

Reformation Sunday



“The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.”

Psalm 46:7, 11

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31 October A+D 2021

Welcome in Jesus' name to our guests this holy day. We pray God's richest blessings on you as we hear His Word and receive His gifts. If you are visiting for the first time, please sign our guestbook in the narthex.

Worship at St. Paul's is conducted according to the historic, liturgical worship patterns of the Christian Church throughout the ages. The rhythm of worship is from our God to us, and then from us back to Him. He gives His gifts, and together we receive and extol them.

The Lord's Supper is offered on every Sunday of the month. St. Paul's observes the historic practice of close communion. While communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are encouraged to commune, *we ask that any first-time visitor speak with one of our pastors before taking communion at St. Paul's. If you have questions about communion or this practice, our pastors would be very happy to speak with you further about this holy meal.*

The Feast of or Sunday of the Reformation

"The Reformation of the Church of Christ"

Reformation Sunday

The Lutheran Liturgy is unique among Christendom in appointing a "Festival of the Reformation." This festival service, celebrated today, centers on the gift of God's Word, its truth, and authority in the life of every Christian. Reformation Day calls everyone present to treasure the Scriptures as the only source and norm for all of faith and life. The service makes use of texts employed during Reformation years which proved the reformers doctrine not to be "innovation" but to be the clear words of Scripture (Sola Scriptura). Divine Service V is Luther's revision of the Latin Mass of his day. His revisions illuminated the message of the Gospel from the church and in so doing, empowered her confession of faith.

Service Notes: The Festival Choir and Cantate Domino Choir will be providing music for both services this morning. John Timm, Rachel Johnson, and Pastor Frank will provide brass. Ethan Wurdeman will provide Distribution music at 8:00 a.m.

Opening Prayer: O God, as we gather before Your throne bless our worship with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Upon hearing Your Word and receiving Your Sacrament, may our faith be strengthened and our lives be inspired to faithful service to You. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Divine Service

Setting Five

Prelude: Partita on EIN FESTE BURG.....Charles Callahan

During the singing of the first hymn please stand for the procession of the cross, symbolic of Christ's presence among us.

656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 But for us fights the val - iant One,
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 He's by our side up - on the plain



That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



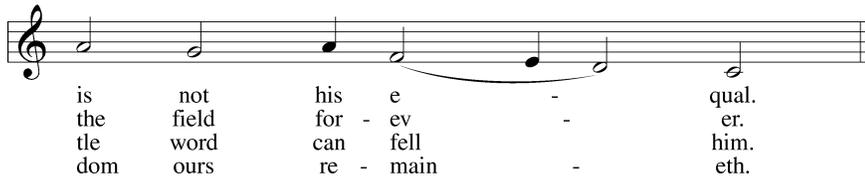
The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -



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Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Psalm 46

Refrain (The refrain is sung once by the choir and is repeated by the congregation)



The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress. *Chant tone:*



¹God is our ref- | uge and strength,*
 a very present help in | trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear though the | earth gives way,*
 though the mountains be moved into the heart | of the sea,

³though its waters | roar and foam,*
 though the mountains tremble at its | swelling.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,*
 the holy habitation of the | Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall | not be moved;*
 God will help her when | morning dawns.

Refrain

⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter;*
he utters his voice, the | earth melts.

⁷The LORD of hosts is | with us;*
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

⁸Come, behold the works | of the LORD,*
how he has brought desolations | on the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease to the end | of the earth;*
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots | with fire.

¹⁰"Be still, and know that | I am God.*
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted | in the earth!"

¹¹The LORD of hosts is | with us;*
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

Kyrie: Kyrie! God, Father".....LSB #942 (Festival Choir/Cantate Domino Choir)

1 Kyrie! God, Father in heav'n above,
You abound in gracious love,
Of all things the maker and preserver.
Eleison! Eleison!

Kyrie! O Christ, our king,
Salvation for all You came to bring.
O Lord Jesus, God's own Son,
Our mediator at the heav'nly throne:
Hear our cry and grant our supplication.
Eleison! Eleison!

Kyrie! O God the Holy Ghost,
Guard our faith, the gift we need the most,
And bless our life's last hour,
That we leave this sinful world with gladness.
Eleison! Eleison!

