First Reading (October 25, 2026)

Romans 3:19-28 (ESV)

If you are comfortable, please say: "Good morning, I'm [NAME], and our first reading today is from Romans." If you prefer, say: "Our first reading today is from Romans."

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart 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 believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, 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 Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. 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.

First Reading (October 25, 2026) continued

Romans 3:19-28 (ESV)

READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading (October 25, 2026)

John 8:31-36 (ESV)

Please stand as you are able to honor Jesus and the Gospel.
The Gospel According to John

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed

READER: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated. We invite all kids to come up for the kids' message. Parents and caregivers, you are welcome to come up with your child as well.