5:30 p.m. - Service of the Word and Sacrament

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The Eighteenth Saturday after Pentecost

October 11, 2025

Prelude "In Christ Alone" arr. by Jason Payne

Welcome, Announcements, & Greetings

Opening Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation"

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Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the \blacksquare Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Confession & Absolution

Hymn of Praise

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5 (NIV)

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 2:5-6 (NIV)

For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel John 14:1-17 (NIV)

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you. I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. "If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you."

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Evening

"Beautiful Savior"

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Sermon

"The Five Solas: Sola Christus" (Christ Alone)

Pastor Roy Peterson

To watch and listen to last week's sermon, visit tinyurl.com/smlcslive.

Sermon Notes

Point to Ponder #1 - What do we mean by "Christ Alone?"
Point to Ponder #2 - What does "Christ Alone" NOT mean?
Point to Ponder #3 - What does "Christ Alone" mean for Christians in a pluralistic society?

Offering

As stewards of God's abundant gifts, we are called to use our time, talents, and treasures to further His kingdom and serve one another in love. "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Let us continue to grow in faith and generosity, trusting that God will provide for all our needs as we faithfully serve Him.

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Ministry Moment

Reformation Sunday Help Needed

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

Distribution Hymns

"O Savior, Precious Savior" 527

"Jesus Loves Me" 588

Blessing

Closing Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" 525

Postlude

