

A Worship Service For The Festival of the Reformation

November 2, 2025 – 11:00 am
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO



To me He said: "Stay close to Me,
I am your rock and castle.
Your Ransom I Myself will be;
For you I strive and wrestle;
For I am yours, and you are Mine,
And where I am you may remain;
The foe shall not divide us."

[LSB #556:7]

Opening Prayer

Hymn

LSB 556 (1-6) – *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*

P Welcome ... in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Confession of Sins & Announcement of the Lord's Forgiveness

PC O Lord Jesus Christ, You came into this world to call sinners to repentance and to bring the light of the Gospel to all. We are not worthy of the least of Your mercies, yet throughout history You have sent faithful servants who have used Your Word to enlighten and guide Your Church. Over the centuries You have affirmed the gracious truth that we are saved by grace through faith in Christ alone, and not by our own works. Graciously forgive, therefore, all that we have done wrong against You and Your holy Word. Protect us and Your whole Christian Church on earth from all error and unbelief. Cleanse and reform our sinful hearts daily. By Your Holy Spirit keep us steadfast in faith until we are called to our heavenly home. Amen.

P Upon this your confession, and by the promise and authority of Christ our Savior, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn *(remain standing)*

LSB 656 (1-2) – *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Prayer

P Let us pray: Almighty God, merciful Father, who made the light to shine out of darkness, we thank You that You have shown mercy unto us and our fathers and by means of Your servant Luther has restored the pure light of Your Gospel; we beseech You, keep us in sound doctrine, that we may steadfastly believe and faithfully follow Your saving Word and finally, by its holy comfort, depart in peace and joy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C (says) Amen.

Song by the Children & Congregation

Amazing Grace [LSB 744]

Children:

Amazing grace – how sweet the sound –
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me;
His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Congregation:

**Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Twas grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.**

Scripture Reading

Habakkuk 2:1-4

1 I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart, and watch to see what He will say to me, and what I will answer when I am corrected. 2 Then the LORD answered me and said: “Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. 3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. 4 “Behold the proud, his soul is not upright in him; but the just shall live by his faith.

Hymn by the Choir

How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord
[LSB 728, alt.]

Scripture Reading

Luke 7:1-10

1 Now when He concluded all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum. 2 And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die. 3 So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant. 4 And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving,

5 “for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue.” 6 Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, “Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof. 7 Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. 8 For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, “Go,’ and he goes; and to another, “Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” 9 When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, “I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!” 10 And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick.

Confession of Faith

Excerpts from *The Formula Concord*, Article 3 ("The Righteousness of Faith Before God");
Luther's Explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles Creed

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. Christ alone is our Righteousness. God forgives our sins out of pure grace, without any work, merit, or worthiness of ours. He presents and credits to us the righteousness of Christ's obedience. Though many weaknesses and defects cling to 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. 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. Faith alone is the means and instrument through which we lay hold of Christ and that righteousness that benefits us before God. This faith is God's gift, by which we truly learn to know Christ, our Redeemer, in the Word of the Gospel. We believe that the repentance that comes before justification and the good works that follow it, do not belong to the article of justification before God. After a person has been justified through faith, then a true living faith works by love. 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.

All I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified, and kept me in true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

Hymn

LSB 556 – *Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice* (stanzas 7-10)

Sermon

Philippians 3:8-12

A Faith That Is Not My Own...

1. Decision 2. Creation 3. Is made my own.

8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.

Hymn

TLH 396 – *Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink*
(printed on bulletin insert)

Offering

*(Loose or undesignated offerings from this service
will be donated to the CLC General Fund)*

Prayer

Service of Holy Communion

The Preface

Melody: *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*



P May the good Lord be with you:

C And with you, His servant, too.

P Lift your hearts to God in praise:

C To the Lord our hearts we raise.

P Let us offer praises true.

**C It is proper so to do: To the Lord be thanks and praise
For His love that crowns our days!**

The Great Thanksgiving

P It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in blessing His saints of the past has given us glorious assurance and hope that, following their example of faith, we may run with perseverance the race marked out for us, and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:

The Sanctus

Melody: *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

PC Holy, holy holy Lord! God of hosts by all adored!

