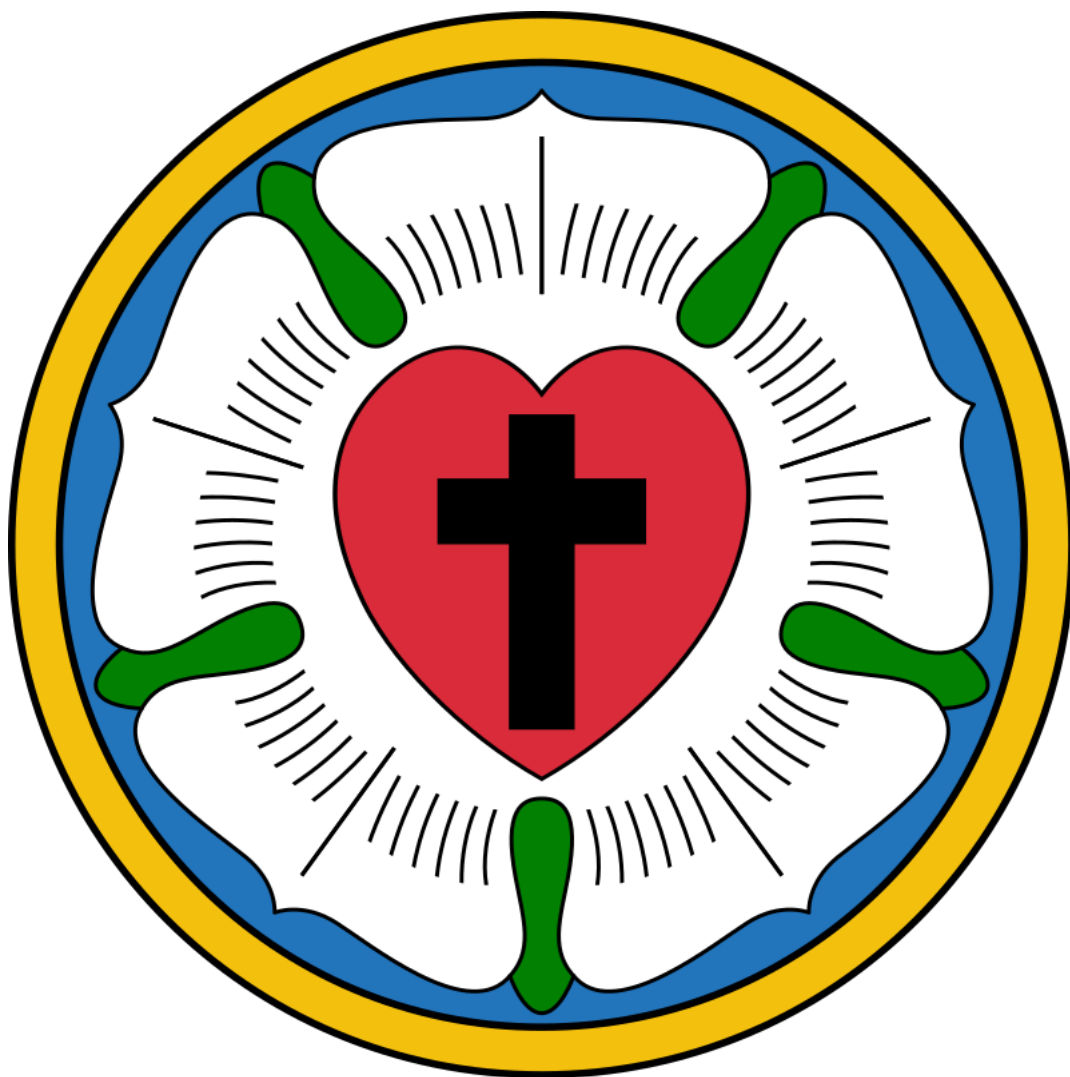




REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 27, 2024



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ROOTED AND GROWING

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church!

We are glad you're here and pray you experience God's presence in worship today. For those visiting, please fill out a visitor card located in the pews and place it in the offering plate or hand to a worship leader.

Blessings to you and we hope you join us again.

