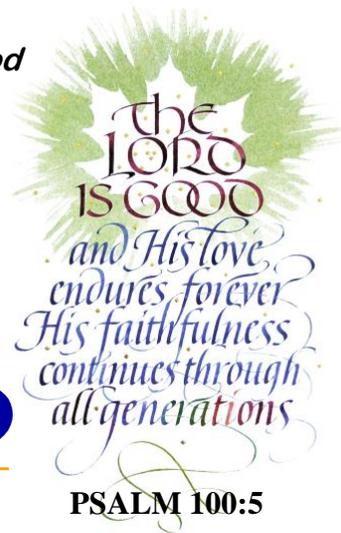


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**Sunday Bible Class:**  
9:00 am

**Sunday Worship:**  
10:00 am

**Wednesday Bible Class**  
9:00 am

**Holy Communion**  
is celebrated on the First  
and Third Sunday.



**Welcome**  
**in the name of Jesus!**

*We're so glad to have you join us to worship our Lord!*

*If you are a guest with us for worship today, please introduce yourself to our pastor and stop by the registration book at the back of church.*

† **503<sup>rd</sup> Reformation Sunday** †  
**October 25, 2020**

**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
Olive & Gibson Streets  
New Berlin, Illinois  
217-488-3190

**Pastor David Benning**  
[pastorbenning@stjnb.org](mailto:pastorbenning@stjnb.org)

**Parsonage Hours:**  
**10:00am-4:00pm m,w,st**  
Pastor is also available by  
appointment.

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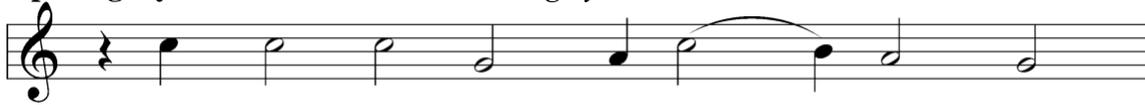
**As We Gather...** "The first thing expressed in my seal is a cross, black, within the heart, to put me in mind that faith in Christ crucified saved us . . . yet it does not change the color of the heart, does not kill, but keeps alive. 'For the just shall live by faith,' -- faith in the Savior. This heart is centered on a white rose, to show that faith brings joy, comfort and peace. The white rose reflects the purity of the angels and saints in heaven. The rose is in a sky-blue field, to show that joy in the spirit and faith is a beginning of heavenly joy to come. The golden ring surrounds everything, to show that the joy of heaven is endless, more precious than all joys and treasures, for gold is the best, most precious metal." (Martin Luther)

**Trunk or Treat Saturday: Oct. 31**

Opening Hymn:

*A Mighty Fortress is our God*

LSB # 656



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,  
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,  
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,  
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;  
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;  
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,  
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
 But for us fights the val - iant One,  
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
 He's by our side up - on the plain



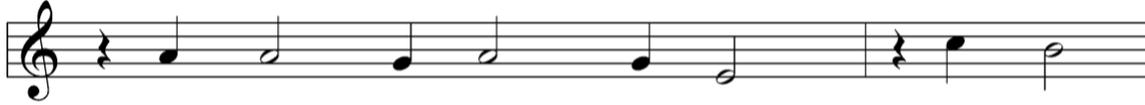
That hath us now o'er - tak - en.  
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.  
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.  
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means  
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus  
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce  
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might  
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,  
 as he will, He can harm us none.  
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth  
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds  
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -  
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -



is not his e - qual.  
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## Confession and Absolution

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.** *Psalm 124:8*

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord;

People: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalm 32:5*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*

People: **Amen.**

## God's Word on Grace

Pastor: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

People: **We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

Pastor: John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'"

People: **From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.**

Pastor: For the law was given through Moses;

People: **Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.** (John 1:14-17)

Pastor: There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

People: **and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.** (Romans 3:14-23-24)

**Meditation on Grace: By Grace Alone!**

Pastor David Benning

## Prayer of Grace

Pastor: Let us pray . . .

People: **Gracious Father, had it not been for Your grace, I would have been fish food. I don't deserve Your forgiveness. There's no way I could earn Your love. My daily faults, weaknesses, failures and sins remind me how much I depend on Your gracious love in Jesus. By His life, death and resurrection, You rescued me from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Send a rich measure of Your Spirit to secure my heart in Your grace alone and lead me to be as gracious to others, as You are to me. Amen.**

## Hymn of Faith

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

LSB # 702

1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my  
guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!