♪ Heav'n and earth cannot contain all the glory of Your name!
Hail, hosanna, God most high! Blest is He who now draws nigh
In the name of God the King! Glad hosannas, Lord, we sing!

Words of Institution of the Lord Supper

Lord's Prayer, sung

Melody: *Christ is Our Cornerstone*

PC Our heav'nly Father, hear Your faithful children's prayer:

♪ Your name divine and dear, be hallowed ev'rywhere!
Your kingdom come! Your heav'nly will
Among us still, on earth be done!

The bread for which we yearn each day, O Father, give.
Forgive us, as in turn our debtors we forgive.
Your people lead in trial's hour.
From Satan's pow'r let us be freed!

For You, O Lord, are King; all pow'r is Yours, we own;
Your glory now we sing, the glory Yours alone.
So shall it be: Your kingdom, might,
And glory bright eternally!

Distribution of the Sacrament

The Thanksgiving

Melody: *Now Thank We All Our God*

PC Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
 ♪ Who wondrous things has done, in whom His world rejoices.
 Let all who seek the Lord His faithfulness proclaim:
 He leads them forth in joy who proudly bear His name.

**Lord, let Your servant go with peace and exultation,
 For my own eyes have seen Your manifest salvation.
 Light for the darkened world and Israel's glory true!
 To Father, Spirit, Son – be praises ever due!**

The Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you, the LORD make His face to shine upon you, and
 be gracious to you, the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.
C (sings) Amen, Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn

LSB 656 – *A Mighty Fortress* (stanzas 3 & 4)

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (11/2)	9:30 am	Choir Practice
	10:30 am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:15 pm	Reformation Festival Meal
Sun (11/9)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

In Our Prayers: We ask the Lord for His continuing gracious care for our fellow members Ruth Claeys, Mark Hartmeister, Doug Tiefel, and Jerry Wamboldt in physical trials they are experiencing. <> Prayers are requested for the family and friends of Cindy Garvin, daughter of Judy Garvin, who was called out of this life last Monday and for Amy Ross, daughter of Don and Ruth Claeys, who is dealing with a heart ailment. <> *"Cast all your care upon Him, for He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7).*

Youth Camp at Immanuel Lutheran College: Camp will be held June 14-20, 2026 on the campus of ILC for campers going into 6th-9th grades. Please visit our website for more information: <https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp>. Registration will open in March of 2026. Email youthcamp.clc@gmail.com with any questions.



Lord's blessings upon all who came to share this special occasion! What a privilege to gather with our fellow Christians from various locales for worship, fellowship, and encouragement in our like-minded faith in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Everyone is invited to remain for a lasagna meal to be served in the fellowship hall downstairs shortly following this service. May the Lord grant you a safe trip home afterwards.

Today's Servants of the Word

Speaker: Pastor Samuel Naumann
Liturgist: Pastor Thomas Schuetze
Bible Class: Pastor Benjamin Libby
Organist: Suzannah Miller
Choir Director: Lisa Sprengeler
Communion Assistant: Ed Chiappetti
Ushers: Ed Chiappetti, Don Claeys

Participating Congregations

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland, CO
Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO

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Bulletin Insert for Reformation Sunday

Hymn after the Sermon

Oh, for a Faith That Will Not Shrink

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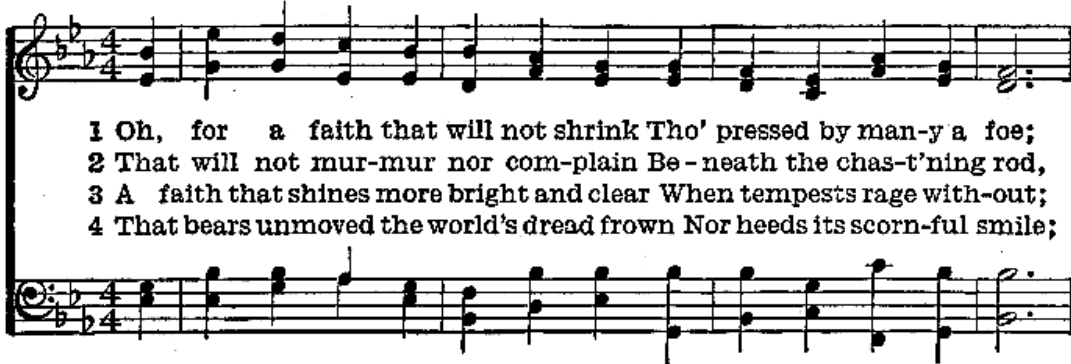
Luke 17: 6

