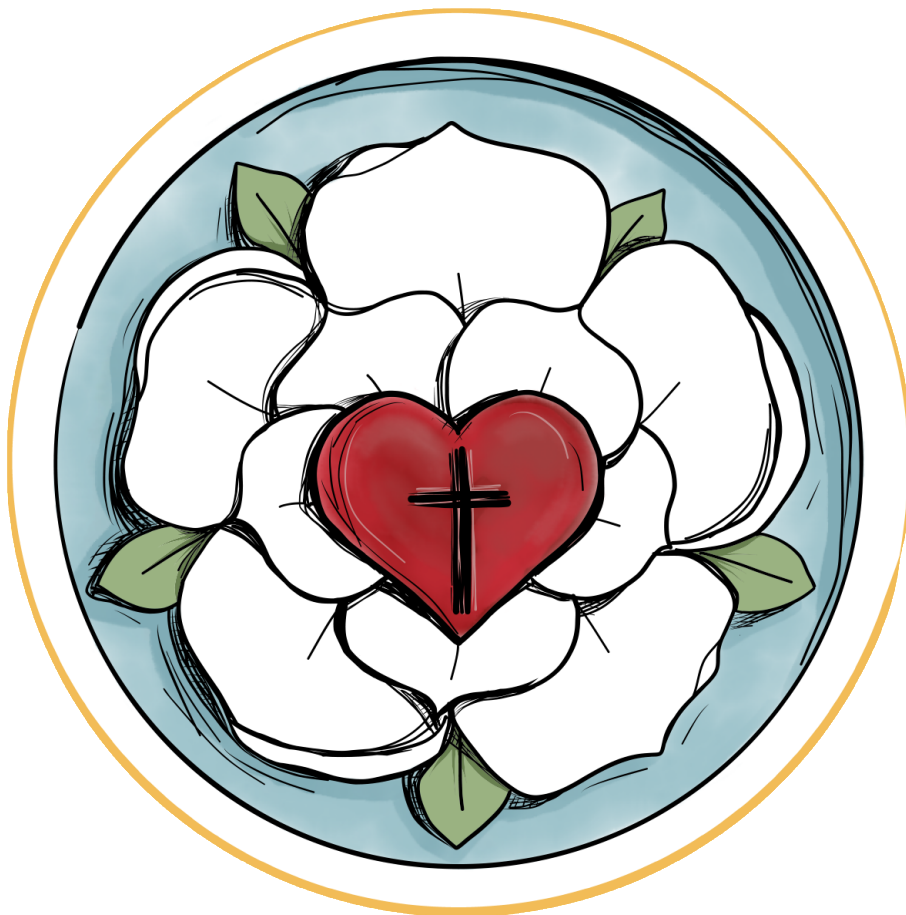




Festival of the Reformation
Stay Steadfast

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | *Jordan, Minnesota*

October 25, 2026

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God’s holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

TODAY’S THEME

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.

Pastor.....Jeremy Glowicki
Accompanist.....Noah Helke

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

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

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
**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.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

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.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Gloria

CW 1040

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN





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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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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.
Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Daniel 6:10–12,16–23

Even though it potentially meant death by lion, Daniel demonstrated steadfast faith and prayed to the Lord.

Now, 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. Then these men came as a group and found Daniel praying and seeking favor from his God. They 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.” Then 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.” A 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. Then the king went to his palace. He spent the night without food, and no entertainment was brought before him. But he could not sleep. At dawn the king arose as soon as it was light and hurried to the lions’ den. As 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?” Then Daniel spoke with the king. “Your Majesty, may you live forever! My 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.” Then 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

God is Our Refuge and Strength – Choir

Second Reading

Romans 3:19–28

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

Now 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. For 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. But now, completely apart from the law, a righteousness from God has been made known. The Law and the Prophets testify to it. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all and over all who believe. In fact, there is no difference, because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom 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. He 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. What happens to boasting then? It has been eliminated. By what principle—by the principle of works? No, but by the principle of faith. For we conclude that a person is justified by faith without the works of the law.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 12:32



Refrain



Choir – Do not be afraid, little flock, for the Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

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Gospel

Matthew 10:16–23

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

“Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. Be on guard against people. They will hand you over to councils, and they will whip you in their synagogues. You will be brought into the presence of governors and kings for my sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. Whenever 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. In fact you will not be the ones speaking, but the Spirit of your Father will be speaking through you. “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. You will be hated by all people because of my name, but whoever endures to the end will be saved. And 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

863 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

CW 863

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

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.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Offering

During the offering, please fill out the Friendship Register in the pew and pass it down to those sitting next to you.