Gloria in Excelsis

948 All Glory Be to God Alone



1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the
3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Al -



high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And
might - y One. O Lord, the sole - be - got - ten One, Lord



grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His
Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e -



gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
ter - ni - ty, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.

5 You only are the Holy One
And over all are Lord alone.
O Jesus Christ, we glorify
You and the Spirit, Lord Most High;
With Him You evermore shall be
One in the Father's majesty.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Sit

Micah 6:6–8

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Micah 6:6–8

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

⁸He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Saturday) Gradual: (Kantor) Ps. 131:1, 3b

Behold, how good and pleasant it is*
when brothers dwell in unity!
For the LORD has commanded the blessing,*
life forevermore.

Gradual: (Choir/Kantorei) "Be Thou My Vision"arr. Richard Shephard

*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.*

*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.*

Romans 3:19–31

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¹⁹Now 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. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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. ²⁶It 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.

²⁷Then 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. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. ²⁹Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, ³⁰since God is one. He will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. ³¹Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

"Though All Our Life Is Like a Scroll.....Jeffrey Blerch

**Though all our life is like a scroll Unrolled with blemished pages'
Though sin has shredded what was whole And death is now our wages;
Yet here we stand in confidence, With Jesus as our sole defense,
For He alone still saves us.**

**Though pompously we try to dress In costumes of our making;
Though fig leaves of self-righteousness Are futile and heart-breaking;
Yet filthy rags Christ gladly wore So we would perish nevermore.
For His grace alone still clothes us.**

Choir

Though earth's deep water foam and roar As surging waves are rolling;
Though all the nations rage with war While bells of doom are tolling;

Yet God gives peaceful fortitude, He nurtures us with Heaven's food.
True faith alone still anchors.

Though critics cut out Scripture's claims And treat them with derision;
Tough they conduct their hostile aims With scalpels of suspicion;
Yet how the living two-edged sword Proclaims the dead and risen Lord!
God's Word alone: still truthful.

Stand

Now sing a high doxology To God who gives salvation.
Both here and in eternity Let this be our vocation.
To Father, Son, and Spirit raise A symphony of grateful praise,
For He alone is worthy.

Stand

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

John 8:31–36

John 8:31–36

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

954 We All Believe in One True God



1 We all be - lieve in one true God, Who cre - at - ed
2 We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, His own Son, our
3 We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who, in high - est



earth and heav - en, The Fa - ther, who to us in love
Lord, pos - sess - ing An e - qual God - head, throne, and might,
heav - en dwell - ing With God the Fa - ther and the Son,



Has the right of chil - dren giv - en. He in soul and
Source of ev - 'ry grace and bless - ing; Born of Mar - y,
Com - forts us be - yond all tell - ing; Who the Church, His



bod - y feeds us; All we need His hand pro - vides us;
vir - gin moth - er, By the pow - er of the Spir - it,
own cre - a - tion, Keeps in u - ni - ty of spir - it.

Through all snares and per - ils leads us, Watch - ing that no
 Word made flesh, our el - der broth - er; That the lost might
 Here for - give - ness and sal - va - tion Dai - ly come through

harm be - tide us. He cares for us by
 life in - her - it, Was cru - ci - fied for
 Je - sus' mer - it. All flesh shall rise, and

day and night; All things are gov - erned by His might.
 all our sin And raised by God to life a - gain.
 we shall be In bliss with God e - ter - nal - ly.

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A - men, a - men. A - men.

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Sit

Sermon:

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

We welcome members of our sister congregations of the LCMS to join us in receiving the Lord's Supper. Other visitors are welcomed forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.

Preface

LSB 194

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- C** **It is meet and right so to do.**
- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

960 Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old

I - sa - iah, might - y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir - it

did be - hold High on a loft - y throne, in splen - dor bright, With robes that



filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;



Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of Him. With two they veiled their



fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight,



And with the oth-er two a-loft they soared; One to the oth-er



called and praised the Lord: "Ho-ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth!



