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October 25, 2026
Festival of the
Reformation



It's Time to
Stay Steadfast

Welcome to honored guests and St. Paul’s family alike!

In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to be strengthened through the study of God’s holy and powerful Word, and through the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Restrooms and a drinking fountain are located on the right in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

We have **personal hearing devices**. If you need one, please let an usher know before the service.

Our worship is designed for your whole family. Find children’s busy bags, a book that teaches young children about worship, children’s bulletins, and children’s worship note sheets on the cart near the central sanctuary doors.

God loves the sound of children in worship, and so do we! If you need to step out of worship for a moment, we have a **family room** located through the door in the back of the fellowship hall. The facility includes a TV, a window, and speakers so that you can still follow along with the worship service.

If you do not have a church home, we would love to talk with you about how we can serve you with the Gospel and make here your home!

Today’s service begins on page 5

Our congregation

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church is a family. As a family, we **gather** together around God’s Word in church and in Bible classes. We have a school where children can **grow** in their relationship with our Heavenly Father and where we can **go** to share the love of Jesus with them.

If you would like to learn more about our church family or our church, school, and preschool can serve you, please speak with our pastor, principal, preschool director, faculty, or one of our members.

Our Synod

St. Paul’s belongs to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), congregations united in faith and in desire to serve everyone we can with the truth of God’s saving Word. To learn more, visit wels.net or ask a pastor.

Our worship

We gather for worship Sundays at 9:30 am and for children’s and adult Bible study about ten minutes after worship.



Our Christian Stewardship of God’s Gifts

Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. – 1 Cor. 4:2

preacher & presiding minister | **Tim Rosenow**
accompanist | **Justin Siegler** trumpets | **Noah U, Hannah R**
ushers | **Bruce Salzmman and Rick Freihofer**
worship streaming tech | **Mark Meyer** flowers | **Pastor James & Lyndsay**

last Sunday’s worship attendance | 113
freewill offering | \$2,675

Let’s pray! This week, we offer special prayers for...

birthdays | **Andrew Welfel** (10-25) | **Tim O’Meara** (10-26) |
Matthew Draeger (10-27) | **Susan Kittel** (10-30)

anniversaries | (none this week)

homebound members | **Dave Brandt, Sharon Cummons, Leon and Barbara Johnson, Susan Rammel, Kathy Saracione, Josephine Throo, and Paula Vitolo**

health | **Mark Schroeder** (WELS President, recent stroke); **Carole Chapman** (recovering from surgery at home); **Kris Christie** (mother of Karl, continued recovery); **Denise Costa** (mother of 1st grade student, malignant brain tumor); **Liesse Foley** (mother of Hannah, health complications); **Mark Hasenjager** (brother of David, terminal brain cancer); **Brenda Rivers** (recovery from surgery); **Stacey Rolen** (daughter of Rick and Angie Freihofer, recovering from surgery); **Barbara Sadler, Kathy Babcock** (Barbara’s daughter), and **Kathy’s daughters** (genetic health issues); **Nancy Scruton** (recovery); **Lorene Seidenstucker** (undergoing cancer treatment)

This Week | October 25th – 31st

TODAY | Reformation potluck (after the service)
MON | BIC 6:00 PM
WED | Kingsway Bible study 10:00 AM | Reformation Sundae 2 PM | Choir 6:30 PM
THU | Early dismissal K-8 | Parent-Teacher conferences
FRI | NO SCHOOL (SALSA Flag Football in Deltona)
SAT | Women’s Bible Study 10:00 AM

Upcoming events

Nov 2-13 | Veterans’ Food Drive
Nov 6 | Chapel w/donuts & coffee | Preschool gardening, picnic, and play
Nov 8 | PreK & K sing in service | Recognition of veterans

Our worship series | The beginning of the end

Jesus himself makes clear that no one knows the day or hour of his return. This uncertainty is not meant to trouble us, but to keep us spiritually awake. Each day becomes an opportunity to live in repentance and faith, turning from sin and trusting fully in Christ’s finished work for us.