October 27, 2024 8:15 am & 10:45 am

An * indicates to please stand if you are able

Bold print indicates congregational responses

PRELUDE

"Celebration"

James Mansfield

WELCOME

SPECIAL MUSIC

"We Are Your Church, O Christ"
St. Paul Choir

Music by Joseph Martin
Words by J. Paul Williams

We are Your church, O Christ. You are the sure foundation.

We are Your church, O Christ, drawn to Your wounded side.

We are Your chosen bride. We live in You alone and in Your heart we find our home.

Life-giving grace of God. We are Your church, O Christ.

We are Your church, O Christ from every land and nation.

We are Your church, O Christ. You are the truth and life, God's perfect sacrifice.

We trust in You alone and in Your heart we find our home.

Life-giving grace of God. We are Your church, O Christ.

We are Your church, O Christ. You are the Cornerstone.

We are Your church, O Christ. You are the Living Word. We trust in You alone.

Lord, You are faithful, our wondrous Savior.

Your name is holy and worthy of our praise.

We are Your church, O Christ, one holy congregation.

We are Your church, O Christ, united in our praise!

We are one in Your embrace. We live in You alone and in Your heart we find our home.

Life-giving grace of God. We are Your church, O Christ.

We are Your church, O Christ!

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

We worship in the name in which we baptize, in the name of the Father, ✠ the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Jesus said to those who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

They answered him, “We have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.”

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Pause for reflection)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

For by grace you have been saved. Out of great mercy, Jesus Christ was sent to die for your sins on the cross. As he lives victorious from the grave, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word,
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PSALM 46

“God Is Our Refuge”

Allen Pote

St. Paul Choir

Daniel Martin and Tony Henry, Trumpets

God is our refuge and strength. A present help in time of trouble.

*Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.*

Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.

He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth.

He is the Word, we are his hands, He will lead us.

He is the air, we are his song.

We will celebrate his presence all the day long.

God is our refuge and strength. A present help in time of trouble.

*Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.*

Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.

He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth.

He is the rain, we are the stones, He will cleanse us.

He is the air, we are his song.

We will celebrate his presence all the day long.

God is our refuge and strength. A present help in time of trouble.

*Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.*

We will not fear. We will not fear. We will not fear.

READING

Romans 3:19-28

The reading is found on page 201 in the New Testament of the pew Bibles.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52

The reading is found on page 63 in the New Testament of the pew Bibles.

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Deacon Emily Myallis

SERMON

Rev. Robert J. Myallis

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in him bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The word "catholic" in the creed means universal or world-wide. If you have any questions about the creed, the pastoral staff are happy to discuss.*

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each portion of the prayers concludes with these or similar words:

... Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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Hard copies of the Weekly Announcements can be found in the Narthex.

Weekly news can also be found on our website: stpaulinitz.net

Office Hours:

- Monday - Friday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

*OFFERING SONG

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God,

source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed... ...Do this in remembrance of me.
For as often as we do this, we proclaim the great mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*LORD'S PRAYER (Led by our children in Grades K and 1 for their Faith Step-Stone)

**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.**

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians who recognize the Lord's forgiveness and presence in Holy Communion are invited to receive the bread and wine. During the distribution, you are invited to come forward as directed by the ushers. Take a cup from the trays, and kneel or stand at the altar railing to receive the Bread and Wine. The first chalice is wine and the second chalice is grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Those who do not commune may come to the altar for a blessing, indicating so by crossing your arms. As the ministers give the bread and cup to you, they say these words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.** If you are interested in being baptized or learning more about baptism and Holy Communion please contact the pastoral staff at St. Paul. Those that would like to receive prayer, please remain at the altar.*

COMMUNION MUSIC**#652 "Built on a Rock"**

1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
dwell - ing— high in the heav'n's his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

