

Reformation Festival

The Epistle

A reading from the epistle of St. Paul to the Romans, the third chap - ter: Now we know that

whatever the law says it speaks to those who are un - der the law, so that every mouth may be stopped,

and the whole world may be held ac - count - ab - le to God. For by works of the law

no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowl - edge of sin. But now the

righteousness of God has been manifested a - part from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—

the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who be - lieve. For there is no dis - tinc - tion:

for all have sinned and fall short of the glo - ry of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift,

through the redemption that is in Christ Je - sus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood,

to be re - ceived by faith. This was to show God's right - eous - ness,

because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time,

so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Je - sus. Then what be - comes of our boast - ing?

It is ex - clud - ed. By what kind of law? By a law of works?

No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

The Gospel