Our preparation for the end is not about trying to predict signs or earn God’s favor. Instead, it is about remaining rooted in Jesus: hearing the word, receiving the sacraments, and trusting the promises of forgiveness. These are God’s ways of keeping us ready.

“The Beginning of the End” reminds us that history is moving toward our own death and Christ’s return. For believers that end is truly a beginning.

Today’s worship theme | Stay steadfast

Jesus told his followers, “**You will be hated by everyone because of me**” (Matthew 10:22). So, the time between Christ’s first and second coming is going to be perilous for believers. A good example: Martin Luther. All that priest wanted was to share the pure gospel with the world. For trying to do just that, both political and religious leaders wanted to end his life. The Festival of the Reformation emphasizes our unfailing reliance on the Word of God. We give unflinching testimony to that Word even in the face of persecution. Today we pray that the Lord would keep us steadfast in the faith and in his Word.

Our prayer before worship | to stay steadfast in the face of persecution

God of glory, eternal King, help us to recognize the signs of the end times around us and to live each day with the realization that it could be the Last Day. Move us to hate what is evil and cling to what is good. Keep us zealous in your service, joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer, so that when that day comes, we will be among those looking up to see our Savior coming in the clouds. In his name we pray, Amen.

Personal Preparation for Holy Communion

Q: What does God tell me about myself in his holy Word?

A: He says I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.

Q: What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or am not troubled by them?

A: I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious, or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?

Q: When I realize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should I do?

A: I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.

Q: How do I receive his gracious forgiveness?

A: His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.

Q: What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am his?

A: In Holy Communion he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.

Q: How can I be sure that I receive all these blessings in the Lord's Supper?

A: I have his own word spoken as his last will and testament on the night before he died. There he tells me: "**Take and eat; this is my body. Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.**"

Q: How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?

A: I will daily thank and praise him for his love to me. With his help I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.

+ Ministry Notes +

Our good day in God's house continues after worship, too.

Our after-worship adult Bible Class time is a great time for good Christian encouragement as we **grow** in the Word together and take time to pray for one another. Today we will have our Reformation potluck with a Jeopardy-style trivia game. There will not be Sunday School for the children today (though children are encouraged to join in our trivia fun!).

WELS Connection | October

After today's service we will watch our next installment of the WELS Connection. This month we discover how God is opening doors for gospel outreach through women in unique and meaningful ways around the world. You might even see a familiar face...

Divine call updates

On October 18th, we extended two calls: One to Mrs. Kim Klinefelter, who is currently hired to teach in our 2nd grade classroom and the other to Miss Grace Sievert, currently serving in La Mesa, CA. Please keep them in your prayers as they deliberate where they can serve best in God's kingdom.

Reformation Sundae (yes, the ice cream, not the day)

This **Wednesday, October 28**, all are invited for a sweet afternoon treat to celebrate the Lutheran Reformation with our school families. We will begin serving **ice cream in the gym at 2:00 PM**, so please join us

Daylight Savings Time

NOTE | Next Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 AM our clocks will "fall back" an hour again. Please remember to check any clocks in your house that do not automatically adjust.

FEAT Trunk or Treat | Thank You

Thank you to all who donated their time, treats, or trunks and to all who attended our Trunk or Treat event yesterday. Thank you especially to Noah Uhlenbrauck, Emily Shue, and Bill & Ranae Hansen for their work coordinating the event!

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A study of why we worship the way we do

Next Installment

November 1

Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near CW 867
We stand steadfast in the strength provided by Christ for each and every one of the days he gives us.



