



The Festival of the Reformation
WELS 175th Anniversary
Christ WITH Us

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

October 26, 2025

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

Over 500 years ago, Lutheran Christians were under tremendous pressure. They were forced to defend themselves on battlefields both metaphorical and literal. But they took comfort that Christ himself was by their side upon the plain with his good gifts and Spirit. Just 175 years ago, the Lutheran Christians who founded WELS were also under tremendous pressure. The pressure continues today with opposition to the truths of the Word of God. But we take comfort that Christ is with us in Word and sacrament, and we move forward with the promise of his presence.

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

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.

936 All Glory Be to God Alone

CW 936



1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, for -
2 We praise you, God, and you we bless; we
3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, our
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
wor - ship you in hum - ble - ness. From day to
Fa - ther, the Al - might - y One, O Lord, the
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
day we glo - ri - fy the ev - er - last - ing
sole - be - got - ten One, Lord Je - sus Christ, the
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
God on high. Of your great glo - ry do we
Fa - ther's Son, true God from all e - ter - ni -
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.
sing, and to your throne our thanks we bring.
ty, O Lamb of God, to you we flee.
day; have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
be one in the Fa - ther's maj - es - ty.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.
Tune: Gesangbuch . . . Psalmen, Geistliche Lieder, Strassburg, 1541, alt.
Text: © 1941 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 727266
Tune: Public domain

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; 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

Joshua 4:1–9

God's people memorialize his gracious presence.

When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the LORD told Joshua, “Take twelve men from the people, one man from each tribe, and give them the following orders: ‘Pick up twelve stones from here in the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the feet of the priests are standing securely. Carry them over with you and put them at the place where you will stay tonight.’” So Joshua called the twelve men whom he had selected from the people of Israel—a man from each tribe. Joshua said to them, “Go to the middle of the Jordan in front of the Ark of the LORD your God. There each man is to lift up one stone on his shoulder. The number will correspond to the number of the tribes descended from the sons of Israel, so that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in the future, ‘What do these stones mean for you?’ Then you shall respond to them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD. When the ark passed through the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones will serve as a permanent memorial for the people of Israel.” So the people of Israel did just as Joshua had ordered. They picked up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, corresponding to the number of the tribes descended from the sons of Israel, as the LORD had instructed Joshua. They carried the stones over with them to their lodging place and deposited them there. Joshua also set up twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the feet of the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant had stood. They are there to this day.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Revelation 3:7–13

Christ is coming soon. Hold on to what you have and go through the open door before you.

To the messenger of the church in Philadelphia write: The Holy One, the one who is true, the one who has the key of David, the one who opens and no one can shut, and who shuts and no one can open, says this: I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. Look, I will make those who are from the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not but are lying—look, I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and make them realize that I have loved you. Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will also keep you from the hour of testing, which is about to come over the whole inhabited world, to test those who dwell on the earth. I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have so that no one takes your crown. The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he will never leave it again. I will also write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God—the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God—and my new name. Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

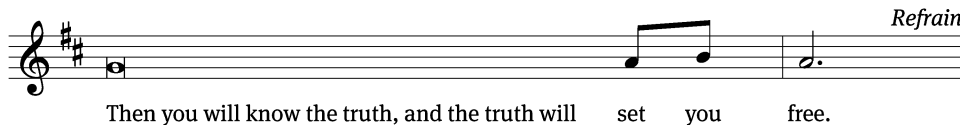
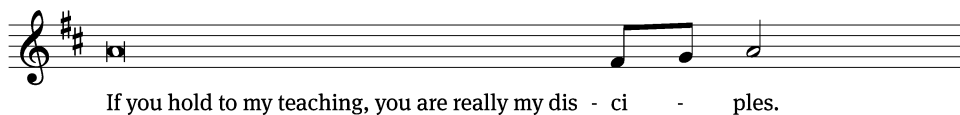
John 8:31,32



Refrain



Tone



Tune: © 2010, 2021 GFTSMUSIC Publishing Company, Inc., admin. Music Services. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 727266

Gospel

John 8:31–36

The presence of Christ in his Word sets us free.

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples. You will also know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” “We are Abraham's descendants,” they answered, “and we have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say, ‘You will be set free?’” Jesus answered, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Everyone who keeps committing sin is a slave to sin. But a slave does not remain in the family forever. A son does remain forever. So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free.

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

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

Offering

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

641 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

CW 641

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.

