

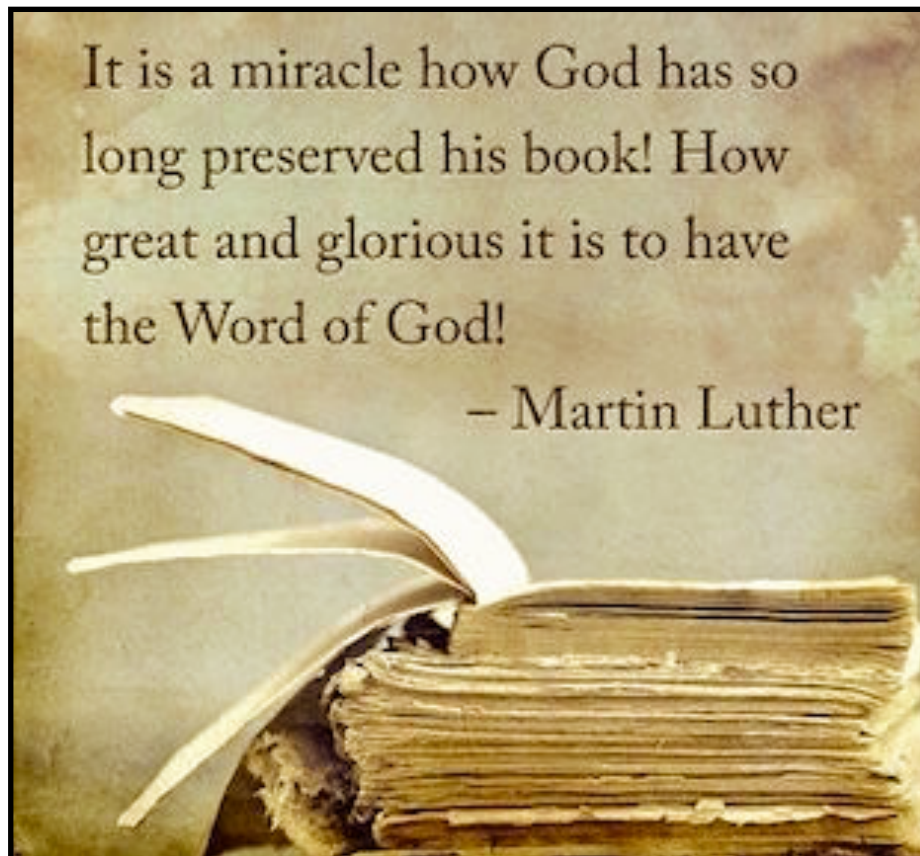
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Festival of the Reformation
October 27, 2024

Order of Worship: Service of the Word

You will find today's order of worship printed on the liturgy insert tucked inside the front cover of the maroon *Lutheran Service Book* (in the hymnal rack). If you'd like to have a large print worship bulletin speak with an usher, who will be happy to share one with you.

Serving Us Today

Organist Jeana Kettner – Ushers Don Claeys, Bob Rankin

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 red color also can remind us of the dedication of such servants of God as Martin Luther who were ready to suffer and even to shed their blood for the sake of the Gospel message of salvation by grace through faith alone in Christ.

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 46 (pew bible, p.504)
- ◆ Hymns: 656 (1-3), 266*, 585, 656 (4) (**printed on insert*)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 55:1-11, John 8:28-36
- ◆ Confession of Faith: Excerpts from *The Formula of Concord*
(*printed on page 4*)

Sermon Text – Revelation 14:6-7

Theme – "*The Gospel of Christ is Invincible!*"

1. It cuts through earth's darkness with heavenly Good News.
2. It spreads out to every nation and people.
3. It encourages true Christian faith in all who hear it.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Altar Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (656, stanza 4)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Isaiah 55:1-11

An Invitation to Abundant Life

1 “Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance. 3 Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you— the sure mercies of David. 4 Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, a leader and commander for the people. 5 Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, and nations who do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and the Holy One of Israel; for He has glorified you.” 6 Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. 7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. 8 “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD. 9 “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. 10 “For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 33

*The Sovereignty of the Lord
in Creation and History*

- P Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous!:
C **For praise from the upright is beautiful.**
P For the word of the LORD is right:
C **And all His work is done in truth.**
P Let all the earth fear the LORD:
C **Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.**
P For He spoke, and it was done:
C **He commanded, and it stood fast.**
P The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
C **He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect.**
P The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men.

C From the place of His dwelling He looks on all the inhabitants of the earth:

P He fashions their hearts individually:

C He considers all their works.

P No king is saved by the multitude of an army:

C A mighty man is not delivered by great strength.

P A horse is a vain hope for safety:

C Neither shall it deliver any by its great strength.

P Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him:

C On those who hope in His mercy.

P Our soul waits for the LORD:

C He is our help and our shield.

P For our heart shall rejoice in Him:

C Because we have trusted in His holy name.

P Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us:

C Just as we hope in You.

