

***St. Paul Evangelical
Lutheran Church***

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO

*But to one who
without works
trusts him
who justifies the ungodly,
such faith
is reckoned as
righteousness.*
Romans 4:5

REFORMATION SUNDAY – OCTOBER 30, 2022

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Serving Us At God's House Today

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A Warm Welcome to visitors here with us this morning. We hope that you have benefited from the service, as much as we have enjoyed your company. We worship our Savior because of His grace and mercy for sinners. Come worship with us regularly, as we hear and receive and take the Gospel — the forgiveness of sin — getting it as from the mouth of God Himself, for it is His Word.

Pre-Service Meditation

Psalm 46 (pew bible, page 504)

Liturgical Note

The colors up from have been changed to red for the Festival of Reformation. Red symbolizes the working of the Holy Spirit in hearts through the preaching of the Word, as on the Day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit showed His presence then in tongues of fire which came to rest on the apostles (Acts 2:3). The color red also can remind us of the dedication of such servants of God as Martin Luther who were willing to suffer and even shed their blood, if need be, for the sake of the Gospel message of salvation by grace through faith alone in Jesus Christ.

*Large print bulletins are available on the shelf by
the tract rack or by request from an usher.*

Opening Prayer

O Lord, we come before You with gratitude in my heart for the work You enabled Your servant, Martin Luther, to accomplish. Through him, Your chosen vessel, You brought into clearer focus the unique authority of Your Word and the comforting Gospel message of salvation by grace through faith alone. Assist us to cherish the great spiritual heritage You have given us. Empower us daily to live with faith in Jesus and in submission to the Bible. Bless us now as we join our hearts together in worshiping You, our gracious Savior-God, on this Reformation Day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn

Come, Let Us Join in Praise

Melody: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

1. Come, let us join in praise God's people one and all,
Who through the years have been both blest In body and in soul.
Lift up your hearts to sing And raise your voices strong.
Let all the world behold our God And join to sing our song.

2. Come, let us hear His Word Inspired by our God.
It lights our every step as we Through this world's darkness plod.
As we thus walk with God Our hand in His each day,
We'll find a peace in heart and soul In Him, the Truth, the Way.

3. Come, let us talk with God, We never are alone,
He hears us each and every one And all our needs are known.
In sorrow and in pain Our God will comfort us
And bring us through the trying hours To peace and happiness.

4. Come, let us offer gifts With hearts of thankfulness,
That we may tell the whole wide world What God has done for us,
And give to people lost And caught in Satan's lies
The gift of God's redemptive grace To dry repentant eyes.

5. Come let us dedicate Ourselves to God each day,
May He inspire our heart and mind And everything we say.
The future of our life Rests firmly in His love,
Throughout our life we'll live for Him On earth and then above.

Welcome & Trinitarian Invocation

Confession of Sins

P Let us come before the Lord this morning with hearts of repentance and faith knowing that as our Lord tells us, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

The Announcement of Forgiveness

P Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son Jesus Christ to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. Those who receive this gift of God's love by faith have become the children of God and upon them He bestows His Holy Spirit. "He that believes and is baptized shall be saved." Grant this, Lord, unto us all!

C (sings) Amen.

Children's Song

I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus / Praise Him

Responsive Reading

From Psalm 116

P I love the Lord, for He heard my voice; He heard my cry for mercy:

C Because He turned His ear to me, I will call on Him as long as I live.

P The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me:

C I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.

P Then I called on the name of the Lord, "O Lord, save me."

C Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.

P For You, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death:

C My eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,

P That I may walk before the Lord:

C In the land of the living.

P The Lord is gracious and righteous:

C Our God is full of compassion.

Hymn

*All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above
Christian Worship #236:1,3*

All praise to God who reigns above, The God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, The God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul He fills, The God who ev'ry sorrow stills—
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord will not forsake His flock, His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock, Their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand He leads His own, His chosen band—
To God all praise and glory!

Prayer of the Day

P 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 against all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church Your saving peace. We pray in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C (says) Amen.

First Lesson — Psalm 32 — Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD”— and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him. You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you. Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD’s unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him. Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Hymn 656 (1-2)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Second Lesson — Romans 3:19-28 — Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.

