Readings for October 25, 2026

Reformation Sunday

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the
covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to
bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was
married to them, says the Lord. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with
the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within
them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall
be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other,
“Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the
greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin
no more.

Psalm: Psalm 46

[1] God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.
[2] **Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,**
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;
[3] though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
[4] **There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,**
the holy habitation of | the Most High.
[5] God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.
[6] **The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;**
God speaks, and the earth | melts away. R
[7] The Lord of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
[8] **Come now, regard the works | of the Lord,**
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;
[9] behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.
[10] **"Be still, then, and know that | I am God;**
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."
[11] The Lord of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. **R**

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

[19] Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. [20] For “no human being will be justified in the sight of God” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

[21] But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, [22] the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, [23] since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; [24] they are now justified by God’s grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, [25] whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in divine forbearance God had passed over the sins previously committed; [26] it was to prove at the present time that God is righteous and that God justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

[27] Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. [28] For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Gospel: John 8:31-36

[31] Jesus said to the Judeans who had believed in him, “If you continue in my
word, you are truly my disciples; [32] and you will know the truth, and the truth
will make you free.” [33] They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham
and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will
be made free’?”

[34] Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is
a slave to sin. [35] The slave does not have a permanent place in the household;
the son has a place there forever. [36] “So if the Son makes you free, you will be
free indeed.”