

# SOLA

## ESSENTIALS OF THE REFORMATION

OCTOBER 22, 2023  
8:00AM WORSHIP





**CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL  
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND**



# **VETERANS DAY** *Chapel*

Join us for scripture readings, prayers,  
and songs that honor our military  
members, give thanks for our freedoms,  
and celebrate our great God!



All San Diego area military children, spouses, and  
active/former military service members are  
encouraged to attend.



**WEDNESDAY**

**8 NOV 2023**

**8:45 AM**



**The Class of 2024 will host a brunch for all active and  
former military and/or their families who attend  
following the chapel service.**



*Please extend invitations to your family, friends, and  
neighbors who are veterans.*



# SEPTEMBER RECAP

**CHRIST LUTHERAN | LA MESA, CA**

## HIGHLIGHTS OF SEPTEMBER

---

- New double pane shatter-resistant windows installed in the church (paid by CalOES Grant)
- Christian Education Hour Kick-Off
  - Average attendance
    - » Sunday School - 49
    - » Confirmation - 18
    - » Senior High Sunday Morning - 24
    - » Adult Bible Classes/Studies - 111
- Youth Ministry Kick-Off
  - Average attendance
    - » God Squad - 38
    - » Refuge - 20
    - » Senior High Sunday Night - 22
- Life Groups Relaunched
- Launched Pickleball Night on Mondays

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AVERAGE

---

	2023	2022
8:00 am Average	188	170
10:30 am Average	221	209
Total Sunday Average	410	379

## OFFERING OVERVIEW

---

7/1/23 - 9/30/23 Budgeted Offerings: \$350,000

7/1/23 - 9/30/23 Actual Offerings: \$329,520

**Currently under projected offerings by \$20,480**



**Let Us Know You're Worshipping With Us!**



***Or visit [christlamesa.org/hello](http://christlamesa.org/hello)***

## **AS WE GATHER**

Welcome to worship! Today we are continuing our series looking at four of the *Solas* (Latin for “only” or “alone”) drawn from theology revived in the era of the Reformation: sola Scriptura, sola gratia, sola fide, and solus Christus. The series will define these ideas and show how they work themselves out in our doctrine and lives. By thinking about the Bible, grace, faith, and Christ, we are better able to understand God’s gift to the world and how to live as we follow him.

## **WELCOME AND INVOCATION**

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

**People:** **Amen!**

## **OPENING HYMN**

## **LSB 537, BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I’d love Thee, truly I’d serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

## WE CONFESS OUR SINS

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins and prepare ourselves to celebrate God together.

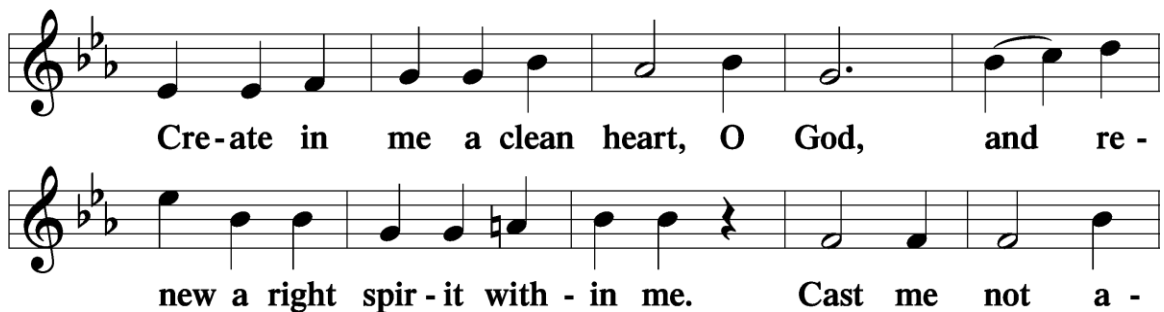
*(A time of silence for confession)*

Pastor: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**People: For we have sinned against you.**

Pastor: Show us, O Lord, Your mercy.