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## God's Word on Faith

Pastor: I am not ashamed of the gospel,

People: **Because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.**

Pastor: In the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last,

People: **just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."** (Romans 1:16-17)

Pastor: Therefore, no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law

People: **rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.**

Pastor: But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

People: **This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.** (Romans 3:20-22, 27-28)

Pastor: Where, then, is boasting?

People: **It is excluded.**

Pastor: On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith.

People: **For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.**

## Meditation on Faith: **By Faith Alone!**

Pastor David Benning

## Prayer of Faith

Pastor: Let us pray . . .

People: **Gracious Father, You have called me to a whole-hearted reliance on Your grace in Christ Jesus. You rescued me from the foolishness of trusting my own works in order to be loved by You. Increase my faith, enabling me to rely on Your love for me, based not on how good I am, but on how good You are. Lead me to a deeper, generous faith as Your trusting child. Amen.**

## God's Word on Scripture

Pastor: The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

People: **Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"** (Matthew 4:4-5)

Pastor: As for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, "

People: **because you know those from whom you learned it,**

Pastor: and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures,

People: **which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.**

Pastor: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

People: **so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.** (2 Timothy 3:14-16)

Pastor: "Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

People: **Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar.** (Prov. 30:5-6)

**Scripture Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray . . .

People: **Gracious Father, thank you for speaking to me through Your Word and Your Son, Jesus Christ. Help me to stand firmly on the Rock of Your Word in my life through the work of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Hymn on Christ**

*Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ*

LSB # 565



1 Thy works, not mine, O Christ, Speak glad-ness to this heart;  
5 Thy righ-teous-ness, O Christ, A-lone can cov-er me;



They tell me all is done, They bid my fear de-part.  
No righ-teous-ness a-vails Save that which is of Thee.



*Refrain*  
To whom save Thee, Who canst a-lone For sin a-tone, Lord, shall I flee?

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**God’s Word on Christ**

Pastor: I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God.

People: **"Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.** (Isaiah 45:5, 22)

Pastor: "Do not let your hearts be troubled

People: **Trust in God; trust also in me.**

Pastor: In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you.

People: **I am going there to prepare a place for you.**

Pastor: And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me,

People: **that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."**

Pastor: Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

People: **Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.** (John. 14:1-6)

Pastor: Jesus is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone.'

People: **Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."** (Acts. 4:11-12)

**Christ Meditation: By Christ Alone!**

Pastor David Benning

**Prayer of Christ**

Pastor: Let us pray . . .

People: **Gracious Father, You have given Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the one Lord and Savior for people of every nation. Lead me to follow Him as my Way, to trust in Him as my Truth above all truths, and to embrace Him as my Life. Move me by Your Spirit to share Him as the Way, the Truth, and the Life in in my family, my neighborhoods, and my world. Amen.**

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

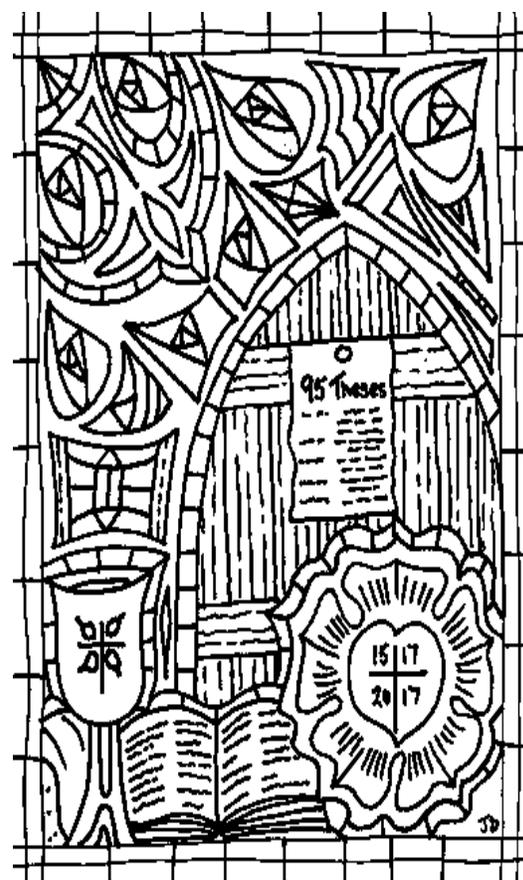
and sits at the right hand of God the  
 Father Almighty.  
 From thence He will come to judge the  
 living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy Christian Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory

(Psalm 116:12-13,17-19)



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
 me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
 call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
 vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.