Ho-ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth! Ho-ly is God, the Lord of



Sab-a-oth! His glo-ry fills the heav-ens and the earth!" The beams and lin-tels



trem-bled at the cry, And clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

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Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- P** 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.
- C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My $\cdot\ddot{\iota}$ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My $\cdot\ddot{\iota}$ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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Sit

8:00 a.m. ~ "Praise to You and Adoration".....Arr. Grimpso

556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, With ex-ul-ta-tion
2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark-ly
3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer-it
4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be-fore the world's foun-



spring-ing, And with u-nit-ed heart and voice And ho-ly
o'er me. Sin was my tor-ment night and day; In sin my
gain-ing; Free will a-gainst God's judg-ment fought, Dead to all
da-tion, And mind-ful of His mer-cies great, He planned for



rap-ture sing-ing, Pro-claim the won-ders God has done, How
moth-er bore me. But dai-ly deep-er still I fell; My
good re-main-ing. My fears in-creased till sheer de-spair Left
my sal-va-tion. He turned to me a fa-ther's heart; He



His right arm the vic-t'ry won. What price our ran-som cost Him!
life be-came a liv-ing hell, So firm-ly sin pos-sessed me.
on-ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf-fered.
did not choose the eas-y part But gave His dear-est trea-sure.

5 God said to His beloved Son:
"It's time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of My crown,
And bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free;
Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with You forever."

6 The Son obeyed His Father's will,
Was born of virgin mother;
And God's good pleasure to fulfill,
He came to be my brother.
His royal pow'r disguised He bore;
A servant's form, like mine, He wore
To lead the devil captive.

7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me,
I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I Myself will be;
For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, and you are Mine,
And where I am you may remain;
The foe shall not divide us.

566 By Grace I'm Saved



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip-ture ev - er false-hood taught? No! Then this word must
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

571 God Loved the World So That He Gave



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessèd Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

617 O Lord, We Praise Thee



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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Stand

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

- A** Bless we the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen, amen, amen.

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.
 we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

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Postlude: PRAELUDIUM UND FUGE.....Johann Sebastian Bach

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News and Notes

CHRIST ACADEMY.

Christ Academy Wednesday evenings: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Dinner served beginning at 4:30 p.m.
Cantate Domino Choir – 5:00 p.m.
Gloria Dei Choir – 7:15 p.m.
Handbell Choir – Monday's at 6:00 p.m.

"Honoring God's House" ~ It's not too late to give a gift or pledge to St. Paul's Capital Campaign. Forms are located in various places in the church. Please prayerfully think on how you can help! Please be sure that you are caught up on your pledge.

Anyone interested in helping with small jobs around the church are invited to be here on Tuesday mornings for "The TEWSday Crew" from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. Contact Pastor Tews for more information. (260-341-1540)

Reformation Day Dinner, October 31, 2021 This year it happens that Reformation Day lands on a Sunday. What a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our heritage as Lutherans, with a firm reliance on the Word of God! In our services we will follow Divine Service 5, "Luther's German Service," complete with so many hymns he wrote. Also, please join us for a meal immediately following the second service, sometime around 12:30pm. Brats and drinks will be provided. We ask that everyone who attends bring a favorite German side or dessert. We'll sing a few hymns, tell a few stories and who knows, we may even catch a few people in their lederhosen!

Harvest Dinner We are again happy to be able to plan another dinner at Church, specifically the annual Harvest Dinner on **Sunday, November 21st immediately after second service**. These dinners, as in the past, are sort of like Thanksgiving Dinners for our Church Family. At this time, the main theme will be thanksgiving to God for the generosity of our members and a prayer for continued generosity toward the accomplishment of refurbishing our structure. Comments may be made at this time about the progress of our construction. Later that week we will again bow our heads before the living God in worship on the Eve of Thanksgiving Day. **Join us for worship at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 24th.**

""So follow Daniel ... Martin Luther ... the believers of ages past who have stood firm on Scripture alone, by faith alone, and by God's grace alone no matter what the cost. Spread the Word. Preach the truth. Defend your faith. Pass it on to your children. God will bless you and keep you firm in the one true faith. With that comfort you can proclaim, 'Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen!'" Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Christian Book Club

