



# REFORMATION DAY

OCTOBER 31

*Years A, B, C*

## **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD,  
when I will make a new covenant  
with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

<sup>32</sup>It 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 married to them, says the LORD.

<sup>33</sup>But 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.

<sup>34</sup>No 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.

Word of God, word of life.      *or*      The word of the Lord.

## **PSALMODY: Psalm 46**

## **SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28**

A reading from Romans.

<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 silenced  
and the whole world may be held accountable to God.

<sup>20</sup>For no human will be justified before God  
by deeds prescribed by the law,  
for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed  
and is attested by the Law and the Prophets,  
<sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe.

For there is no distinction,

<sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;

<sup>24</sup>they are now justified by God's grace as a gift,  
through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood,  
effective through faith.

This was to demonstrate God's righteousness,  
because in divine forbearance

God had passed over the sins previously committed;

<sup>26</sup>it was to demonstrate at the present time God's own righteousness,  
so that God is righteous  
and that God justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting?

It is excluded.

Through what kind of law? That of works?

No, rather through the law of faith.

<sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith  
apart from works prescribed by the law.

Word of God, word of life.            *or*            The word of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL: John 8:31-36**

The holy gospel according to John.

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Judeans who had believed in him,  
“If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples,

<sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth,  
and the truth will make you free.”

<sup>33</sup>They 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’?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them,  
“Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.

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

<sup>36</sup>“So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

The gospel of the Lord.