1 Af - flict - ed saint, to Christ draw near, your Sav - ior's
2 Your faith is weak, your foes are strong, and if the
3 Should per - se - cu - tion rage and flame, still trust in
4 When called to bear your weight - y cross, or sore af -



gra - cious prom - ise hear; his faith - ful Word you can be -
con - flict should be long, the Lord will make the tempt - er
your Re - deem - er's name. In fi - ery tri - als you shall
flic - tion, pain, or loss, or deep dis - tress, or pov - er -



lieve, that as your days your strength shall be. v. 2
flee, that as your days your strength shall be. Refrain
see that as your days your strength shall be. Refrain
ty, still as your days your strength shall be. Refrain



Refrain
So, sing with joy, af - flict - ed one; the bat - tle's fierce, but the



vic - t'ry's won! God shall sup - ply all that you need;



yes, as your days your strength shall be.

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P(residing minister) | In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C(ongregation) | Amen.

Confession

P | If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
C | **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

P | Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
C | **Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P | Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C | **Amen.**

Lord, Have Mercy

P | In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C | **Lord, have mercy.**

P | For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
C | **Lord, have mercy.**

P | For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
C | **Lord, have mercy.**

P | For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
C | **Lord, have mercy.**

P | Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C | **Amen.**

P | We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C | **Amen.**

Blessing

P | The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.
C | **Amen.**

God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage CW 640
Widely known as “the Doxology,” this song of praise has been cherished by generations of Lutherans.

God's Word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for -

ev - er; to spread its light from age to age shall be our

chief en - deav - or. Thro' life it guides our way, in death it

is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, we keep its

teach - ings pure through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

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The Church’s One Foundation

CW 855 sts. 1–5

Built on his foundation, through all the fires, trials, and tribulations of life, Christ makes us steadfast.

Musical notation and lyrics for "The Church's One Foundation". The lyrics are: 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 The Church shall nev - er per - ish. Her dear Lord, to de - fend, 4 Tho' with a scorn - ful won - der the world sees her op - pressed, 5 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war 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. to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end. by schisms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed, she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more 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, Tho' there be those that hate her and strive to see her fail, 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, 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. a - gainst both foe and trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail. 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.

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Tune: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

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P | Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
C | **his mercy endures forever.**

P | Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
C | **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

To God on High Be Glory (Gloria in Excelsis)

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN | CW 1040

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Musical notation and lyrics for "To God on High Be Glory (Gloria in Excelsis)". The lyrics are: 1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth, 2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way; for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth! ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray. Al - might - y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring; With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne, we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King. you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

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Prayer of the Day

P | The Lord be with you.
C | **And also with you.**

P | Let us pray: Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C | **Amen.**

First Reading

Daniel 6:10–12,16–23

Even though it potentially meant death by lion, Daniel demonstrated steadfast faith in his prayer to God.

¹⁰Now, when Daniel learned that the document had been signed, he went to his house. It had windows on its upper story that opened toward Jerusalem. Three times each day he would get on his knees and pray and offer praise before his God. He continued to do that, just as he had been doing before this. ¹¹Then these men came as a group and found Daniel praying and seeking favor from his God.

¹²They then went and asked the king about the decree. “Your Majesty, did you not sign a decree that anyone who prays to any god or person for thirty days except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the den of lions?”

The king answered, “Indeed I did. The order is established as a law of the Medes and the Persians that cannot be revoked.”

¹⁶Then the king gave the order, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you.” ¹⁷A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the pit. The king sealed it with his signet ring and the signet rings of his nobles so that nothing could be changed with regard to Daniel's situation. ¹⁸Then the king went to his palace. He spent the night without food, and no entertainment was brought before him. But he could not sleep.

¹⁹At dawn the king arose as soon as it was light and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰As he came near the pit, he cried out in a fearful voice. The king said to Daniel, “Daniel, servant of the living God, was your God, whom you serve continually, able to rescue you from the lions?”

²¹Then Daniel spoke with the king. “Your Majesty, may you live forever! ²²My God sent his angel and shut the mouth of the lions. They have not hurt me because he found me innocent in his presence. Also before you, Your Majesty, I have committed no crime.”

²³Then the king was very glad and said that Daniel should be brought up from the pit. So Daniel was brought up from the pit, and he was unharmed because he trusted in his God.

P | The Word of the Lord.
C | **Thanks be to God.**

Reformation Song

CW 877

The solid ground where we stand steadfast is by grace, through faith in Christ, taught by Scripture alone.

