



# FAITH

*Jesus said,*

*"Go your way; your  
faith has made you well."*

*And immediately he recovered  
his sight and followed Him*

*on the way.*

*Mark 10:52*

Ascension Lutheran Church and School  
*"A Church for Families and a Family for Everyone"*

October 24, 2021

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**October 24, 2021**

**Welcome** to all who are attending our service today. We are glad you are with us! To all guests and visitors, we especially extend our hands of friendship. May God bless the worship time for each one of you. Please come again!

**Holy Communion** is celebrated at the 8:30 service on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month, and at the 11:00 service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

**For those wishing to commune at the Lord's Table with us today:** The Lutheran practice of close Communion attempts to prevent a person from eating and drinking judgment on himself (1 Corinthians 11:23-30). Thus, attendance at the Lord's Supper implies a four-level commitment to Christ. We believe that communicants must: (1) be baptized Christians, (2) accept the real presence of Christ's body in the bread and His blood in the wine, (3) confess and repent of one's sins and trust that God offers complete forgiveness of those sins in this Sacrament, and (4) share oneness of faith, doctrine and practice among those who commune. Those wishing to commune with us today who have not done so previously, please see the pastor or an elder before the service begins.

*(Grape juice is available for those who not drink alcohol and gluten free wafers are available upon request.)*

**Para aquellos que desean participar en la Santa Cena con nosotros hoy:** *La práctica luterana de la comunión intenta evitar que una persona coma y beba el juicio de Dios sobre sí mismo (1 Corintios 11: 23-30). Por lo tanto, la asistencia a la Cena del Señor implica un compromiso de cuatro niveles con Cristo. Creemos que los comulgantes deben: (1) ser bautizados como cristianos, (2) aceptar la presencia real del cuerpo de Cristo en el pan y Su sangre en el vino, (3) confesar y arrepentirse de sus pecados y confiar en que Dios ofrece el perdón completo de esos pecados en este Sacramento, y (4) compartir la unidad de fe, doctrina y práctica entre los que comulgan. Aquellos que desean comulgan con nosotros hoy que no lo han hecho anteriormente, por favor vean al pastor o un anciano antes de que comience el servicio.*

*(El jugo de uva está disponible para aquellos que no beben alcohol y hostias libres de gluten están disponibles bajo petición).*

**(P) = Pastor, (C) = Congregation, (A) = Reader/Assisting)**

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### Theme: “Seeing Discipleship”

**AS WE GATHER:** In the first stanza of the hymn “Amazing Grace” we confess, “I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!”. When we say we were lost, we may think of the parable of the prodigal son. We mean that apart from God, like the rest of the world, we do not truly know our real spiritual need. Likewise, the blindness we confess is our condition apart from the enlightenment of God’s word and deliverance. Blind Bartimaeus in today’s Gospel, by the enlightenment of God’s Word, believed that Jesus as the “son of David” is the divine agent, the Son of God come to save. He had heard through Isaiah the prophet that one of the first things the Messiah will do would be to open blind eyes (Isaiah 35:5). With this blind man, we come today with the heartfelt prayer “have mercy on me” and discover more. Our eyes are enlightened to see God’s mercy as we join this man and Jesus’ disciples following Him in the way, on the road to Jerusalem. There we discover the mercy and gracious reign and rule of God in the mighty suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord of life.

**PRELUDE**  
**(11:00)**

**“God On The Mountain”**  
Tracy Dartt  
**Karon Keup, solo**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING MEDLEY    “I Love You, Lord”**

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice  
To worship You, O my soul, rejoice.  
Take joy, my King, in what You hear –  
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

**“Open Our Eyes”**

Open our eyes, Lord, We want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch Him, And say that we love Him.  
Open our ears, Lord, And help us to listen,  
Open our eyes, Lord, We want to see Jesus. **(repeat)**

## INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

*Mark 10:48, 52*

- P** Our help is in the name of the LORD.
- C** **Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!**
- P** Let us confess our greatest need to God, our merciful Father.
- C** **Merciful God, we confess that we are in the darkness of the fallen world by our own sin, our failure to keep Your holy Commandments in our thoughts, words, and deeds, as well as the good we have failed to do. Deliver us from the darkness of death by the light of Your Son's saving death on the cross and the power of His resurrection. Speak now Your divine Word of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Amen.**
- P** In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## RESPONSE

**"Thank You, Lord"**

Thank You, Lord, for saving my soul.  
Thank You, Lord, for making me whole.  
Thank You, Lord, for giving to me  
Thy great salvation so rich and free!

## SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

O God, the helper of all who call on You, have mercy on us and give us eyes of faith to see Your Son that we may follow Him on the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

## ✠ THE WORD ✠

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:7–9 (ESV)

(The LORD will turn mourning to joy.)

<sup>7</sup> For thus says the Lord: “Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, O Lord, save Your people, the remnant of Israel.” <sup>8</sup> Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. <sup>9</sup> With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble, for I am a Father to Israel, and Ephraim is My firstborn.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

Hebrews 7:23–28 (ESV)

(Jesus, our perfect High Priest forever)

<sup>23</sup> The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, <sup>24</sup> but He holds His priesthood permanently, because He continues forever.

