

# Continue in my Word

JOHN 8:31



**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Church Office: 717-637-7101**  
**Reformation Sunday**  
**Sunday, October 25, 2020**  
**9:00 a.m.**



**WELCOME! ARE YOU NEW?** We are a group of people gathered together to make a difference. We seek to make a difference in ourselves, in our neighborhoods, and in our world. We are thankful that you are here today. Check out our website at [www.stmattlutheran.org](http://www.stmattlutheran.org), where you can find out more about us and get connected into our community. **If you would like a call from one of the pastors, give a pastor or a parking attendant your name and phone number and a pastor will contact you, or call the church office, 717-637-7101, and leave a message for Pastor Kathy or Pastor David.**

**WE LOVE** having children in worship. Jesus said "let the little children come to me ... for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." We will have children's sermons on occasion through the year.



Please tear off and put in the offering basket as you leave:

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Names of everyone attending Sunday, October 25, at 9:00 a.m.:

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Would you like to be added to our email list? Please list your name and email address:

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Please list any prayer concerns you would like lifted up by the staff:

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**We hope you find these outdoor worship services meaningful. If you are concerned about your car battery, you can bring a battery operated radio and use that in your car. It will save your car battery! But also know, we have people on the premises with battery cables should the need arise.**

If you leave your vehicle for any reason, please be considerate of others and wear a mask. Thank you!

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**+ Celebrating God's Love - Serving in Jesus' Name +**

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**GATHERING MUSIC**                      *Speak, O Lord*                      Townend/Getty  
(Susan Riley and Scott Fredericks, Soloists)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor: Faithful God,

**All: have mercy on us.**

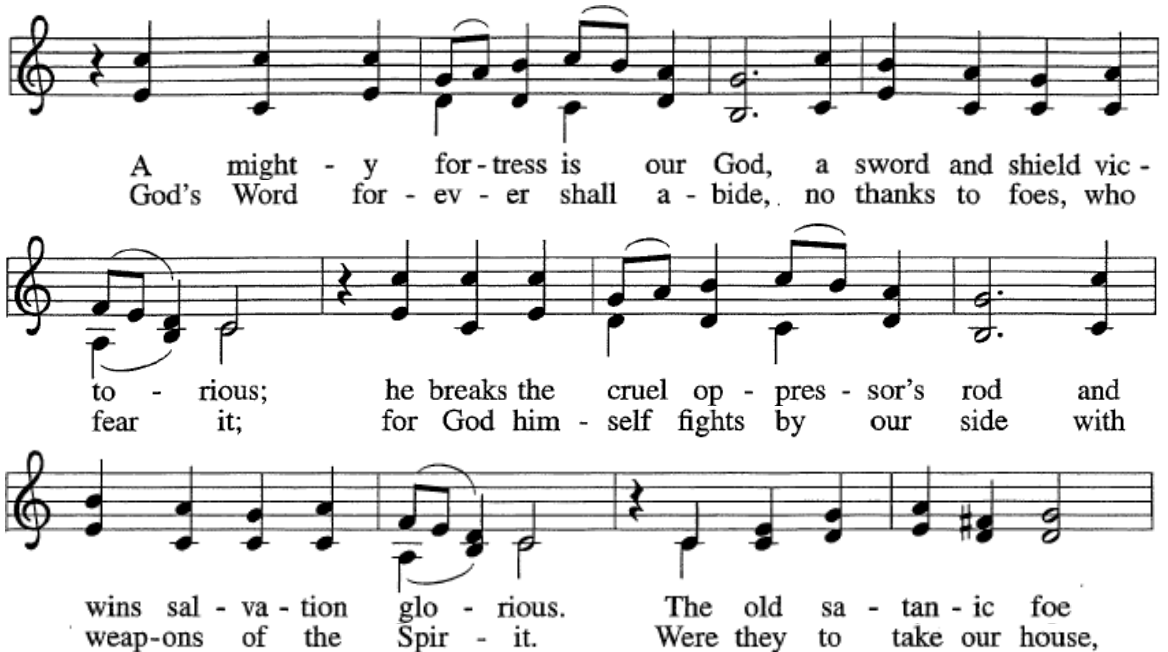
**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: God hears the cries of all who call out in need,  
and through his death and resurrection,  
Christ has made us his own.  
Hear the truth that God proclaims:  
Your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.  
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness  
to do God's work in the world.