1 Your Word a - lone is sol - id ground,
2 Thro' faith a - lone we come to you;
3 In Christ a - lone we're jus - ti - fied;

the might - y rock on which we build.
we have no mer - it we can claim.
his right - eous - ness is all our plea.

In ev - 'ry line the truth is found,
Sure that your prom - is - es are true,
Your law's de - mands are sat - is - fied;

and ev - 'ry page with glo - ry filled. v. 2
we place our hope in Je - sus' name.
his per - fect work has set us free.

Refrain
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ry to God a - lone.
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ry to God a - lone.

4 By grace alone we have been saved; all that we are has come from you.
Hearts that were once by sin enslaved now by your pow'r have been made new. **Refrain**

5 And on this Reformation Day we join with saints of old to sing;
we lift our hearts as one in praise: glory to Christ our gracious King. **Refrain**

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Lord’s Prayer

C | Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Lamb of God, Our Savior (Agnus Dei)

WEM IN LEIDENSTAGEN | CW 1054

Tune: WEM IN LEIDENSTAGEN



1 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Christ, who takes a - way
2 Je - sus, in your mer - cy, make us pure with - in;
3 Let your end - less mer - cy ev - er - more in - crease;



all the world’s trans - gres - sions, lis - ten as we pray:
cleanse us by your per - fect sac - ri - fice for sin.
com - fort us with par - don, calm us with your peace.

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Distribution of Holy Communion

To our honored guests: Scripture teaches us that those who commune together are expressing a unity in faith and in all of Scripture’s teachings. This is called close communion. If you are not a member of St. Paul’s, the Wisconsin Synod, or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, you will want to learn what we teach and can express that unity at your confirmation before you commune with us. If you are interested in taking a class to learn more about our teachings, or if you have any questions, please speak with our pastors.

46E If God Is for Us

Psalm 46E

The choir will sing the stanzas. The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrains of the Psalm.



If God is for us, who can be a - gainst us?



God is our sal - va - tion, al - ways by our side.

1 God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present aid, and therefore, though the earth be moved, we will not be afraid; though hills into the seas be cast, though foaming waters roar, the LORD of hosts is by our side, a refuge strong and sure. *Refrain*

2 A river flows whose streams make glad the city of our God, the holy dwelling of the LORD, the place of God’s abode. Since God is in the midst of it, our safety is secure; the LORD of hosts is by our side, a refuge strong and sure. *Refrain*

3 Behold the wondrous deeds of God, who causes wars to cease, the weapons of the strong destroyed, God brings abiding peace. “Be still and know that I am God, exalted evermore;” The LORD of hosts is by our side, a refuge strong and sure. *Refrain*

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Second Reading

Romans 3:19–28

God justifies those who have been given the gift of steadfast faith in Jesus.

The Law Condemns Everyone

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says is addressed to those who are under the law, so that every mouth will be silenced and the whole world will be subject to God’s judgment. ²⁰For this reason, no one will be declared righteous in his sight by works of the law, for through the law we become aware of sin.

A Righteousness Apart From the Law by Faith

²¹But now, completely apart from the law, a righteousness from God has been made known. The Law and the Prophets testify to it. ²²This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all and over all who believe.

In fact, there is no difference, ²³because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God ²⁴and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God publicly displayed as the atonement seat through faith in his blood. God did this to demonstrate his justice, since, in his divine restraint, he had left the sins that were committed earlier unpunished. ²⁶He did this to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so that he would be both just and the one who justifies the person who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷What happens to boasting then? It has been eliminated. By what principle—by the principle of works? No, but by the principle of faith. ²⁸For we conclude that a person is justified by faith without the works of the law.

P | The Word of the Lord.
C | **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem | By Faith

Adult Choir

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation’s grand design,
in the lives of those who prove his faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear
with the pow’r to break the chains of sin and death, and rise triumphant from the grave.