**People: And grant us Your salvation.**





## WE RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

*(Please be seated)*

## FIRST READING

**PSALM 62:1-2, 5-8  
PEW BIBLE PAGE 821**

Reader: Our first reading is from the book of Psalms, the sixty-second chapter.

<sup>1</sup> Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him.

<sup>2</sup> Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

<sup>5</sup> Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.

<sup>6</sup> Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. <sup>7</sup> My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. <sup>8</sup> Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

**GALATIANS 2:15-21**  
**PEW BIBLE PAGE 1658**

Reader: Our second reading is from Galatians, the second chapter.

<sup>15</sup>“We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles <sup>16</sup>know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

<sup>17</sup>“But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we Jews find ourselves also among the sinners, doesn’t that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! <sup>18</sup>If I rebuild what I destroyed, then I really would be a lawbreaker.

<sup>19</sup>“For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. <sup>20</sup>I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. <sup>21</sup>I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

**JOHN 3:14-21**  
**PEW BIBLE PAGE 1513**

Pastor: To honor the words and works of Jesus, please stand.

**People: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. <sup>19</sup> This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**People: 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. He will come again 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.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**



## MESSAGE HYMN

## LSB 571, GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO THAT HE GAVE

God loved the world so that He gave  
His only Son the lost to save,  
That all who would in Him believe  
Should everlasting life receive.

Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,  
Who was made flesh and suffered death;  
All then who trust in Him alone  
Are built on this chief cornerstone.

God would not have the sinner die;  
His Son with saving grace is nigh;  
His Spirit in the Word declares  
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.

Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!

## MESSAGE

## SOLA FIDE: FAITH ALONE

## OFFERING

## CHRISTLAMESA.ORG/GIVE

## JESUS DOES

## CROSSFIRE

*Who tells the sun to rise every morning, colors the sky  
With the shades of His glory, wakes us with mercy and love? Jesus does.  
Who holds the orphan, comforts the widow, cries for injustice,  
Feels every sorrow, carries the pain of His children? Jesus does.*

*So we sing praise to the Father, who gave us the Son,  
Praise to the Spirit who's living in us.  
When I was a sinner, He saved me from who I was,  
'Cause that's what Jesus does.*

*Who understands the heart of the sinner, showers His grace  
Over all our mistakes, washes us clean with His blood? Jesus does.  
Who sings the song of sweet forgiveness, who stole the keys  
To hell and the grave, who has the power to save? Jesus does.*

*Oh, what a friend. Oh, what a Savior, He's always been good.  
He's always been faithful.  
He came to my rescue when I needed Him most,  
And saved my soul.*

## **PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **PREFACE TO HOLY COMMUNION**

***2 TIMOTHY 4:22; COLOSSIANS 3:1***

**Pastor:**     The Lord be with you.

**People:**     **And also with you.**

**Pastor:**     Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**People:**     **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise You, the Invisible, Almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name.

## THIS IS THE FEAST

**REVELATION 5:12-13; 19:5-9**



Leader: This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



People: Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**MATTHEW 26:26-28**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

Reader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: And also with you.**

*(Please be seated)*

### WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

Communion is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and confidence that our Lord gives us not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table the baptized who trust in the words “my body... my blood... for you”, repent of all sin, and seek to live by the Lord’s ways.

If this is not your belief, are a child who has not taken the First Communion Class or are unfamiliar with the belief of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, we invite you to come forward with your arms crossed so that we can give you a blessing by making the sign of the cross over you. We also encourage you to talk to one of our pastors after the service if you have questions.