Second Lesson – John 8:28-36

The Truth Will Set You Free

28 Then Jesus said to them, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things. 29 And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.” 30 As He spoke these words, many believed in Him. 31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” 33 They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, ‘You will be made free?’” 34 Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. 35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

Sermon Text – Revelation 14:6-7

The Message of the Flying Angel

6 Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— 7 saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”

Confession of Faith for Reformation Sunday

(excerpts drawn from the Formula of Concord, Article 3,
"The Righteousness of Faith Before God")

- P It is unanimously confessed in our churches, in accordance with God's Word and the meaning of the Augsburg Confession, that we poor sinners are justified before God and saved alone through faith in Christ.
- C Christ alone is our Righteousness. God forgives our sins out of pure grace, without any work, merit, or worthiness of ours.**
- P He presents and credits to us the righteousness of Christ's obedience.
- C Because of this righteousness, we are received into grace by God and regarded as righteous.**
- P Though many weaknesses and defects cling to the true believers until they die, still we must not on that account doubt either our righteousness, which has been credited to us through faith, or the salvation of our souls.
- C We may regard it as certain that for Christ's sake, according to the promise and immovable Word of the Holy Gospel, we have a gracious God.**
- P Faith alone is the means and instrument through which we lay hold of Christ and that righteousness that benefits us before God.
- C This faith is God's gift, by which we truly learn to know Christ, our Redeemer, in the Word of the Gospel.**
- P We believe that the repentance that comes before justification and the good works that follow it, do not belong the article of justification before God.
- C After man has been justified through faith, then a true living faith works by love.**
- P/C Good works always follow justifying faith and are surely found with it—if it is true and living faith. Faith is never alone, but always has love and hope with it.**

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.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (10/27)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Quarterly Voters Meeting
	3:00 pm	Front Range Reformation Festival Service, hosted by Peace Lutheran Lutheran, Loveland (<i>see note below</i>)
Sun (11/3)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

Front Range Reformation Festival Service

- When: Today at 3:00 pm
- Where: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland
- Speaker: Pastor Ben Libby
- Liturgist: Pastor Schuetze
- Lector: Ed Chiappetti
- Joint choir anthem: "*Christ Is Our Cornerstone*"
- Meal afterwards, served by the Prince of Peace ladies
- Everyone is invited!



November Birthday (Anniversary) Blessings To . . .

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

Time Change Coming: A reminder to turn your clocks back one hour next week as Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 3.

Student Sponsorship: The St. Paul Mary & Martha ladies group is providing financial support to a student attending the NCLC's Immanuel Lutheran Seminary in Nigeria. The student's name is *Asukwo Asukwo Usuyak*. The annual amount for his support, \$600, is coming due in January. All parishioners of St. Paul are welcome to give a donation for Asukwo's seminary training. To make a contribution for this cause:

- Place your gift in your offering envelope with "Mary/Martha Kinship" on the "OTHER" blank
- Place your gift in a regular envelope with "Mary/Martha Kinship" and place it in the collection
- Give your donation to the ladies' treasurer, Crystal Ruegge

If you make a donation with a check make out to "St. Paul Lutheran Church" with "Mary/Martha Kinship" on the memo line. Thank you!

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

October 28 – November 2

Mon Luke 10:17-20 When the Lord sent out seventy-two to prepare for His coming, they returned rejoicing in the victory over Satan which He shared with them. He points them to a cause for joy far greater!

Tues Luke 10:21-22 Jesus rejoices that knowing God as Father does not depend on human wisdom or intellect, but is given by God through His Son even to little children.

Wed James 5:7-11 As we wait for the Lord's return, James urges us all to exercise patience, not only toward the Lord who comes, but also toward one another and in the face of suffering.

Thurs John 8:30-36 During these days we remember Martin Luther's joy to discover that God has called us His children, and freed us from our sins.

Fri Hebrews 13:7-9 We remember Martin Luther, although he is gone, because he brought us to Jesus, who remains the same yesterday and today and forever (v8).

Sat Zephaniah 3:14-20 The Lord's glorious grace promises rescue for His people. "The Lord your God is with you as a hero who will save you" (v17). What joy then to learn that God is our Father!

Hymn before the Sermon

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God, Our Lord, Thy Holy Word

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1 O God, our Lord, Thy ho-ly Word Was long a hid-den trea - sure
 2 Sal - va - tion free By faith in Thee, That is Thy Gos-pel's preach-ing,
 3 Thou, Lord, alone This work hast done By Thy free grace and fa - vor.
 4 My Lord art Thou, And for me now Death holds no dread-ful ter - rors;



Till to its place It was by grace Re-stored in full-est mea - sure.
 The heart and core Of Bi - ble lore In all its sa - cred teach - ing.
 All who be - lieve Will grace re - ceive Thro' Je - sus Christ, our Sav - ior.
 Thy pre - cious blood, My high - est good, Hath blot - ted out my er - rors.



For this to - day Our thanks we say And glad - ly glo - ri - fy Thee.
 In Christ we must Put all our trust, Not in our deeds or la - bor;
 And tho' the Foe Would o - ver - throw Thy Word with grim en - deav - or,
 My thanks to Thee! Thou wilt to me Ful - fil Thy prom - ise ev - er



Thy mer - cy show And grace bestow On all who still de - ny Thee.
 With conscience pure And heart secure Love Thee, Lord, and our neighbor.
 All he hath wrought Must come to naught, — Thy Word will stand for - ev - er.
 And mer - cy give While here I live And heav' - n - ly bliss for - ev - er. A - men.

