

## **Christ the Rock Lutheran Church**

5401 Hood Mesa Trail | Farmington, NM 87401  
(505) 324-9739 | ChristThe Rock Lutheran.com

**Pastor Paul Hartman | (915) 637-4290**

---

### **REFORMATION SUNDAY November 1, 2020**

**Christ the Rock's Mission:**

**To grow in faith and boldly proclaim Christ crucified and risen  
to all people of the Four Corners.**

#### **SERIES THEME: People of Faith**

In this series of teachings from the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus opens the Scriptures to help us to take his teaching to heart. We realize what it means to be his disciples and concentrate on our calling to serve Him in loving response.

#### **SERVICE THEME: Earthly Governments in God's Master Plan**

The Lord of History has established governments to carry out his will. He has demonstrated that there is no conflict between our debt to government and our debt to him. Christians, of course, recognize that they owe much more than taxes to God. They owe him thankful and believing hearts and an eternity of praise.



## THE COMMON SERVICE

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

**C:** Amen.

### THE WORD

#### FIRST LESSON

**Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23**

**10** Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. **11** Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help.

**12** So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: “Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions’ den?”

The king answered, “The decree stands—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.”

**16** So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!”

**17** A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel’s situation might not be changed. **18** Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

**19** At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den. **20** When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?”

**21** Daniel answered, “May the king live forever! **22** My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.”

**23** The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**John 8:31, 32**

Alleluia. If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia.

**C: Glory be to you, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 10:16-23**

**16** “I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. **17** Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. **18** On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. **19** But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, **20** for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

**21** “Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. **22** You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. **23** When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

*If you continue*  
**IN MY WORD**



*you are truly*  
**MY DISCIPLES**

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come 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.**

## SERMON

Galatians 5:1-6

### Stand firm in the freedom of Christ's gospel!

**1** It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

**2** Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. **3** Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. **4** You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. **5** For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. **6** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

## OFFERING

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**C: Amen. Amen. Amen.**

# HYMN

## "Oh, How Blest Are They" Cantors s. 1&2, Congregation s. 3-5 Christian Worship #554



1 Oh, how blest are they whose toils are  
2 We are still as in a dun - geon  
3 They mean - while are in their cham - bers  
4 Christ has wiped a - way their tears for -  
5 Come, O Christ, and loose the chains that



end - ed, Who through death have un - to God as -  
liv - ing, Still op - pressed with sor - row and mis -  
sleep - ing, Qui - et and set free from all their  
ev - er; They have that for which we still en -  
bind us; Lead us forth and cast this world be -



ced - ed! They have a - ris - en From  
giv - ing; Our un - der - tak - ings Are  
weep - ing; No cross or sad - ness There  
deav - or. To them are chant - ed Songs  
hind us. With you, th' A - noint - ed, Finds



the cares which keep us still in pris - on.  
but toils and trou - bles and heart - break - ings.  
can hin - der their un - trou - bled glad - ness.  
that ne'er to mor - tal ears were grant - ed.  
the soul its joy and rest ap - point - ed.