868 By Faith

Choir sings the verses, congregation joins in refrain

Stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

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.

Amen.

862 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

CW 862

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Setting Eight (German) from Christian Worship

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Area Reformation Service



*"The gospel is the sure sign
by which one knows where
Christ and his army are
encamped."*

— MARTIN LUTHER —

**OCTOBER 25
3:00 PM**

**Chapel of the Christ
Martin Luther College**



News & Notes

Radio Broadcast

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Corey Kuiken in memory of her parents Wayne and Gloria Tepfer. Thank you!

Committee Meetings

The next committee meetings are November 3 at 6:30 pm.

Area Reformation Service

Celebrate our Lutheran heritage as we gather around the gospel at the Area Reformation Service. The service is today at 3 pm at the Chapel of the Christ on the campus of Martin Luther College in New Ulm. Luther once wrote, "The sure mark by which the Christian congregation can be recognized is that the pure gospel is preached there...the gospel is the sure sign by which one knows where Christ and his army are encamped." Let's celebrate our gospel heritage together!

Roots Lawn Clean-Up

Our Roots Group would like to help with fall cleanup. If you could use help with your yard, please let Angela or Jeremy Kalal know. We'll make a plan and get you on our list for raking, light trimming, or plant cleanup.

Gertens Christmas Flowers and Greens

It's time to place your order for Christmas flowers and greens! A list of items available and an order form are located on the counter near the Fellowship Hall. All orders are due by November 1st. Questions can be directed to Donna Breeggemann at (952)492-6561 or by email at donnabreeggemann@comcast.net.

Advent by Candlelight

Please join us for our annual Advent by Candlelight dinner on Sunday, December 6th. Doors open at 4:30 pm. Dinner is at 5 pm, with the program to follow. This event is open to all women and girls 7th grade or above. Feel free to invite family members and friends! You can either host a table or join someone who is hosting. Please register by November 29 if you are hosting.

Upcoming Events

We would love for you to be part of these special opportunities for fellowship, worship, learning, and service. A full calendar of events can be found on our website at spljordan.com

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
<i>Tues, Nov. 3</i>	Committee Meeting	6:30 PM
<i>Thurs, Nov. 5</i>	Senior Fellowship	10:00 AM
<i>Sun, Nov. 8</i>	Fellowship Sunday	Following Worship
<i>Sun, Nov. 8</i>	Roots Yard Cleanup	12:30 PM
<i>Tues, Nov. 10</i>	Reflections Women's Bible Study	6:30 PM
<i>Thurs, Nov. 12</i>	Council Meeting	6:30 PM
<i>Sun, Nov. 15</i>	Congregation Budget and Elections Meeting	10:15 AM
<i>Thurs, Nov. 19</i>	Theology on Tap Mana Brewing	6:30 PM
<i>Wed, Nov. 25</i>	Thanksgiving Eve Worship	7:00 PM
<i>Sat, Dec. 5</i>	Jordan Dazzle Parade	6:00 PM
<i>Sun, Dec. 6</i>	Advent by Candlelight	5:00 PM

SERVING THE LORD

Acolytes	10/25 Greta Newton
	11/1 (Need Volunteer)
	11/8 (Need Volunteer)

Ushers	10/25 Group 3
	11/1 Group 4
	11/8 Group 1

Media Booth	10/25 (Need Volunteer)
	11/1 (Need Volunteer)
	11/8 Greta Newton

Organist	10/25 Noah Helke
	11/1 Noah Helke
	11/8 Lois Zander

November Altar Guild
•Angela Ambroz •Nancy Stocker •Brenda Stocker

Service Group 3 Leader
•Dianne Jabs

December Altar Guild
•Dianne Jabs •Lynn Sorenson

Attendance

Sunday 80

Monday n/a

Total 80



Gifts to Our Lord

Received	\$7995
Online Giving	\$1469
Total	\$9464



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