OCTOBER 25, 2026
REFORMATION SUNDAY

taking faith home

Disciples have a trusted relationship with Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	**John 8:31-36**	**The Son makes you free**
Monday	**Jeremiah 31:31-34**	**The new covenant**
Tuesday	**Romans 3:19-28**	**True righteousness**
Wednesday	**John 15:12-17**	**Jesus the true vine**
Thursday	**John 21:15-19**	**Jesus and Peter**
Friday	**Galatians 2:15-21**	**Justified through faith**
Saturday	**Psalm 46**	**God is our refuge**
Sunday	**Matthew 5:1-12**	**The Beatitudes**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." **John 8:31-32 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Gracious God, keep your faithful people steadfast in your word that we may receive your freedom and truth through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Dear God of glory and might, with this gift of food we remember the gift of faith that strengthens us and renews us daily through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May you be blessed through a relationship with Jesus.

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The "Four Key Faith Practices"—Caring Conversations, Devotions, Service, and Rituals & Traditions—are a framework developed by the Rev. Dr. David Anderson. For a brief description, go to: https://milestonesministry.org/history-of-the-four-keys/.

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What words describe the qualities of a good friend?
- What words describe a disciple of Jesus Christ?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 8:31-36.
It is the power of the word that Jesus brings that gives us freedom from sin. That word is first and foremost Jesus, the Word that became flesh (John 1:14). Christian disciples "continue" or remain in the freeing and saving word of God. The Gospel of John emphasizes that followers of Jesus are to be in an ongoing relationship with him by continuing *"in my word"* (8:31). To know the truth that sets one free is more than to know information; it is to live in a relationship with Jesus through faith. The challenge at the time of the Reformation—and today as well—is for the church to promote a living relationship with God, a relationship that depends on faith in Jesus, the Son of God. We experience this relationship through worship, prayer, reading the Bible, and serving and loving one's neighbor for the sake of Christ.
Discuss: How do you continue to live each day as a disciple of Jesus?
Pray: **Almighty God, help me to trust in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord and have life in his name. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what can you do to show Jesus' love as an act of service to others in your community?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Martin Luther wrote the words for *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* and composed the melody. This well-known hymn is based on Psalm 46. As you read Psalm 46 out loud, pause after reading a word or words that describe God as a mighty fortress. Write them on a sheet of paper. When you finish, take a moment to read through your list.
Then pray: **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Amen.** (Psalm 46:11)

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