**All: Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN ..... *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* - No. 504**



A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,  
he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Pastor: The holy gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:31-36** *Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

Pastor: The gospel of our Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor M. David Kiel**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**     *Somebody's Knocking at My Door*  
(Ginger Myers, Susan and Emma Riley, Soloists)

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**CONFESSION OF FAITH**     *Apostle's Creed*

Assisting Minister: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,**

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS

Each petition concludes, *“Lord, in your mercy,”* and the congregation responds, *“hear our prayer.”*

## PEACE

Assisting Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

*(The congregation is invited to greet one another in your own cars  
with the words “Peace be with you.”)  
You may also honk your horn to greet others!*

## THE MEAL

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All: 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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Pastor: Come to the banquet table where Christ gives himself as food and drink. **Amen.**

## **RECEIVING OF THE ELEMENTS OF BREAD AND WINE**

Pastor: The body of Christ, given for you. *(Eat wafer)*

*(Pause)*

Pastor: The blood of Christ, shed for you. *(Drink juice)*

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## BLESSING

### CLOSING HYMN ..... *How Firm a Foundation* – No. 796

How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
“When through fi - ’ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.”

## DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Serve in Jesus’ name.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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Please note: Music for this service is covered under CCLI # 1000682 –  
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The Rev. Faye C. Snyder, Cong. Visitation Pastor

Deacon Jan M. Davis, Minister of Christian Education, ext. 232

Scott G. Fredericks, Minister of Music, ext. 235

***Our warm thanks*** to all those assisting in our worship services this morning:

Musicians ..... Emma and Susan Riley and Ginger Myers, Soloists

Emergency Person ..... Lori Unger

Parking Attendants ..... Jeremy Bucher, Jan Davis, Roland Kunde,  
Tim Peck, Barb Rupp, Tom Shultz, Linda Wheeler

Worship Assistants ..... Joan Belt, Ardis Kunde, Gail Mummert

***THE ALTAR FLOWERS*** have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my brother Bob by Harold and Betty Kepler; and in loving memory of Franklin B. and Mary Alice Stauffer by daughter and granddaughter; and in loving memory of Nadine Wise by Barb, Mary and families.

***THE BULLETINS*** have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Franklin B. and Mary Alice Stauffer by daughter and granddaughter.

<b>Attendance:</b>	(10/17)	5:00 p.m. service .....	33
	(10/18)	9:00 a.m. service .....	150
		10:45 a.m.....	57
		<b>Total</b> .....	240

### ***REFORMATION SUNDAY WITH THE CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION***

On this Sunday, October 25, at the 10:45 worship service, nine of our young people will be affirming their faith through the *Affirmation of Baptism*. What a wonderful way to celebrate our Lutheran heritage in this way. Because of the restrictions we follow due to COVID-19, we will seat the Confirmands and their families first and then seat the rest of the congregation.

Isabella	Aidan
Holden	Lindsey
Matthew	Colin
Anna	Gracelyn
Elizabeth	

### ***RECOMMENDED SCRIPTURE READINGS*** for the week of Oct 25 - Nov 1:

Sunday: John 8:31-36

Thursday: Romans 2:17-29

Monday: James 2:8-13

Friday: 2 Peter 2:1-3

Tuesday: James 2:14-26

Saturday: Matthew 23:13-28

Wednesday: Matthew 19:16-22

### ***HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (HACC) NEWS***

**PAL:** Spaghetti Sauce, Zip top sandwich bags, Clam shell (hinged foam) containers, Plastic food prep gloves

**HACC general** (benefits all ministries): Lysol spray/ disinfecting spray

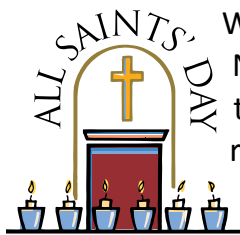
**Meals-on-Wheels:** prayer cards/ words of encouragement for our shut ins, large print word find or crossword activity books

Please place the HACC items in the box near the elevator or bring them to the Church Office. For Ruth's Harvest, place your donation in the shopping cart in the Gathering Place. Thank you for your support!

## St. Matthew Calendar for October 25-November 1, 2020

Sun.	Drive-In Worship with Holy Communion.....	9:00 a.m.
	Worship with Holy Communion (Nave).....	10:45 a.m.
Mon.	Discovery Place Classes.....	8:45-11:45 a.m.
Tues.	Discovery Place Classes.....	8:45-11:45 a.m.
	Cub Scouts (Gym).....	6:30-7:30 p.m.
	Congregation Council (Upper Room).....	7:00 p.m.
Wed.	Discovery Place Classes.....	8:45-11:45 a.m.
	<b>NO</b> Primary Choir Rehearsal	
	<b>NO</b> Junior Choir Rehearsal	
Thurs.	Discovery Place Classes.....	8:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.
	<b>NO</b> Preschool Choir Rehearsal	
	St. Matthew Ringer Rehearsal(1).....	7:00-7:35 p.m.
	St. Matthew Ringer Rehearsal (2).....	7:40-8:15 p.m.
Fri.	Discovery Place Classes.....	8:30-11:45 a.m.
Sat.	Worship Service (Fellowship Hall) .....	5:00 p.m.
Sun.	Drive-In Worship with Holy Communion.....	9:00 a.m.
	Worship with Holy Communion(Nave).....	10:45 a.m.