*Refrain | We will stand as children of the promise, we will fix our eyes on Christ, our souls’
reward; ‘til the race is finished and the work is done we’ll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the church was called to go in the pow’r of the Spirit to the lost,
to deliver captives, and to preach good news in ev’ry corner of the earth.

By faith this mountain shall be moved, and the pow’r of the gospel shall prevail;
for we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon his name. *Refrain*

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided, great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

By faith we see the hand of God. By faith this mountain shall be moved.
We’ll walk by faith and not by sight. We’ll walk by faith!

Sing, “Holy, Holy, Holy” (Sanctus)

ELLACOMBE | CW 1047

Tune: ELLACOMBE

1 Sing, “Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,
your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky.”
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!
Our voic - es cry, “Ho - san - na!” Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God’s name!
in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.
“Ho - san - na in the high - est!” our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

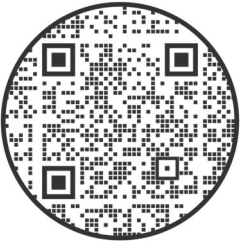
P | We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus’ death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son’s body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C | **Amen.**

Offering

To our honored guests: We're happy that you're with us to hear about God's love for you today! Our offering is not a debt we owe God but a way that we return to God a portion of what he generously gave to us. Our motivation, then, is not obligation but love for God. Our offerings are how St. Paul's funds our Gospel mission work. As our honored guests, please do not feel obligated to contribute.

*If you would like to support our Gospel ministry with an offering, you have options! Place your offering in **the offering plate** in our gathering space as you leave worship today, **mail an offering** to our church anytime, or go to **stpauls.edu** or **scan this QR** code to give an offering online.*



Festival of Reformation

Prayer of the Church

Preface

P | The Lord be with you.

C | **And also with you.**

P | Lift up your hearts.

C | **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C | **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P | It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in blessing his saints of the past has given us assurance and hope that, following their example, we may run the race marked out for us and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 12:32

P | Alleluia! Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 10:16–23

The Lord keeps us steadfast and faithful through times of persecution.

¹⁶“Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. ¹⁷Be on guard against people. They will hand you over to councils, and they will whip you in their synagogues. ¹⁸You will be brought into the presence of governors and kings for my sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹Whenever they hand you over, do not be worried about how you will respond or what you will say, because what you say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰In fact you will not be the ones speaking, but the Spirit of your Father will be speaking through you.

²¹“Brother will hand over his brother to death, and a father will do the same with his child. Children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. ²²You will be hated by all people because of my name, but whoever endures to the end will be saved. ²³And when they persecute you in one town, flee to the next. Amen I tell you: You will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

P | The Gospel of the Lord.

C | **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Since God is our sure fortress, we stay steadfast even in the face of all our fiercest foes.

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1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a trust - y shield
2 With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our loss
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, all ea - ger to
4 The Word they still shall let re - main nor an - y thanks

and weap - on; he helps us free from ev - 'ry need
ef - fect - ed; but for us fights the val - iant one
de - vour us, we trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
have for it; he's by our side up - on the plain

that has us now o'er - tak - en. The old
whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,
they shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's
with his good gifts and Spir - it. And take

e - vil foe now means dead - ly woe;
"Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,
prince may still scowl fierce as he will,
they our life, goods, fame, child, and wife,

deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight;
the al - might - y Lord, and there's no oth - er God;
he can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;
though all may be gone, our vic - to - ry is won;

on earth is not his e - qual.
he holds the field for - ev - er.
one lit - tle word can fell him.
the king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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Sermon

Daniel 6

Steadfast when Lions Roar

Points to ponder during the sermon |

- What was unique about the governing structure of the Medes and Persians?
- Describe Daniel's action when prayer was made illegal.
- What concerned Darius most about Daniel's death sentence?
- Explain what was revealed at dawn at the stone-sealed den of death.
- List a few of the lions Luther heard roaring as he took a steadfast stance.
- When we hear lions roar, what is our steadfast response?

Nicene Creed

C | We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.