Hymn 656 (3)

Third Lesson — John 8:31-36 — To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?” Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Hymn 656 (4)

Confessional Reading

Excerpts from the Augsburg Confession
Articles 1-6

P Our churches hold and teach in accordance with (the Nicene Creed) that there is one divine essence, which is called and which is truly God, and that there are three Persons in this one divine essence, equal in power and alike eternal: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. All three are one divine essence, eternal, without division, without end, of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness, one Creator and Preserver of all things visible and invisible. | It is also taught among us that since the fall of Adam all men who are born according to the course of nature are conceived and born in sin. That is, all men are full of evil lusts and inclinations from their mothers' wombs and are unable by nature to have true fear of God and true faith in God. Moreover, this inborn sickness and hereditary sin is truly sin and condemns to the eternal wrath of God all those who are not born again through Baptism and the Holy Spirit. | Our churches teach that God the Son became man, born of the virgin Mary, and that the two natures, divine and human, are so inseparably united in one person that there is one Christ, true God and true man, who was truly born, suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried in order to be a sacrifice not only for original sin but also for all other sins and to propitiate God's wrath. The same Christ also descended into hell, truly rose from the dead on the third day, ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God, that He may eternally rule and have dominion over all creatures, that through the Holy Spirit He may sanctify, purify, strengthen, and comfort all who believe in Him, that He may bestow on them life and every grace and blessing, and that He may protect and defend them against the devil and against sin. The same Lord Christ will return openly to judge the living and the dead. | It is also taught among us that we cannot obtain forgiveness of sin and righteousness before God by our own merits and works, but we receive forgiveness of sin and become righteous before God by grace, for Christ's sake, through faith, when we believe that Christ suffered for us and that for His sake our sin is forgiven and righteousness and eternal life are given to us.

C **To obtain such faith God instituted the office of the ministry, that is, provided the Gospel and the sacraments. Through these, as through means, He gives the Holy Spirit, who works faith, when and where He pleases in those who hear the Gospel. And the Gospel teaches that we have a gracious God not by our own merits but by the merit, of Christ, when we believe this. | It is also taught among us that such faith should produce good fruits and good works and we must do all such good works as God has commanded, but we should do them for God's sake and not place our trust in them as if thereby to merit favor before God.**

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed, sung
Melody: *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*

At all times and in all places God's people of all lands and races
Declare the faith we call our own: We believe, one hope confessing,
In God, the source of ev'ry blessing, Almighty Father, Lord alone.
By His great majesty Creation came to be, earth and heaven.
God formed them all; things great and small
Came forth at His creating call.

We believe in Christ, our Savior, Who brought to earth God's holy favor.
By God the Holy Ghost conceived, Born of Mary, virgin mother,
The Word-made-flesh, our human brother, The name of Jesus He received.
By Pontius Pilate slain, He rose to life again and ascended
To God's right hand. At His command In judgment all the world will stand.

We believe in God the Spirit Through whom, as Christians, we inherit
Forgiveness wrought by God's own Son. Now one body, saints in union,
We share a mystic, sweet communion, With prophets and apostles one.
One Church, one Lord we claim, One Baptism in His name, one sure promise:
Triumphant, we the grave shall flee To live with God eternally!

The Sermon

Text: Jeremiah 31:31-34

"The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

God Reforms His Church with His New Covenant!

1. A covenant of faith where the Lord is truly known.
2. A covenant of forgiveness where sin is forgotten.

Hymn 956

Create in Me

Offering of Thankful Hearts / Prayer / Lord's Prayer

Hymn 645 (1-4)

Built on the Rock

The Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C The One who calls us is faithful, and He will do this. Amen.

Closing Hymn 645 (5)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (10/30)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	2:30 pm	Choir Practice
	3:00 pm	Front Range Reformation Festival Service
Sun (11/6)	8:30 am	Elders' Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

Kinship Sponsorship: Our St. Paul Mary & Martha Ladies Group is supporting a new seminary student at the Mt. Horeb Lutheran Bible Institute in Lomé, Togo (Africa). The student's name is Jac Adossi. He is one of eight students currently attending this seminary. The annual cost for his support is \$360 which is due in January. All members of St. Paul are welcome to give a donation in support of Jac's theological training. You may do so by ...

- Placing your gift in your St. Paul Offering Envelope (use the "Other Local Purpose" line on the left and write "Mary/Martha Kinship" on the "specify" line), or by
- Placing your gift in a plain envelope labeled "Mary/Martha Kinship" and dropping it in the collection plate

Donations made with a check should be made payable to "St. Paul Lutheran Church." Write "Mary/Martha Kinship" on the memo space. Thank you!