## HYMNS

### LSB 809, GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.  
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.  
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

### **WOV 780, LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS**

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

**REFRAIN:** Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
          leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

**(REFRAIN)**



What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

**(REFRAIN)**

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **CELEBRATION OF STAFF ANNIVERSARIES**

Jacob Sitze, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher – 25 Years of Service

Craig Barkett, Director of Facilities – 20 Years of Service

## **BENEDICTION**

***NUMBERS 6:24-26***

**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.

**People: Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

## LSB 576, MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim but wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne!  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

## **THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP AT 8:00AM**

**Celebrant**  
**Preacher**  
**Children's Message**  
**Acolyte**  
**Reader**  
**Music Leader**  
**Organist**  
**Special Music**  
**Worship Partner**  
**Communion Assistants**

Pastor Travis Ferguson  
Pastor Seth Moorman  
DCE Cheri Selander  
Mia Rall  
Jacob Sitze  
Kathy Barkett  
Joan Rollins  
CrossFire  
Bob Maass  
Phil Lamonica  
Jerry Price  
Steve Smith  
Dave Wutke  
Stuart Gardner  
Craig Barkett  
Kim Fiskratti  
Dallas Johnson  
Dave Rickards  
Christina Gardner  
Stella Gardner  
Jonah Gardner

**Livestream Technician**  
**Sound Technician**  
**Media Technician**  
**Welcome Team**

**If you are looking for a place to serve  
here at Christ Lutheran, we have a spot for you!**

---

**For more information go to [christlamesa.org/serve](http://christlamesa.org/serve)**

# WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

## **TODAY | October 22**

- 8:00 am—Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:15 am—Sunday School
  - 3yrs -Grade 6—CLS Back Entrance
  - Confirmation—Room 202
  - Senior High—Youth Center Room 3
- 9:15 am—Christian Education Hour
  - Focus—Room 101
  - Bereans—Room 203
  - Village—Lucas Hall
  - Grace—CLS Teachers' Lounge
- 10:30 am—Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
- 5:00 pm—Senior High Sunday Evening—Upper Terrace
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Parent Connect—Youth Center Room 1

## **MONDAY | October 23**

- 9:15 am—Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry—Lucas Hall
- 6:30 pm—SOSL Survivors of Suicide Loss—Youth Center Room 1
- 7:00 pm—Adult Pickleball—Gym

## **TUESDAY | October 24**

- 7:00 pm—Alcoholics Anonymous—Youth Building Room 1

## **WEDNESDAY | October 25**

- 9:30 am—Women's Bible Study—Lucas Hall

## **THURSDAY | October 26**

- 9:30 am—Insights—Lucas Hall
- 6:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
  - Al Anon Meeting—Fireside Room

## **FRIDAY | October 27**

- 6:00 pm—Confirmation Testimonies—Sanctuary

## **SATURDAY | October 28**

- 7:30 am—Men's Bible Study in Lucas Hall

## IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*St. Paul says in Philippians 4:6, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." As we seek to be a praying community, please join us in lifting up the following prayers to our heavenly Father...*

We thank you for **Kerry Banke, Eric Kelley, Lucas Winkler, Zissi Winkler, Marilyn Schmidt, Dave Woodard, Cyndi Hathcock, Bryan Leicht, Lainey Rall, Daniel Sullivan, Jeff Miller, and Christina Gardner** who celebrate birthdays this week. Bless them with your love and friendship so that they may grow in wisdom, knowledge, and grace.

Lord of compassion, shine Your healing light on those who are alone and long for companionship, those who are rejected, weak, troubled, or sick **especially Pastor Art Puls, Jeff Paape, Hallie Lajoie, Jared Cole, Lucinda Mello, Sylvia Press, and Kathy Pardini.**

Heavenly Father, help college students to walk in the paths of righteousness according to Your Word. As they juggle the responsibilities of school, jobs, and commitments to family and friends, remind them that Your yoke is easy and Your burden light. Strengthen them that they may take delight in You and commit everything they do to You.

The prophet Micah proclaimed that Your desire for us, O Lord, is to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly. As the nations rage and kingdoms totter, give courage to Your people to fulfill Your will. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, cast out all arrogance and pride from our hearts so that we may be committed to Your ways. We ask that peace would flow like a river in **Israel and Palestine, in Ukraine and Russia,** and here in our own backyards.

