



Reformation Day
Life a Life of Courageous Witness

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

October 27, 2024

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 repeatedly told his followers that living as his disciples would bring hardship. Living life according to God’s Law is going to make one appear odd in the eyes of the world, perhaps even evil. Sharing a message of mankind’s sin and God’s gracious salvation can cause offense. So why not just stay silent if that makes life easier? Why not keep our faith private? Answer: because we are going to live forever. In gratitude for Christ saving us and giving us eternal life, we share the gospel with others, hoping that they will believe and be saved too. Since we know we are going to live forever in the perfection of heaven, we don’t worry if being a witness for Christ brings hardship or even death.

Pastor.....Jeremy Glowicki
Organist.....Noah Helke

875 What Threat of Harm Can Hinder Me

CW 875

Stand

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

Amen.

Confession

CW 154

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 190

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

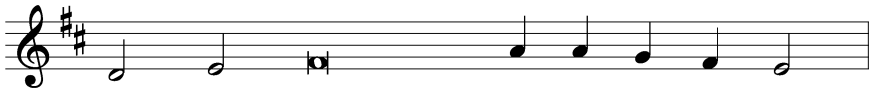
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the un - it - y of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and

praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



A - men. A - men.

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936 All Glory Be to God Alone

CW 936 sts. 1, 4-5



1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, for -
4 You take the whole world's sin a - way; have
5 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One; o'er



ev - er - more the high - est One, who did our
mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray. You take the
all things you are Lord a - lone. O Je - sus



sin - ful race be - friend and grace and peace to
whole world's sin a - way; O lis - ten to the
Christ, we glo - ri - fy you and the Spir - it,



us ex - tend. A - mong man - kind may his good
prayer we say. You sit at God's right hand each
Lord Most High; with him you ev - er - more shall



will all hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
day; have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
be one in the Fa - ther's maj - es - ty.

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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

Choir

Here I Stand

First Reading

Daniel 3:16–28

In response to an evil command offered by a pagan king, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego lived lives of fearless witness.

Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego answered King Nebuchadnezzar, “We have no need to answer you about this matter. Since our God, whom we serve, does exist, he is able to save us from the blazing fiery furnace. So, he may save us from your hand, Your Majesty. But if he does not, you should know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods, and we will not worship the golden statue that you set up.” Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with rage, and the expression on his face changed against Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego. He said to heat the furnace seven times hotter than it was usually heated. He ordered some men, who were soldiers from his army, to bind Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego in order to throw them into the blazing fiery furnace. So these men were bound in their coats, their pants, their turbans, and their other clothing, and they were thrown into the middle of the blazing fiery furnace. Because the king's order was urgent and the furnace was extremely hot, those men who carried Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego were killed by the intense heat of the fire. But these three men, Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, who had been tied up, fell into the blazing fiery furnace. Then King Nebuchadnezzar was startled and immediately stood up. He said to his advisors, “Didn't we throw three men, who had been tied up, into the middle of the fire?” They answered the king, “Certainly, Your Majesty.” He said, “Look! I see four men, who are untied and walking around in the middle of the fire, unharmed. What is more, the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.” Then Nebuchadnezzar approached the door of the blazing fiery furnace. He said, “Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out!” Then Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego came out from the middle of the furnace. The satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the royal advisors gathered together and looked at these men. The fire had no power over their bodies. Not a hair on their head was singed, their robes were not damaged, and the smell of fire had not stuck to them. Nebuchadnezzar said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, who sent his angel and saved his servants, who trusted in God and ignored the king's command. They gave up their bodies and did not pay homage or worship any god except their God.

The Word of the Lord.


Thanks be to God.

46B God Is Our Refuge and Strength

Psalm 46B


Refrain

Cantor/choir



The LORD of hosts is with us;

Congregation



the God of Ja - cob is our strong - hold.

God is our ref- / uge and strength,
an ever-present help in / trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the / earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart / of the sea,
though its waters / roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their / surging. *Refrain*

There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- / y of God,
the holy place where the Most / High dwells.

God is within her, she / will not fall;
God will help her at / break of day.
Nations are in uproar, / kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the / earth melts. *Refrain*

Come and see what the / LORD has done,
the desolations he has brought / on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the ends / of the earth.
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the / shields with fire.
He says, "Be still, and know that / I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted / in the earth." *Refrain*

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Second Reading

Revelation 14:6-7

St. John sees God's messenger proclaiming the true gospel to all people. In 1546, this reading served as the text for the funeral of Dr. Martin Luther.

Then I saw another angel flying in the middle of the sky. He had the everlasting gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth, to every nation, tribe, language, and people. He said with a loud voice: Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the sky, the earth, the sea, and the springs of water.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation - Choir

Luke 12:32

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mark 13:5-11

Jesus encourages and empowers us that we might be bold in sharing the gospel in these end times.