<sup>25</sup> Consequently, He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. <sup>26</sup> For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a High Priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup> He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for His own sins and then for those of the people, since He did this once for all when He offered up Himself.

<sup>28</sup> For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:46–52 (ESV)

(Jesus heals Bartimaeus.)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>46</sup> And they came to Jericho. And as He was leaving Jericho with His disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup> And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>48</sup> And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>49</sup> And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; He is calling you.”

<sup>50</sup> And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> And Jesus said to him, “What do you want Me to do for you?” And the blind man said to Him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” <sup>52</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed Him on the way.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## PRAYER REQUESTS GATHERED BY AN ELDER

### HYMN

#### “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

O soul, are you weary and troubled?  
No light in the darkness you see?  
There's light for a look at the Savior,  
And life more abundant and free! (*refrain*)

*(Refrain)*

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,  
In the light of His glory and grace.**

Thro' death into life everlasting,  
He passed, and we follow Him there;  
O'er us sin no more hath dominion –  
For more than conqu'rors we are! (*refrain*)

His Word shall not fail you – He promised;  
Believe Him, and all will be well:  
Then go to a world that is dying,  
His perfect salvation to tell! (*refrain*)

### SERMON

#### “VISION FOR LIFE”

Mark 10:46–52  
Pastor Jim Sprengle

### APOSTLES' CREED

**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. From thence 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**

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*(Our offerings are made as an act of worship, given in loving response to all that God has graciously given us, both materially and spiritually.)*

**(11:00)**                    **“Lord of Mercy, Lord of Grace”**  
   Stan Pethel  
   **Ascension Choir**

## PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

**(8:30)**                    **“Sweet Hour Of Prayer”**

Sweet hour of prayer, Sweet hour of prayer,  
Thy wings shall my petition bear  
To Him, Whose truth and faithfulness  
Engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since He bids me seek His face,  
Believe His word and trust His grace,  
I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care,  
And wait for Thee sweet hour of prayer.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole Christian Church and for all people in their various needs.

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your gift of spiritual sight in the salvation You have given to the whole world through the blessed death and resurrection of Jesus. Help us to fix our eyes continually upon Him as He comes to us here in Word and Sacrament. Enable us to follow Him in the way that leads to the eternal vision of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord God, bless all Lutheran Braille Workers who serve those with vision impairments with religious and spiritual materials. Lord in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, seek and bring home those who stray from Your path when difficult times come, help us not to stumble and lose our way but to ask for Your help. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Dear Lord, we lift up those near and dear to us who call out to You in their distress, *especially*...Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, we give You thanks for Your good gifts and for those who are celebrating this week...Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Grant us, heavenly Father, that what we ask for in faith we may obtain through Your unfailing mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P** As our Lord Jesus has taught us in scripture, we pray with boldness in His name:

**C** **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.**

*(8:30 service, please turn to page 11 for the Benediction)*

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

**We believe in the real presence of the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion. Here our Lord offers to us the forgiveness of all our sins.**

## PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*(Jesus instituted, or established the Lord's Supper for us; 1Cor 11:23-26; Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20)*

## **PAX DOMINI**

*(Latin for "Peace of the Lord" - the response is, "Amen!", or "So be it!")*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** **Amen.**

## **DISTRIBUTION SONGS**

### **"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"**

My faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away.  
Oh, let me from this day be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart, My zeal inspire.  
As Thou hast died for me, oh may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread,  
And griefs around me spread Be Thou my Guide.  
Bid darkness turn to day; Wipe sorrow's tears away;  
Nor let me ever stray from Thee aside!

When ends life's transient dream,  
When death's cold sullen stream shall o'er me roll,  
Blest Savior, then in love, fear and distrust remove.  
Oh, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.

## “Be Thou My Vision”

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, Save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought, By day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, And Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee And Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, And I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, Nor man’s empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, Now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, First in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, My Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, My victory won,  
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, Whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**P** Let us pray.

O God our Father, having received the forgiveness, light, and salvation won by Your Son’s sacrifice on the cross in this most Holy Sacrament, we pray You to strengthen us that we faithfully follow the Son in the true vision of faith in Your never-failing love; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**P** 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.  
*Numbers 6:24–26*

**C** Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please read the FYI in your bulletin for additional announcements and information.)

## HYMN

### “Amazing Grace”

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound!  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God!

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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*Flowers are in recognition of Pastor Jim's  
birthday this week.*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# OCTOBER 24, 2021

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## † LWML SUNDAY:

### OUR HEARTS IN HIS HAND – FUNDRAISER RESULTS:

Ascension's LWML'ers invite you to join us as we **PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!** We also thank all the ladies who donated their time and efforts to provide many craft, Christmas Corner, and baked items to raise money for our LWML-Oregon District Mission Grant recipients, and Missions in general. Our LWML Sunday **Fundraiser Sales and Donations Total \$951.26.** We could not have accomplished this without a team of "Our Hearts in HIS Hand" people! We are blessed with a caring and sharing church family which, combined with prayer and worldwide efforts from the Lutheran Women in Mission, we can do many things. Please continue to pray for our Mites, Missions and Missionaries, in all places. **MANY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!**

## † WREATH FUNDRAISER FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY!

We will be selling Christmas greenery once again! Items for sale include swags, wreaths, and a special cross wreath. Look for order forms on the entry table in the Narthex. You may order until November 10. Remember friends and relatives when ordering, we also have extra order forms for you to give people you think might want to purchase! Payment is needed at time of your order. Wreath pick-up is Saturday, Dec. 4.

