each month, October through December (11/3; 11/17; 12/1; 12/15) Please speak to one of the pastor's if you'd like more information
- **Congregational Prayer Meetings** will be held here at Rockport at 7 PM on the second Wednesday of each month: November 10; December 8.
Please mark your calendars

“By Faith Alone”
(Rm 1:16-17, 4:4-6)

I. The Gospel is the Good News that _____ through
faith alone in Christ v 16

II. The Gospel of ‘Faith Alone’ brings _____ I can’t get
any other way v17

- We need a perfect righteousness Ps 24:3-4
- No one is _____ Rm 3:10-12, 20
- The Gospel brings “the righteousness of _____”
Rm 1:17, 3:21-24
- This righteousness comes as a _____ Php 3:9
- We are saved through the _____ righteousness of
Christ Rm 4:4-6
- This is the great “As if” of the Gospel 2 Cor 5:21

III. The Gospel by which Christ saves is received into our lives by
_____ v17

What Faith is Not:

- (1) Faith is not what _____
- (2) Faith is not a _____

What Faith is:

- (1) Saving faith begins by acknowledging the _____ of the
Gospel - *Notitia* 1 Cor 15:1-6
- (2) Saving faith believes it is true that
Jesus _____ - *Assensus*
- (3) It is a _____ trust in Christ for all He promises in
the Gospel - *Fiducia*

Kid’s Listening Sheet (10/31/21)

Message Title: “By Faith _____”

Bible Passage: Romans 1:_____



Key Words: Circle each word every time you hear it.

Monk	Door	Faith	Alone
Mouth	Bible	Judge	Save
Bottle	Hands	Work	Believe
Luther	King	Church	Heart

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

- 1.
- 2.

The Righteous Shall Live by Faith Alone (Romans 1:16–17)

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B E L I E V E S H
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W L G O O D P D I
E S M U N W E K T
R O V S E Y L P H

ALSO	ASHAMED	BELIEVES
EVERYONE	FAITH	FIRST
GOSPEL	GREEK	LIVE
POWER	REVEALED	RIGHTEOUS