Giving Options:

There are several ways to give during this time we are not able to meet in person. One is the Give + app, which can be downloaded from your phone's app store. Our E-Giving platform can also be accessed from our website by clicking on the E-GIVING tab at the top of the page. In addition to these two options, we also have a locked drop box on the outside of church next to the bulletins.

Offering Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: **Heavenly Father, bless these gifts to serve the needs of my neighbors, sharing with the world Your righteousness that comes in Christ alone, by grace alone, through faith alone, revealed through Scripture alone. Amen.**

## Prayers of the Church

[2 Timothy 2:1-4]

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy . . .

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray . . .

People: **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.**

## Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

People: **Amen, Amen, Amen. (Sung)**

## Closing Hymn:

*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system has the lyrics "Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;" and the second system has "in - cline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. A - men." The music is in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

## Church News

### FLOWERS

The flowers on the organ are in memory of Donald P. Kloppe, from Ethel Kloppe and family.

### OUR 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

If the devil offers you a treat; it's a trick.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Our church bell, I believe, is inscribed: **St. Johannes Ev. Luth Kirche, New Berlin**

### TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today, we studied "Signs of the True God," the account of Moses and the plagues. God guides Moses to ask for the release of His people from their slavery in Egypt, but Pharaoh proves less than cooperative. A series of plagues—foretold by Moses and sent by God—bring destruction and pain upon the Egyptians but only serves to harden Pharaoh's heart against Moses and the Israelites. **For discussion at home this week: "How did God use His power to show He is the only true God?"**

### **REQUESTS FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY**

All Saints' Day is not only a day to remember Saints, but also to remember all those near to us who have died knowing their Savior Jesus Christ as the only son of God. Please let Pastor know if you would like to request a name(s) for All Saints' Day, of those who have gone home to be with Jesus.

***Names will be spoken during the Sunday, November 3rd Service.***

### **GIVE AWAY OPPORTUNITY!**

Have you seen the framed photo of our church with the luminaries and the snow? It can be seen on the landing of the west entrance. Our sesquicentennial committee is giving away an unframed copy of that picture. ***You may sign-up to win from October 30 through November 30.*** In keeping with the theme of our celebration...entrants are limited to just 150 entries each.

### **150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY NEWS**

Continue to give thanks to God, as we continue to give thanks, as we live in God's grace for year 151. Our 150th Anniversary of giving thanks continues on November 8, when Ron Krohse will share the message, on April 11, when Pastor Kopper is scheduled to preach, and on August 11, when Pastor Barth will fill our pulpit, Also, Pastor Keith Speaks will be our guest preacher on a to-be-determined date, if the pandemic is ever under control.

### **EYE-GLASS COLLECTION**

October is eye-glass collection month. The event, which supports MOST Ministries, is sponsored by the Mary-Martha Guild. The collection container will be on the west landing.

### **MARY-MARTHA NEWS**

***The ladies of Mary-Martha will meet Thursday, November 5, at 6:30 p.m.*** Devotions will be led by Christina. Cheryl is our hostess. Roll Call is sharing an unusual Thanksgiving meal item. A regular business meeting is planned for the evening as "we pledge Him our willing service..."

The ladies are gathering complete Care Packages along with old eyeglasses ***through the month of October.*** Both will be given to Lutheran World Relief. Please join us!! as "We consecrate...our will to do His will."

Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief kits contains 1 bath towel (dark color), 2 or 3 bath-size bars in original wrap, 1 adult size toothbrush in original wrap, 1 sturdy comb removed from package and 1 metal nail clippers removed from packaging. ***We will be collecting the kits through October 27.*** If you can put together a kit, please place it in the basket on the landing. Thank you and God's Blessings.

### **LWML-CID Mission Grant Mite Bytes 2020**

#### ***October ~ Grant #3 Food for the Children program in Danville - \$10,000***

The Food for the Children program supplies food on the weekends for students identified by school social workers who have little or no food during that time. All funds would be used for the purchase of food for the weekend bags. Jesus is introduced to the students through pencils, prayer placemats, bookmarks and Christian mementos.