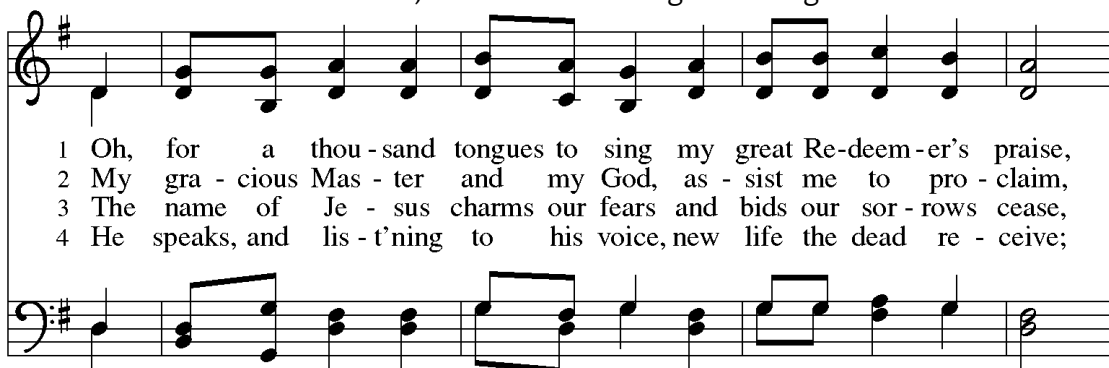
Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*BLESSING

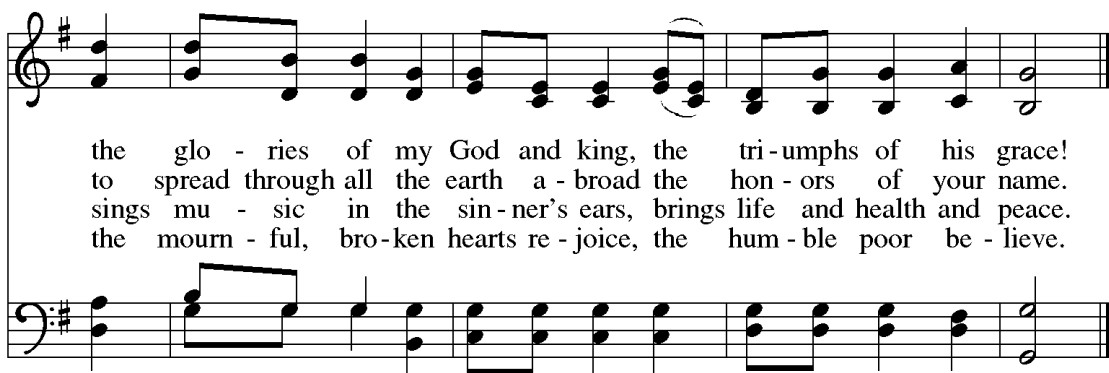
*SENDING HYMN

#886 “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

all verses



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

*SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

“A Mighty Fortress”

Wilbur Held

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A special thank you to our St. Paul Choir and brass musicians for their music offerings this morning.

St. Paul Choir

Sopranos

Donna Boland
Jan D’Imperio
Doris Hunsberger
Kate Martin
Anne Millhouse
Kathleen Schmick
Beverly Spadaro
Gayle Stauffer
Mary Waltman

Altos

Jane Brye
Sally Hall
Cynthia Kensinger
Diane Kochel
Amy Loser
Deborah Rutter
Susan Wert

Tenors

Elaine Bell
D. Michael Byler
Susan Long
Matthew Loser

Baritones

David Fisher
Wayne Gongaware
Richard Hoff
Tom Reinfried

Brass Musicians

Daniel Martin, Trumpet
Tony Henry, Trumpet
Tristan Smith, French Horn
Travis Stuckey, Trombone

The Altar Flowers and the Communion Bread are given by Marsha Campbell
“To the Glory of God, with JOY for Reformation Sunday!”

Worship Volunteers -8:15 am / 10:45 am

Acolyte – Pat Lamb / Max Ruschenberg

Assisting Minister – Trace Fackler / Jim Millhouse

Coffee Host – LuAnn Hain

Communion Assistants – Mary Stophel, Signe Fink, Kevin Martzall /
Deacon Emily Myallis, Beth Hoffer

Host – Pat Lamb / Hazel & Mark Nestleroth, Josie Lynch

Lector – Patricia Savage / Beth Hoffer

Lights and Sound – Don Campbell / Nathan Hoffer

Altar Guild

Set-Up 8:15 – Marty & Dave Althouse

In between Clean & Set-Up – Mallory Gunzenhauser

Clean-Up after 10:45 – Elaine Bell & Gayle Stauffer

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