861 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

CW 861

Acknowledgments

Setting Eight (German) from Christian Worship

Unless otherwise noted, Scripture quotations are from the Holy Bible, Evangelical Heritage Version® (EHV®) © 2017
Wartburg Project. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Liturgical and musical settings of Scripture based on text from The Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV®. Copyright
© 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.™ Used by permission of Zondervan. All rights reserved worldwide.

Software distributed in partnership with Northwestern Publishing House.

Created by Christian Worship: Service Builder © 2025 Concordia Publishing House.



2026 WELS YOUTH RALLY

CHRIST THROUGH US

2 CORINTHIANS 5:18-20

@WELSYOUTHRALLY
#WELSYOUTHRALLY2026

JULY 14–17, 2026

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY
BOWLING GREEN, OHIO

- ▶ Connect with peers from **all over the country.**
- ▶ Discover ways to **lead and serve** at your church and in your community.
- ▶ Raise your hearts and voices **worshiping with thousands.**
- ▶ **Attend workshops** with a biblical perspective on timely topics.
- ▶ Learn strategies to **share the saving gospel** with those around you.
- ▶ Explore what Christ can do **through you!**

REGISTRATION RUNS MARCH–MAY
\$450 EARLY–BIRD RATE UNTIL APRIL 30
\$475 MAY 1–29



WELSYOUTHRALLY.NET

News & Notes

Radio Broadcast

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Dave and Denise Helke in memory of Irv and Elaine Helke and in memory of Leon Bohnsack. Thank you!

Christ Through Us Bible Study

The study continues today after worship. The young Synod faces controversy.



Joint Reformation Service

Today is the Joint Reformation Service at 3 pm at Martin Luther College in New Ulm. Worship with 500 other WELS members in the beautiful chapel on campus as we give thanks to God for his grace in Christ.

Branches of the Vine

Get started on our new Branches of the Vine program!

- Read the Bible on your own by choosing your own pace.
- Resources will be available for 3 year and 1 year book by book.
- Perhaps audio is better for you. We will have resources for that too!
- Add a leaf to the vine in the Fellowship Hall after you complete a book.
- Find resources to help answer questions in what was formerly the Mailbox Room.



Gertens Christmas Plants and Greens

It's that time of year again! For product information, and the order form, please see the sheets posted near the Fellowship Hall. Orders are due by November 2nd.

CAMM Offering Update

Thank you to everyone who donated to the CAMM freewill offering during the presentation. Your generous gifts will allow for CAMM to be fully funded for 2-4 clinics days.

Senior Fellowship

The next Senior Fellowship is November 6th at 10 am. What is Senior Fellowship? It is an opportunity for seniors in our congregation to get together and get to know each other better. Some bring some treats and there is always coffee. It has been well attended in the past and we look forward to its continued growth.

NOVEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Worship 9 am Communion Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am	3 Worship 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm	4	5 Foundations 6 pm Woven 6 pm	6 Senior Fellowship 10 am	7	8
9 Worship 9 am Fellowship Sunday Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am	10 Worship 7 pm 7:45 Choir	11 Council Meeting 6:30 Reflections Bible Study for Women 7	12 Foundations 6 pm	13	14	15
16 Worship 9 am Communion Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am	17 Worship 7 pm 7:45 Choir	18 Oak Terrace 9:45	19 Foundations 6 pm	20 Theology on Tap 6:30 Mana Brewing	21	22
23 Worship 9 am Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am	24 Worship 7 pm 7:45 Choir	25	26 Thanksgiving Worship 7 pm	27	28	29
30 Worship 9 am Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am WELS Connection						

SERVING THE LORD

		Acolytes	Ushers	Media Booth	Organist
10/26	9 am	Carson Kalal	3	Cooper Kalal	Noah Helke
11/2	9 am	Greta Newton	4	(Need Volunteer)	Noah Helke
11/9	9 am	(Need Volunteer)	1	(Need Volunteer)	Noah Helke

November Altar Guild	November Cleaners
Rachel Carlstrom/Karen Firle/Mary Zeman	-
November Counters	Fall Service Group Leader
-	Dianne Jabs
December Altar Guild	
Melanie Sparby/Jodi Bertrang	

Attendance	
Sunday	91
Monday	n/a
Total	91

Gifts To Our Lord		
	Received	Needed
Current	\$1099	\$3834
Online Giving	\$1684	
Total	\$2783	\$3834



For more information, be sure to subscribe to St. Paul E-News and Like us on Facebook!

100 Sixth St. W
Jordan MN
952-492-6303
www.spljordan.com
office.spljordan@gmail.com