**Don't forget!**  
**Next weekend:**



We will celebrate **ALL SAINTS DAY** next weekend, October 31 and November 1. Those St. Matthew members who have passed from this earthly life to eternal life since last November 1 will be remembered by name in our prayers and a candle will be lit for each person at the Saturday and Sunday 10:45 services. The Saturday Service will be held in the Nave. Join us for worship as we give thanks for these lives, their ministry among us and as we celebrate their new creation through our loving God.

**A NEW MEMBERS CLASS** is scheduled in November for three weeks. If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Matthew, please contact Stacy in the church office, 717-637-7101, or email her at sbrodbeck@stmattlutheran.org.



**Next Sunday, November 1,** marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being the St. Matthew Minister of Music for Scott Fredericks. We will not be able to honor Mr. Scott with a luncheon, but we will have a basket available at each weekend service for cards for anyone who would like to give him one, or they can be sent to the church office to his attention. We will have a presentation for him at each worship service and at the conclusion of the 10:45 service.



**"CHOOSE KINDNESS"** Yard Signs are now available! Inspired by our Youth, these attractive and meaningful signs may be placed in your yard to spread the message of kindness. The signs include our church name and website and a remembrance of Bryan Doll, Jr. Purple was his favorite color. Each sign is a suggested donation of \$10. Proceeds will go to Olivia's House, our local grief center for children and their families, and the Bryan Doll Jr. Memorial Foundation. Signs are available in the church office or following weekend worship services. Please make checks payable to *St. Matthew Lutheran Church* with *Yard Sign* on the memo line. Thank you as you "Choose Kindness!"



**OUR SUNDAY 9 A.M.** worship service will remain outdoors as long as weather permits. We will evaluate on a week-to-week basis. Once we can no longer be outside, the service will be moved indoors with the indoor guidelines of social distancing and masks being required. The change to indoors will be communicated through our website, our Facebook page and the office phone. Pews will be cleaned between the 9:00 and 10:45 service.



**GOD'S WORK OUR CANS** October 10 - Nov 1, 2020

**GOAL:** 1,000 Cans of Corn

for New Hope Ministries Thanksgiving Food Drive



Each year, New Hope Ministries provides groceries for area families in need so they can enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal at home with their loved ones. Area churches and community groups pitch in by collecting large quantities of a specific Thanksgiving food item. Here at St. Matthew we will continue our tradition of collecting canned corn. Our goal this year is 1,000 cans!

Beginning October 10, there will be a large collection bin in the Gathering Place, and one outside for the outdoor service, for you to drop off your cans. If you prefer to make a financial donation to this ministry, please make your check payable to "St. Matthew Lutheran Church" and write "Canned Corn" in the memo line. Cash donations should be placed in an envelope marked "Canned Corn." Thank you in advance for your support! ~ *The Social Ministry Committee*

We will be holding our **7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COOKIE WALK** this year on Saturday, December 5. It will be a Cookie Walk - Covid Style. Here's how it will work: We will be selling the boxes of cookies baked by church members, already packed by us! They will all be assorted – still \$10 a box. Instead of the close quarters of the Fellowship Hall – they will be sold from a table in the hallway (socially distanced!). If you would like to bake cookies for the walk, please contact Andrea Hersh, 717-968-7094, or email the church office at [info@stmattlutheran.org](mailto:info@stmattlutheran.org). Proceeds will benefit our Global Mission Outreach.



**DISCOVERY PLACE PRESCHOOL** may be smaller in number this year, but we are off to a **GREAT** start! We are so thankful that our preschoolers have been fantastic about our extra safety measures to help prevent germ-sharing. A big **THANK YOU** to whomever donated hand sanitizer and paper towels. We appreciate donations very much! We are always looking for sanitizing wipes, which have been scarce in our community lately.



One item we need in late October is approximately 10-12 small-to-medium pumpkins, so our 3's preschoolers can have a "Pumpkin Painting Party" with a parent. If anyone knows where we can get pumpkins at a discounted rate, please let us know.

Thank you again for your prayers and support! Please check out our Facebook page periodically to catch a glimpse of what our preschoolers are doing!

