



About the Cover

The Reformation was all about abiding in the Word of our Lord. Martin Luther did just that during his rediscovery of the Gospel, which resides plainly in the Lord's words of forgiveness. This forgiveness has been won for us by Jesus' death on the cross and delivered to us in His words. His words come to us with the water of Baptism to bring the power of His presence. Because of His Word, wherever we go, we know that Jesus is there. Wherever Jesus is, we also have truth and freedom.

REFORMATION DAY (OBSERVED)

First Reading: Revelation 14:6–7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Epistle: Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the

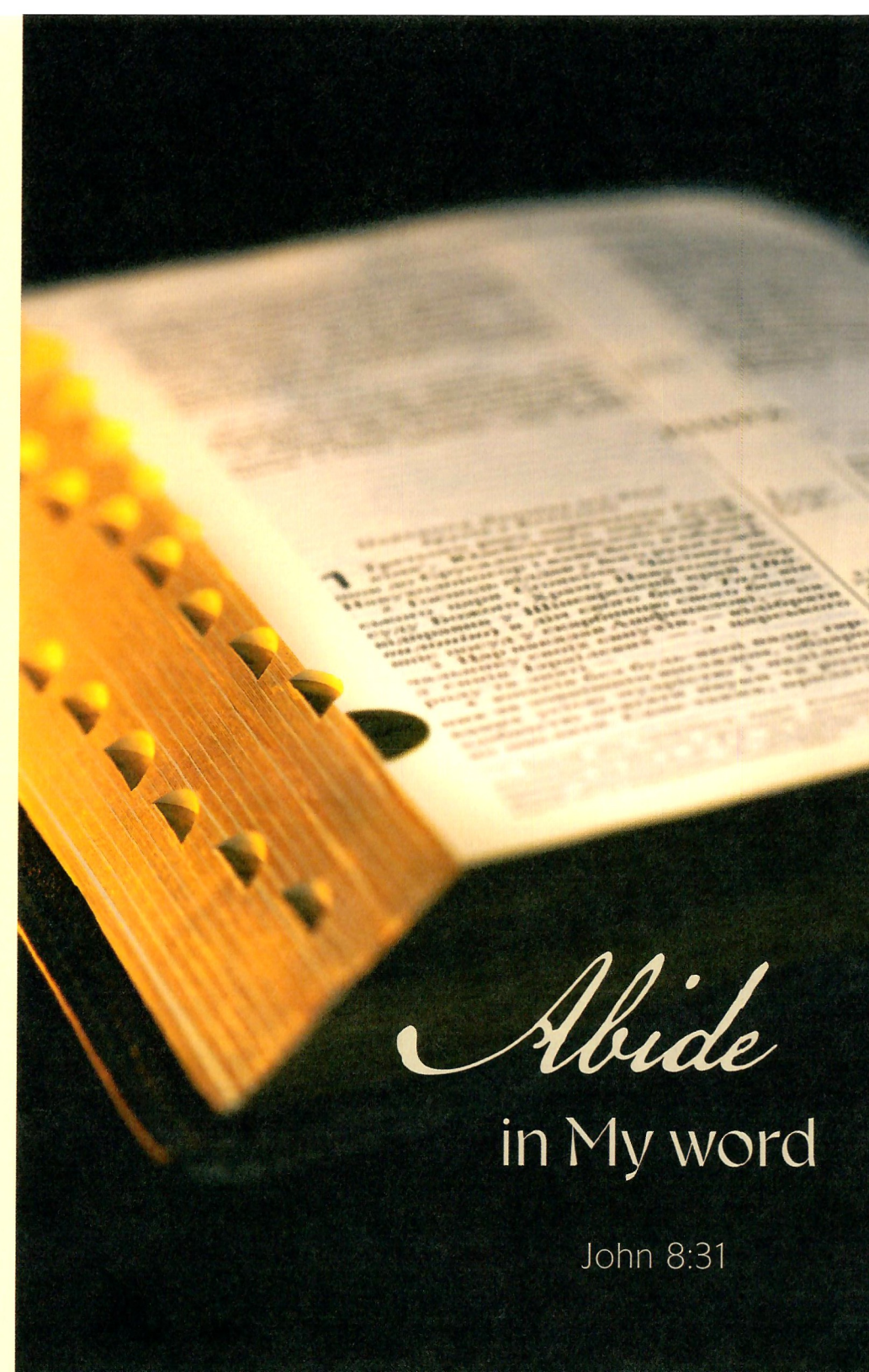
redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Holy Gospel: John 8:31–36

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."



Abide
in My word

John 8:31

THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
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Welcome to Our Visitors

We pray all will be spiritually enriched by your visit to this "House of God." Here Christ breaks the silence that surrounds mortal man in his sin and death. Here in Christ Jesus, we hear the voice of the Eternal One, and hear the voice of the Father, and that He loves us, that He forgives us and that in the resurrection of Christ, He has made us His Children and has given us victory over death itself.

In our Worship, this Morning, we celebrate the Holy Communion. As Lutherans, we believe and teach that in the Sacrament we receive Christ's true body and blood, thus it is our duty to examine ourselves to our worthiness before reception of the Lord's Supper, (see pages 329-330 of the hymnal, Christian Questions and Their Answers). We ask that if you are not a member of our Congregation or a member of a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation, that you speak to Pastor or an Elder before the Service.

THE DIVINE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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Ring of the Bells, Welcome, and Announcements

Opening Hymn LSB#656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Please Rise

Invocation

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The Introit:

P: I will speak of your statutes before kings, O Lord, and will not be put to shame.

C: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

P: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

C: Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

P: The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: I will speak of your statutes before kings, O Lord, and will not be put to shame.

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The First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7 (back of bulletin)

P: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual: (spoken by the Pastor)

The Epistle Romans 3:19-28 (back of bulletin)

P: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

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The Children's Message

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The Offering

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The Distribution Hymns LSB#658 Preserve Your Word, O Savior
#617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

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Closing Hymn LSB#922 Go, My Children with My Blessing

Next Sunday, November 1

We shall remember all the faithful who have gone before us and now dwell around the Throne of the Lamb.