Jesus began by telling them, "Be careful that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. "Whenever you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled. Such things must happen, but the end is not yet. In fact, nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places. There will be famines. These are the beginning of birth pains. But be on your guard! People will hand you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues. You will stand in

the presence of rulers and kings for my sake as a witness to them. And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. Whenever they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand what you should say. Say whatever is given to you in that hour, because you will not be the ones speaking; instead it will be the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

863 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

CW 863

Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Gracious God, in mercy you sent your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, into this world to redeem us from sin and rescue us from hell. Through your Scriptures and by your Spirit, you have brought us to faith in your Son and have assured us that Christ has fully completed the work of our salvation. Lead us to rejoice in the message of forgiveness through faith alone in Christ Jesus. When guilt grieves our consciences and shame squelches our confidence, use your Word to encourage and comfort our souls with the good news of your unconditional love.

Almighty God, in the face of immense pressure to compromise their confession, you emboldened Martin Luther and the Lutheran reformers to take a firm stand on the truths of Scripture. Through their clear confession of faith, you restored the gospel to your church and have preserved this saving truth among us today. Send us your Holy Spirit that we exhibit the same zeal and faithfulness as the Lutheran confessors. Give us courage to confess our faith sincerely and boldly in the classroom, the workplace, the community, and to everyone we encounter who needs to hear the truth of your Word. Use our confession to bring faith in your Son to the hearts of those who do not yet believe in you.

Eternal God, you have promised to preserve and protect your church in every age. Even when it appeared that the enemies of the gospel had silenced your truth, you kept your people faithful to you and your Word. Bless all who face hardships for their faith with an added measure of your Holy Spirit so that they do not lose heart as they bear their crosses. Comfort the sick and suffering, the depressed and lonely, those who are persecuted and ridiculed for their faith, and all others who need the encouragement of your love. Fix our eyes on the cross of your Son, his empty tomb, and the sure promise of eternal life in heaven's glory.

Lord God, you know the concerns of our hearts and minds. Hear the public prayers we have spoken with our lips and the personal prayers we offer to you in our hearts, and answer them according to your gracious will. Increase our trust in your power and wisdom that we may rest secure in the plans and purposes you have for our lives; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Offering

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

877 Reformation Song

CW 877 sts. 1–2, Ref, 3–4

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.

Choir

Lord, Leep Us Steadfast In Your Word

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News & Notes

Radio Broadcast

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Adam and Rachel Carlstrom in celebration of their 6th Wedding Anniversary and Andy and Donna Breeggemann in celebration of their 32nd Wedding Anniversary. Thank you!

Learn More About the Bible!

Join us for a Bible study simply called “The Bible”. What is the Bible? How did we get it? What errors are there swirling around about the Bible? Class meets in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

Joint Reformation Service

Martin Luther recognized the need to educate both boys and girls. This not only meant teaching them God’s Word, but also training them to be good citizens. He encouraged city leaders to open schools for boys and girls. We celebrate the Reformation’s emphasis on Christian Education! On November 3rd at 3 p.m. at the Chapel of the Christ on the campus of Martin Luther College, we give thanks for the blessings handed down to us in the Lutheran Reformation. Seminary Professor Robert Wendland will preach this year and a joint choir from the Mankato and River Valley Conferences will enhance our worship with song.

Advent by Candlelight—Save the Date!

It’s never too early to mark your calendar for this important event! St Paul Lutheran will be holding an Advent by Candlelight for all women of the congregation, and their female family members, friends, and neighbors, on December 1st at 5:00pm in the fellowship hall. There is no charge for this event. This is a wonderful evening of Word, music, and fellowship to help you prepare your hearts for the Advent season before the holidays get into full swing!

We also need women of the congregation to decorate tables for this event, information about decorating is on the table in the gathering area. If you choose to decorate a table or not; ALL women are invited to participate in this evening of preparation. If you are new to the congregation or have never attended before, this is a great quiet way to meet other women and focus on Christ.

Children's Church Volunteers

- Spend the sermon with children ages 1-5 whose parents would like a chance to listen to the sermon uninterrupted.
- At Pastor's cue, meet children at the back of church as the sermon is about to begin.

-Take the kids upstairs to the childcare room to play, read stories, color pictures and listen to music while their parents stay to listen to the sermon (supplies will be available with no prep work needed).

-You'll be able to have the sermon on in the background on a TV located in the childcare room.

Thank you for considering! If you'd like to talk more about the plan, the childcare room, or your availability, please speak with Katie Zander, Angela or Jeremy Kalal.

Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting will take place on Thursday, November 7th at 6:30 pm.

SERVING THE LORD

		Acolytes	Ushers	Media Booth	Organist
10/27	9 Am	Greta Newton	3	(Need Volunteer)	Noah Helke
11/3	9 AM	(Need Volunteer)	4	(Need Volunteer)	-
11/10	9 AM	Greta Newton	1	(Need Volunteer)	-

November Altar Guild	November Cleaners
Angela Ambroz/Nancy Stocker/Brenda Stocker	Carlstroms
November Counters	Fall Service Group Leader
-	Dianne Jabs
December Altar Guild	
Dianne Jabs/Lynn Sorenson	

Attendance	
Sunday	101
Monday	5
Total	106

Gifts To Our Lord		
	Received	Needed
Current	\$2279	\$3834
Online Giving	\$1020	
Total	\$3299	\$3834



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