*How can I help? Pray that God uses the "Food for the Children" program to bring these children and their families into His kingdom. Support this grant by donating to your church's LWML society mite fund.*

**Prayers for those in need of healing:**

John Braker (On-going health needs)  
James Snyder (On-going health needs)  
Ken Krohse (Cancer)  
Tyler Rogers (On going health needs)  
Sharon Boston (On-going health needs)  
Carolyn Marcotte. (On-going health needs)

**Prayers for our Shut-ins**

Dorothy Rieck (Lewis Memorial)  
Esther Theilen (At Home)  
Nellie Staley. (Concordia)  
Galen Clary (At Home)

*If you would like a name in the prayers on Sunday please tell pastor by calling, email, text, or before the service. Those desiring to have their name removed from the prayer list please let pastor know or we will still continue to pray for you.*

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Receptionist/Office Assistant- The Central Illinois District Office in Springfield is looking for a qualified individual to fill the above position on a part-time basis. Hours are Monday through Friday from 10 am to 2:30 pm. Starting wage is \$15/hr. for a 20-hour work week. There are no benefits being offered. The successful applicant will have a background in Microsoft Office, especially Outlook, Word, and Excel. Some knowledge in social media (Facebook and Instagram) management is also beneficial. **For a job description, contact President Mark Miller at [mmiller@cidlcms.org](mailto:mmiller@cidlcms.org). Applications are available through the CID Office during regular hours (8am-4pm) or can be sent by email.**

**KFUO**

**This week on [KFUO.org](http://KFUO.org),** continue studying 1 Timothy on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), hear a heartwarming adoption story on The Coffee Hour (10/28 at 9:00 a.m. CT), and continue in 2 Samuel on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs and more on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or wherever you get your podcasts!



**TRUNK-OR-TREAT**

“St. John’s Lutheran Church in New Berlin will be hosting our 7th Annual Trunk-or-Treat, on **Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 5:00-End of Trick or Treating**. This is a free festive and safe event for all. Everyone in the community is invited to stop by or come out for candy, popcorn, and more. We hope to see you there!”  
**We encourage anyone who would like to help in any way to come to the church around 4:00pm, as there are numerous things to do to prepare for this event ~ including making popcorn ahead of time to be handed out. Wearing masks and gloves will be required for handing out candy. ALL are encouraged to bring their cars, along with a trunk full of candy!**

**In preparation for Proper 25 – October 25, 2020**

Sometimes you hear that no one is concerned with “justification” these days. That’s a laugh!

People yearn to justify themselves. They aspire to stand out, to make the biggest contribution. They want to show that they count.

None of this is religious, though, someone might say. I want to prove my worth within my career. Or by being an excellent parent. Or through my virtuosity in technology, or perhaps by my prowess at romance. Maybe I will justify myself as a result of zeal about politics, or even over food – or how I refrain from food. But none of this is religious. I’m just religiously devoted to . . .

So this IS about religion after all!

Whatever you trust in amounts to being your god. People have lots of idols, false gods, that will suck every ounce of energy from them and finally leave them with less than nothing. You may prove so impressive at something that a statue ends up being erected in your honor, but finally no one will care much about that statue except the pigeons.

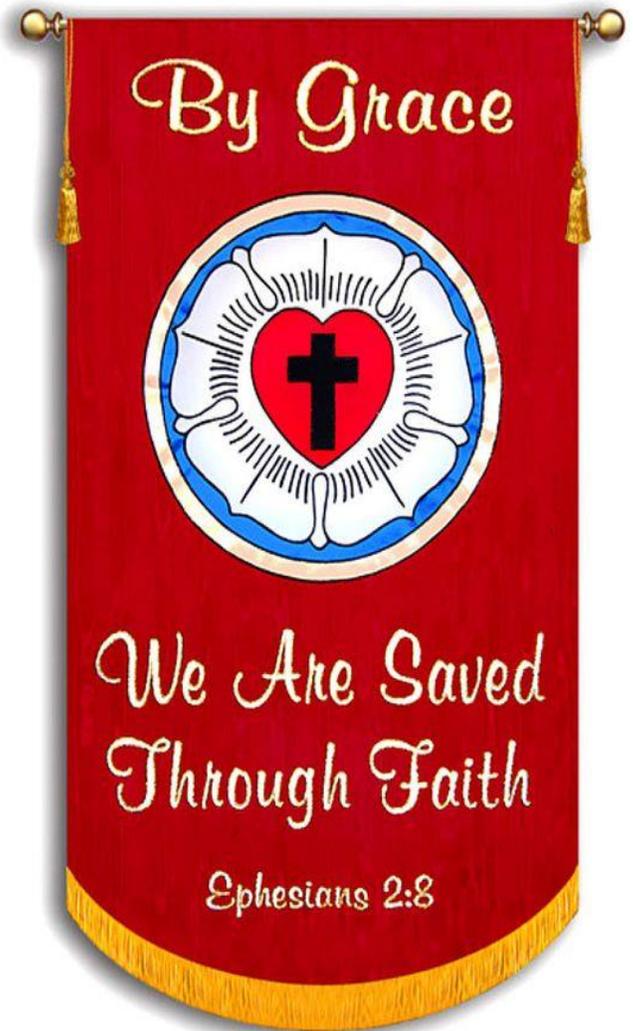
The world needs no more false gods. It needs the true God.