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## † MILESTONES

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### BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

Jon Hart	10/24	Gabriela Alvarado	10/30
Ron Barendse	10/30	Jaden Mundo	10/30
Barbara Nelsen	10/30		

### BIRTHDAYS

Keilynn Woods	10/24	Elly Brown	10/26
Sherry Porath	10/27	Herb Reiniger	10/27
Pastor Jim Sprengle	10/27	Elaina Ritchie	10/28
Michele Sprengle	10/29		

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES – None

## † PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

The Eilers Family, Mae Smith, The Laxton Family, Ray Brown, Mike Hatley, Karon Keup, Lorraine Haggard, Larry Hart, Bill Ritchie, Esperanza Gutierrez, Marty Blankenburg, Elaina Ritchie, Richard Robertson, Rich Zahursky, Alan Bauch, Leonard Murphy, Bruce Blubaum, Judy Blubaum, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela's granddaughter), Carol Santorufo (sister of Sue Wentela), \*Barbara Schrader, \*Dale Porath. \*Home Bound.

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## ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY

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	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Bryant	Dan Parshall
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Josie Latter	
<b>Ushers:</b>	Stan Chapulis Marcus Young	Matthias McInaney Marcus Young Bob Freeman James Freeman
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Wanda Cassetty (sound)	Laura Potter
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Wanda Cassetty	Rebecca Williamson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Michele Sprengle	Christina Freeman
<b>Readers:</b>	Randy Bryant	Carol Hoefler
<b>Altar Circle:</b>	Both Services	Virginia Jacobs
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Michele Sprengle
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Karon Keup Sheryl Maier

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## ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

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	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
<b>Elder:</b>	Herb Hoefler (WA)	Bob Ritchie
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Josie Latter	
<b>Ushers:</b>	Bob Rekdahl Marcus Young	Don Brown Wyatt Brown
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Debbie Rekdahl (sound)	Michele Sprengle
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Debbie Rekdahl	Jessica Brown
<b>Greeters:</b>	Karla Deal	Bonnie Webber
<b>Readers:</b>	Karla Deal	Bonnie Webber
<b>Altar Circle:</b>	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Carolyn Shore
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Karon Keup

## † PRAYER NEEDS?

Contact the church office with any requests e-mail: [office@alcportland.org](mailto:office@alcportland.org)

## † PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

Marie Cassetty Brown, Air Force — Ramstein Air Base, Germany AFB LA (sister-in-law of Wanda Cassetty);

Dakota Saunders, US Navy — Based in Cecilia Italy (godson of Carrie Graham);

Alex Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Washington (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);

Michael Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Texas (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);

Jamie Wong-Lopez, Marines — Annapolis MD (nephew of Kevin and Merci McInaney);

Clayton Wright, Air Force – Yokota AFB Japan (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

Colton Wright, Navy — Assigned to USS Harry S. Truman (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

Tyler Young, Navy — Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT ASCENSION

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### THIS WEEK – Sunday, Oct. 24 – Saturday, Oct. 30

<b>Sunday, Oct. 24</b>	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 26</b>	Newsletters	Items Due
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 27</b>	7:00pm	Online Bible Study Posted
<b>Thursday, Oct. 28</b>	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday, Oct. 29</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar-Family Night
	7:00pm	Confirmation

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### NEXT WEEK – Sunday, Oct. 31 – Saturday, Nov. 6

<b>Sunday, Oct. 31</b>	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 2</b>	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 3</b>	7:00pm	Online Bible Study Posted
<b>Thursday, Nov. 4</b>	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday, Nov. 5</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar-Family Night
	7:00pm	Confirmation

# Ascension Lutheran Church

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## Our Mission Statement:

*~Go and Share Jesus Christ~*

## Our Vision Statement:

*“Take part...Join Jesus on His mission”*

The members of Ascension Lutheran Church are committed to being God’s witnesses in Gresham, and in all of Portland and the Northwest, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8):

With the universal Christian Church, we believe, teach and respond to the love of the Triune God— the Father, Creator of all that exists; the Son Jesus Christ, Who left His home in Heaven to become flesh and blood, to suffer and die for the sins of all peoples of the world, and Who rose from the grave, victorious over sin, death and the devil, that we too might live with Him in Heaven; and the Holy Spirit, Who creates faith in our hearts in Christ Jesus through God’s Word and Sacrament. The three Persons of the Holy Trinity are one God, co-equal and co-eternal. The core teachings of our faith from the Lutheran perspective can be summarized in three short phrases: Grace alone, Scripture alone, Faith alone.

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