November Birthday (Anniversary) Blessings To . . .

Emily Ruegge, Nov 8	Jerry Wamboldt, Nov 23
Joshua Ruegge, Nov 9	Linda Wamboldt, Nov 24
Darrick Peters, Nov 12	(Adam & Shawna Fritzler, Nov 24)
Shelly Cornish, Nov 15	

Front Range Reformation Festival Worship Service

Today at 3:00 pm here at St. Paul. A meal will follow in the fellowship hall. Come, and invite a friend! The service will center on the blessing of having God's Word to hear and learn, read and study, in our own native language. This theme was chosen because 2022 marks the 500th anniversary year of Martin Luther completing his translation of the New Testament into the language of the people (which he did amazingly in a period of nine months!). Luther began his translating work during his ten-month "hideaway stay" at the Wartburg Castle for security reasons. He eventually translated all the books of the Old Testament as well.



3) The Bible. Before Luther's time there were very few Bibles. Most of those which did exist were in places where the common people couldn't get at them. They were also written in Latin, a language the people didn't understand. God had already prepared the world for the Reformation by seeing to it that movable metal type for the printing press had been invented. The year was 1454. This made printing much faster and cheaper. Already in 1521 Luther started translating the Bible from its original languages (Hebrew and Greek) into German – the language of his country. This way Luther's countrymen could find out for themselves what God had to say rather than rely on various church leaders.

We in the Lutheran Church appreciate what God accomplished through his servant Martin Luther. We use his Catechism in our instruction classes because it presents in a simple way what the Bible teaches about our Savior from sin, our life as His people while on this earth, and the eternal future He has promised to all who believe in Him.

Excerpt from Martin Luther's Small Catechism – A Handbook of Christian Doctrine
by Michael A. Sydow

Preserve Your Word, O Savior, To us this latter day,
And let Your kingdom flourish; Enlarge Your Church, we pray.
O keep our faith from failing; Keep hope's bright star aglow.
Let nothing from truth turn us While living here below.

Preserve Your Word and preaching. The truth that makes us whole,
The mirror of Your glory, The pow'r that saves the soul.
Oh, may this living water, This dew of heav'nly grace,
Sustain us while here living Until we see Your face.

[LSB #264:1,4]

Reformation Sunday Bulletin Insert

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken to you the Word of God, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Hebrews 13:7.

Luther Quotes

- * After an accident Luther prayed for help to the virgin Mary. He said, "Had I died then, I should have placed my trust for salvation in Mary."
- * After a second incident, he cried out, "Help, dear St. Anne, and I'll become a monk."
- * "I saw that I was a great sinner in the eyes of God, and I did not think it possible to atone for my sin by own deeds."
- * "I tortured myself almost to death in order to procure peace for my troubled heart and agitated conscience; but being surrounded by thick darkness, I found peace nowhere."
- * "I, Dr. Martin, have been called and forced to become a doctor (of theology) without my choice, purely from obedience. I had to accept the degree of doctor and to swear and vow allegiance to my beloved Holy Bible to preach it faithfully and purely."
- * At Worms: "Unless I be overcome and convinced by proofs of the Holy Scriptures ... my conscience is bound in God's Word, I can nor will recant nothing, since it is neither safe nor advisable to do aught against conscience. God help me! Amen."
- * As death approached: "O my Heavenly Father, one God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, God of all comfort, I thank You that You have given me Your dear Son Jesus Christ ... I pray You, dear Lord Jesus Christ, let me commend my soul to You ... Father, into Your hands I commend my spirit. You have redeemed me, O faithful God."

From the Preface of the Book of Concord

The Lutheran Church differs from all other churches in being essentially the Church of the pure Word and unadulterated Sacraments. Not the great number of her adherents, not her organizations, not her charitable and other institutions, not

her beautiful customs and liturgical forms, etc., but the precious truths confessed by her Symbols in perfect agreement with the Holy

Scriptures constitute the true beauty and rich treasures of our Church, as well as the never-failing source of her vitality and power.

Wherever the Lutheran Church ignored her Symbols, or rejected all or some of them, there she always fell an easy prey to her enemies. But wherever she held fast to her God-given crown, esteemed and studied her Confessions, and actually made them a norm and standard of her entire life and practice, there the Lutheran Church flourished, and confounded all her enemies.