William H. Bathurst, 1831, alt.

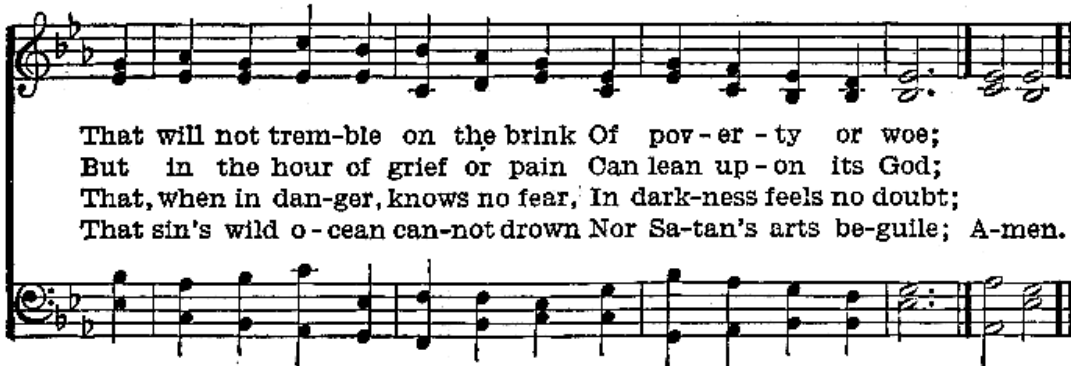
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St. Peter

Alexander R. Reinagle, 1836



1 Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Tho' pressed by man-y a foe;
2 That will not mur-mur nor com-plain Be-neath the chas-t'ning rod,
3 A faith that shines more bright and clear When tempests rage with-out;
4 That bears unmoved the world's dread frown Nor heeds its scorn-ful smile;



That will not trem-ble on the brink Of pov-er-ty or woe;
But in the hour of grief or pain Can lean up-on its God;
That, when in dan-ger, knows no fear, In dark-ness feels no doubt;
That sin's wild o-ccean can-not drown Nor Sa-tan's arts be-gulle; A-men.

5 A faith that keeps the narrow way
Till life's last spark is fled
And with a pure and heavenly ray
Lights up the dying bed.

6 Lord, give us such a faith as this;
And then, whate'er may come,
We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss
Of an eternal home.



Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

November 3-8

Mon 2 Chronicles 34:29-33 The Lord brings about a reformation through King Josiah. During a Temple repair project, the Book of the Covenant is found. Josiah has it read and all the people pledge to follow it.

Tues Psalm 46 This is the basis for the reformation hymn “A Mighty Fortress is our God.” Surely it is God Himself who upholds His people and gives them strength to stand firm when everything else is shaking.

Wed Luke 15:25-32 When the older son learns of the celebration held for his repentant brother’s return, he is angry (v28) and points to his many years of service (v29) as a better reason for joyful celebration.

Thurs Revelation 2:1-7 The Lord’s message to the church in Ephesus commends them for their opposition to evil, but reproves them for their lack of love toward repentant brothers and sisters in Christ.

Fri 2 Kings 2:1-12 Elisha’s pledge to stay with Elijah is tested several times as Elijah nears his final day upon earth. Elisha requests his mentor’s spirit as his inheritance, and God grants it as he bids farewell.

Sat Proverbs 6:6-11 Just because the Lord provides our every need does not mean that we should leave unused the strength and abilities He has given us. Even the animals whom God feeds also gather provisions.