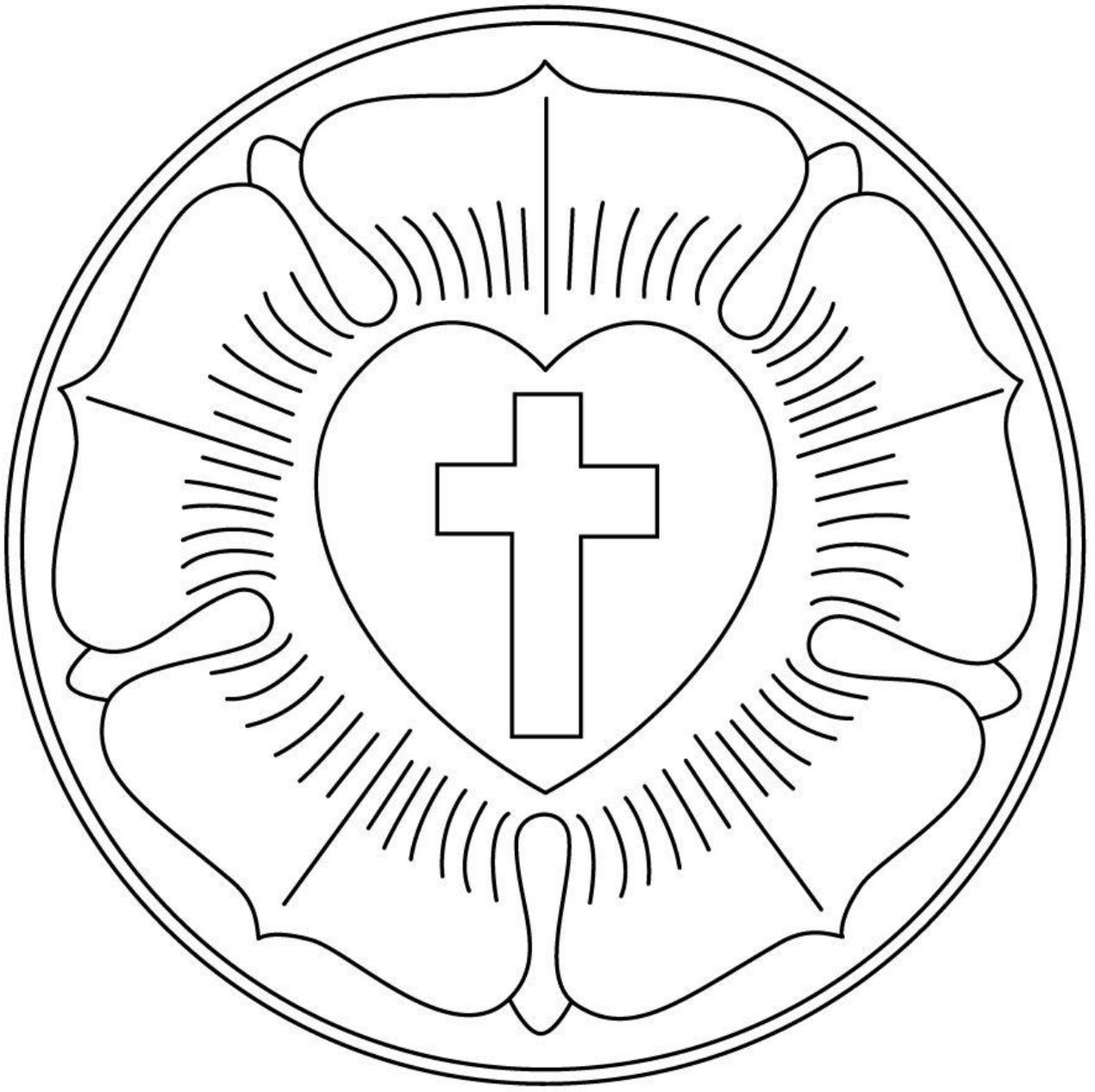
People don’t need any more treadmills of works by which to try justifying themselves. They need God’s unmerited love, His grace.

You don’t need religion. You desperately need to be declared right with God – justified!

*A Bible reading for our church service this Sunday says, “. . . all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. . . . For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law” (Romans 3:23-24, 28).*

Jesus died for you, then rose again. When He justifies you, who can argue?





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