Accordingly, if Lutherans truly love their Church, and desire and seek her welfare, they must be faithful to her Confessions, and constantly be on their guard lest any one rob her of her treasure. To strengthen this loyalty, and to further and facilitate the study of our "Golden Concordia" -- such is the object also of this separate English edition of the Book of Concord.

May God be pleased, as in the past, so also in the future, to bless our Church, and graciously keep her in the true and only saving Christian faith as set forth and confessed in the Lutheran Symbols, whose paramount object is to maintain the gem of the Reformation, the blessed doctrine of salvation by grace only, which most wonderfully magnifies the great glory of our God, and alone is able to impart solid comfort to poor sinners.

The Public Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church

The Three Chief Symbols

The Apostles' Creed (hymnal, p.159)

The Nicene Creed (hymnal, p.158)

The Athanasian Creed (hymnal, p.319)

The Lutheran Symbols

Luther's Small Catechism (1529)

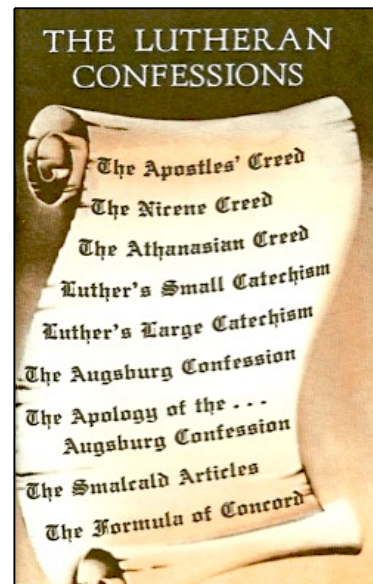
Luther's Large Catechism (1529)

The Augsburg Confession (1530)

The Apology of the Augsburg Confession (1531)

The Smalcald Articles (1537)

The Formula of Concord (1577)



Excerpts from the Ninety-Five Theses

1. When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said "repent," He meant that the whole life of believers should be one of penitence.
3. The sign of inward penitence is that there are outward acts of love and kindness to others.
4. Thus so long as there is not true inward penitence of heart, the burden of sin remains.
5. Neither the Pope, nor any bishop nor priest, has any power to forgive sins, unless there is inward penitence of the heart.
6. The Pope, bishops and priests cannot forgive sins but only declare that they have been forgiven by God.
43. Christians should be taught that one who gives to the poor and lends to the needy does a better action than purchasing an Indulgence.
44. This is because love breeds love, so that acting lovingly, love will grow in a man's heart.
62. The true treasure of the Church is the Most Holy Gospel of the glory and the grace of God.
92. Away, then, with those preachers who say to Christ's people, "Peace, peace!" when there is no peace.
93. Good riddance to those preachers who say to Christ's people, "The cross, the cross!" when there is no cross.
94. Christians should be urged, purely and simply, to follow the way of Christ, their Head, wherever it leads.
95. And thus be confident of entering into heaven rather through many tribulations, than through the assurance of (temporal) peace.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

October 31 – November 5 '22

Mon John 8:31-36 People have many ideas of “freedom.” Some Jews thought that if they maintained their identity, even under the rule of others, they remained in a sense “free.” Jesus, the Son of God, however speaks of a much greater freedom, freedom from sin and its consequences. This was the freedom that Luther cherished and shared.

Tues Galatians 5:1-6 Since Christ has set us free from the condemnation of the law for our sins, why would we want to go back to that same law seeking the same freedom? We will not find freedom there. The Law examines our tarnished works, but Christ gives us the benefits of His!

Wed Jeremiah 31:31-34 The prophet proclaims a new covenant, which the Messiah will establish. It will be a covenant of forgiveness that touches the heart, teaches a true knowledge of God, who is Love, and brings forth works of love from the heart.

Thurs Luke 19:1-10 Zacchaeus was a small man in more ways than one. But Jesus graciously came to seek and to save him, along with all of us. When the enormity of this salvation struck Zacchaeus, his money was no longer his greatest wealth.

Fri Romans 5:6-11 The amazing grace of God, that Christ would die for the ungodly! This is what reconciles us, the sinners, to God! In every circumstance of life, we can have this deep joy in Jesus, through whom we are now ready to stand before God!

Sat Micah 7:18-20 What a song to sing on our homeward journey! Praise to Him who trampled our iniquities underfoot, and cast them into the depths of the sea! We gave Him reason for wrath, but in Christ He shows steadfast love, compassion, and faithfulness forever, as He has sworn to our fathers from the days of old! (v20)