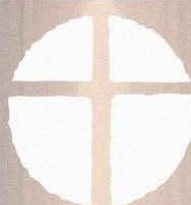
# SOLA

**Date: October 22, 2023**

**Message: Sola Fide**

**Text: Psalm 62:1-2, 5-8; Galatians 2:15-21; John 3:14-21**

**A note to begin:** If sola Scriptura is the authority for theological discussion and sola gratia is the gift of salvific grace, sola fide is the means by which we acquire salvation: we are saved by faith alone. This does not mean that faith in and of itself is the primary good. Rather, it is the object of our faith that is good: Christ. Salvation is given as a gift through Christ and is accepted by faith, not by works. This distinguished the Reformers from the Catholic and Orthodox churches, which argued that works were *part* of the process of salvation (of which faith is also central). The Reformers argued that the works played no *salvific* role in justification. Unfortunately, faith and works are often thought of as opposites in theological conversation. But the Reformation was not a question of faith versus works, but about faith's relationship to works. Martin Luther, for example, who writes in his commentary on Romans, "Oh, it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith; and it is impossible for it not to do good work incessantly. It does not ask whether there are good works to do, but before the question rises; it has already done them, and is always at the doing of them. He who does not these works is a faithless man. He gropes and looks about after faith and good works and knows neither." Good works are a result of true faith.





# SOLA

Other than faith in God, has there been a point in your life where you had to take a leap of faith? What was that like?

In your life, how have the themes of “faith” and “works” been presented to you? How has this molded the way you’ve viewed God?

Read Galatians 2:15-21 together. In this passage, Paul emphasizes that we are justified (saved) by faith in Christ, not by works of the law. Though no one, other than Jesus, has been able to follow the law perfectly – we tend to become legalistic people, relying on our works to somehow *save* us. How have you fallen into this trap?

Read John 3:14-21 together. In John 3, Jesus speaks about believing in Him for eternal life. What does “believing” look like? We know that belief changes the heart, but does it also change attitudes, behaviors, etc.? What is the relationship between faith and works?

End your time praying for one another.



# Novemberfest

CHRIST LUTHERAN - LA MESA  
SUNDAY • NOV 5 • 11:30 - 1:00 PM



OOM-PAH BAND

GAMES FOR KIDS

OPPORTUNITY DRAWINGS

BRATS

GERMAN POTATO SALAD

ROOT BEER FLOATS



PURCHASE TICKETS AT

[CHRISTLAMESA.ORG/NOVEMBERFEST](http://CHRISTLAMESA.ORG/NOVEMBERFEST)

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT SENIOR HIGH SUMMER RIVER RAFTING TRIP





# FALL CAMP-OUT

**INVITE A FRIEND!**

DOS PICOS  
CAMPGROUND

NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup>

**[CHRISTLAMESA.ORG/CAMP](http://CHRISTLAMESA.ORG/CAMP)**





**Travis Ferguson**  
Pastor



**Patti Maass**  
Director of Operations



**Cheri Selander**  
Director of Youth Ministries



**Brandon Heath**  
Minister to Youth



**Kathy Barkett**  
Director of  
Worship and Music



**Sarah Kusel**  
Assistant Director  
of Music and Worship



**Xavria Schwarz**  
School Principal



**Melissa Payne**  
Preschool Director



**Stuart Gardner**  
Director of Community  
and Communications



**Craig Barkett**  
Director of Facilities



**Kathy Garces**  
Administrative Accountant



**Emily Lieber**  
Human Resources Specialist



**Kathy Johnson**  
Worship and Music Assistant



**Kim Voss**  
Administrative Assistant



- A Family Lounge for parents, infants, and toddlers can be found in the rear of the Sanctuary.
- Room 101 is located on the first floor of the Courtyard.
- Rooms 200A-203, as well as Kids Care, are located on the second level of the Courtyard.

**7929 La Mesa Blvd, La Mesa CA, 91942**