Cheerfully in Christ,

*Martha Lobaugh*

*discoveryplacehanover@gmail.com 717-637-1864 (preschool office)*



**A BOOK STUDY/BIBLE STUDY** on “The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible and the Journey to Belong” by Karen Gonzalez will take place on Wednesdays, November 4, 11 and 18, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. via Zoom. Gonzalez blends the story of her family’s immigration from Guatemala with the Biblical stories of Ruth, Hagar and others. Just a few books remain, but we can order more if needed. A copy is also available in the church library. Please contact Deacon Jan at 717-637-7101 or [jdavisaim@stmattlutheran.org](mailto:jdavisaim@stmattlutheran.org) for the Zoom link.



**DISCIPLE TRAINING CAMP** is now underway for 2 year olds through 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Kits for each age group are available in Fellowship Hall. Each kit contains the weekly activity sheets, craft materials, craft ideas, prayers and more. The weekly Bible story will be told by one of our storytellers and will be available on the St. Matthew YouTube channel. Please pick up your Kit today in Fellowship Hall or in the church office during the week.

**YOUTH** in the 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are meeting on the first and third Sunday of each month from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Watch your REMIND texts for details about up-coming events. Please e-mail [youth@stmattlutheran.org](mailto:youth@stmattlutheran.org) to be added to the text/e-mail lists.

**SENIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL** is meeting from 10:00 to 10:30 in the yard beside the Education building each Sunday morning. Bring your chair and your mask and talk about faith issues together. If the weather is bad, the class will move inside to the youth suite. (room 303/304). Donuts will be there, too!

**THANKOFFERING WEEKEND, November**

**14 & 15, 2020:** Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America are a community of women whose mission and ministry impacts the whole church, men and children included. For Christian disciples, giving thanks involves

acknowledging our responsibility to give. Thankoffering is one way that Christian women have encouraged the link between gratitude and giving. Begun in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, the Thankoffering tradition encourages women to take a daily account of God's blessings. Thankofferings support all the ministries of Women of the ELCA – from advocacy and education to discipleship and outreach. The Women of the ELCA combine their individual collections to support mission and ministry in the church. To help support the national Women of the ELCA and give thanks to God for his blessings to us, envelopes will be available on the table with the bulletins. Place envelopes in offering plate or send to the church office. Please make checks payable to the *Women of the ELCA* (no Thankoffering boxes this year because of Corid-19). The Thankoffering service will be presented by Deacon Jan Davis.





***THIS ANNOUNCEMENT SERVES AS OFFICIAL NOTICE***

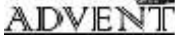
that we will hold our Congregation Meeting on Sunday, November 8, immediately following the late worship service (approximately 11:30 a.m.) The purpose of the meeting is to approve a budget for 2021 and elect four new council members and a youth representative. If you would like to participate in this meeting but are not comfortable or able to

attend in person, please contact the church office, 717-637-7101, to make accommodations. Ushers will seat anyone who comes after the service is over, maintaining social distancing. Masks will be required.

Once a 2021 budget is approved by Council, copies will be available at all services the weekend of October 31/November 1 and November 7/8 ahead of the Congregation meeting. If there are questions regarding the budget, members of the Finance Committee will be available in the Gathering Place before the Congregation meeting to answer any questions, or you can email our Treasurer Karyn George at [treasurer@stmattlutheran.org](mailto:treasurer@stmattlutheran.org).

New Council members to be voted on include Andrea Hersh, Randy Kline, Tom Shultz, Bob Strangfeld and youth representative Adam Farmer.

All voting (active) members of the congregation are asked to attend this important meeting.



**THE ADVENT SOCIAL** is planned for Sunday, November 29, the first Sunday of Advent. We will change it up a bit to make it safer with social distancing and masks and also more family-friendly. To do this, your registration will be more important, although we hope to have space for last-minute participants.

**ADVENT** As you enter Fellowship Hall, your family or table-mates will go to your assigned table. There will be a craft there to begin to work on as you wait for your table to be called to the lunch table. After we finish eating, an Advent wreath craft will be handed out for you to complete. Then we will have an Advent devotion and will “light” our first candle. We need empty toilet paper rolls for the craft.

Those without children or youth may choose to sit with a friend or other relative. Please mark your table-mate on your registration form. We can put up to four at a table. If you have more in your family, we will combine tables to seat you together. We will not combine tables for those who are unrelated. Please complete your Advent Social Reply Form and return it to the church office as soon as possible. Space may become limited.



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## ADVENT SOCIAL REPLY FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: Children (under 12) \_\_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Names of table mates who are not family members: (limit of 4 non-related persons per table)

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Please return as soon as possible as space may become limited.

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

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 their husband, 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.

**Psalms 46****SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28**

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 being will be justified in his sight” 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 faith in 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 his 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. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

Jesus said to the Jews 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.”