Hosts: Nate and Becca Heinicke, 510 S 8th St

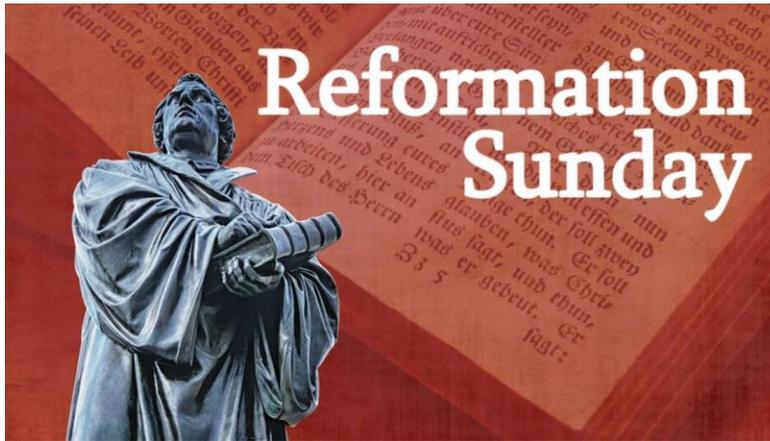
Currently reading: Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring , Book 1

New Date! Discussion: November 4th, 7 p.m.

Please RSVP if you'd like join the club and haven't previously attended.

See Becca for a printed copy of discussion questions.

Please note! The office will be closed on Monday. Pastor Frank will be off on Tuesday of next week. The "Boss" has spoken. Please let us give our pastors some much needed time to spend with their families.



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We Want You!

An update on SPLECC



Lots has happened at St. Paul's Lutheran Early Childhood Center in the last few months. The Board has been fast at work after our Director resigned in order to modify some structure and rebuild stronger than ever before. After much study and discussion we have made some great changes.

- 1. Operations Director:** It has become evident over time that there is much to deal with in the Early Childhood field and too much for one person. The SPLECC Board has established the position of operations director in order to set the table for the success of our program. This position will have charge over staff scheduling and all things necessary to see to the smooth flow of the ministry processes.
- 2. Tung Dang:** Quickly after creating the Operations Director position, the board filled it with Mr. Tung Dang. Tung is retired from the Navy after 24 years of service and has spent years in Christian ministry with children at such places as The Hope Center, Gabriel's Corner and Children's Square. Tung has already been a huge blessing to our center!
- 3. Volunteers:** We are rebuilding our volunteer program at SPLECC. The more members that can help our program the better! We are very thankful that Mrs. Tews is now volunteering on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the center! We also have a large volunteer team helped with our Fall Party last Friday! (These helpers include Sue and Tom Trede, Greg Montgomery, Bill and Kathy Kruse and Pastor and Mrs. Tews. Special donations were from Martin Cannon, The True Family and Joe and Nicole Villarreal.)
- 4. New Staff:** In addition to Tung, Anna Raymond has come aboard as a new team member at our center! It is wonderful to see our members interact with children from the community and others from our church. When children from church get to see people they know at both the center and church, it is a real blessing!
- 5. WE WANT YOU!** As we look to fill our Early Childhood Director position and other positions at the center, we want you or someone you know to consider working or volunteering at SPLECC. SPLECC is St. Paul's ministry, and there is no better way of showing our love to the community through our center than filling our mission with St. Paul's members.

If you are interested in learning more about open positions or how you can volunteer, please contact Pastor Sherrill at 712-310-4248 or nathansherrill1978@gmail.com

Opportunities for Growth: October 31 – November 7, 2021

Sunday: 10/31/21 – Reformation Sunday

9:30 a.m. – SS/BC
12:15 p.m. – Reformation Dinner

Monday: 11/1/21

6:00 p.m. – Hand Bells

Tuesday: 11/2/21

8:00 a.m. – Tewscrew's Day
9:00 a.m. – SPLECC Chapel
11:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting
2:00 p.m. – Music at Midlands

Wednesday: 11/3/21

9:00 a.m. – SPLECC Chapel
5:00 p.m. – Cantate Domino Choir
5:00 p.m. – Christ Academy
7:15 p.m. – Gloria Dei Choir

Friday: 11/5/21

1:45 p.m. – Music at Risen Son

Saturday: 11/6/21

5:30 p.m. – Worship - C

Sunday: 11/7/20 – All Saints Sunday (Observed) – Daylight Savings time ends

8:00 a.m. – Worship - C
9:30 a.m. – SS/BC
10:45 a.m. – Worship – C





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Two Locations

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