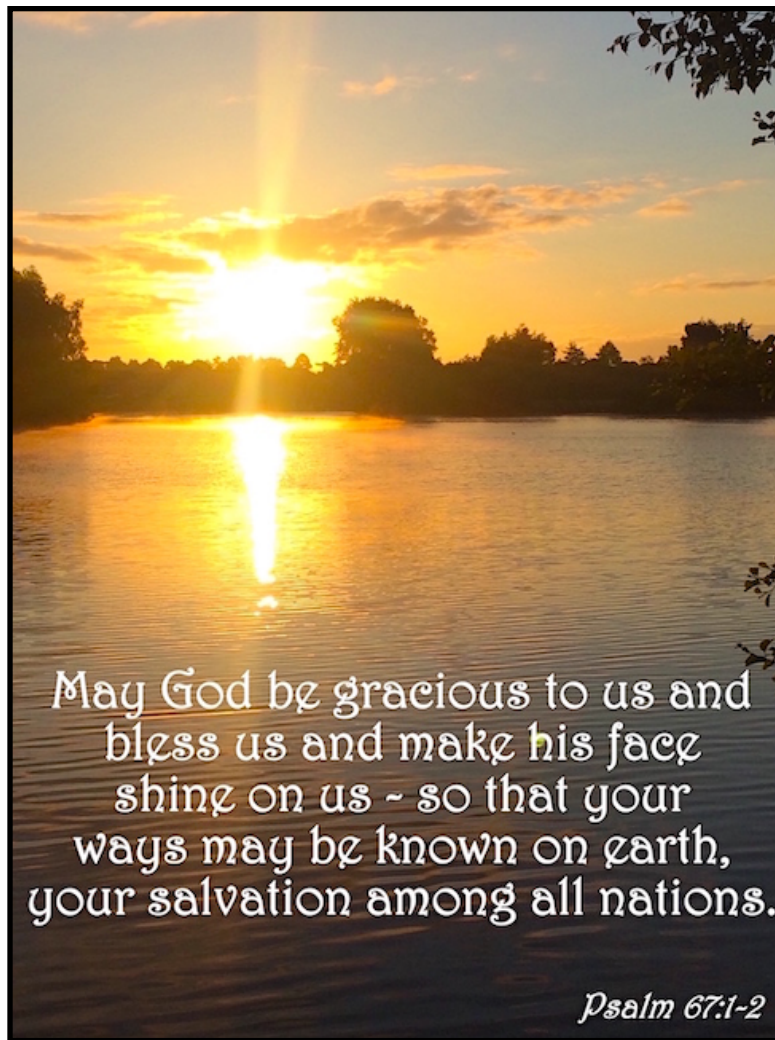




22nd Sunday after Pentecost – October 25, 2026

Welcome to
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lakewood, Colorado

To Our Worship Guests a special welcome in Jesus' Name. The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and happy that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word, the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again! Questions? Please speak with one of the ushers. They will be happy to assist you!

Opening Prayer

Hymn

LSB 804 – “O Worship the King”

The Invocation

P: Welcome ... in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

Confession of Sins & Announcement of Forgiveness

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

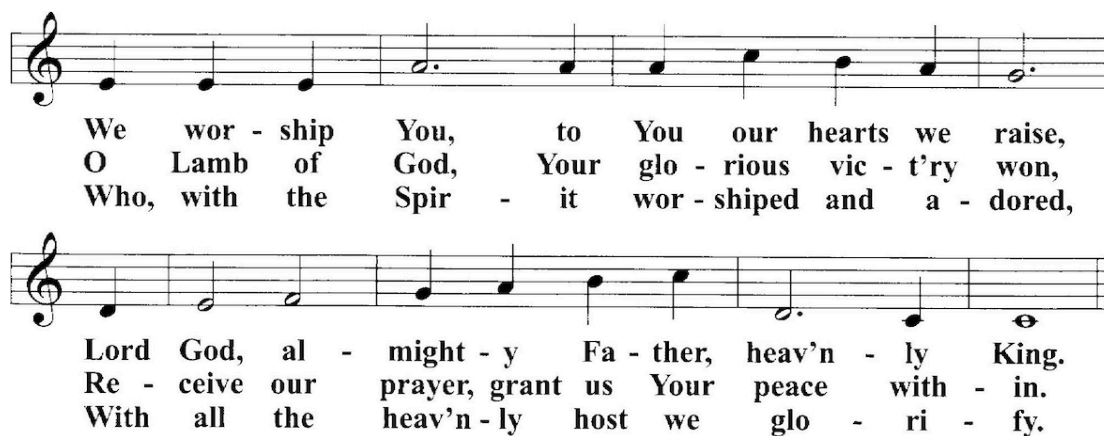
C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

Lord, Have Mercy *The Kyrie*

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Glory to God in the Highest *The Gloria in Excelsis*

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray: ... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

First Lesson – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

1 Paul, Silas and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. 2 We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. 3 We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. [ESV]

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 96

P: Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!:

C: **Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.**

P: Declare His glory among the nations:

C: **His wonders among all peoples.**

P: Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!:

C: **Tremble before Him, all the earth.**

P: Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad:

C: **Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;**

P: Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it.

C: **Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the LORD.**

P: For He is coming to judge the world with righteousness:

C: **And the peoples with His truth.**

Second Lesson – Matthew 22:15-21

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in His talk. 16 And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men. 17 Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” 18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, “Why do you test Me, you hypocrites? 19 Show Me the tax money.” So they brought Him a denarius. 20 And He said to them, “Whose image and inscription is this?” 21 They said to Him, “Caesar’s.” And He said to them, “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Alleluia!

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Christ, the Son of God. Je - sus is the

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff has the lyrics 'C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The second staff has the lyrics 'These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that'. The third staff has the lyrics 'Christ, the Son of God. Je - sus is the'. The fourth staff has the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, and the staves are separated by horizontal lines.

Confession of Faith – The 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.

Hymn of the Day

LSB 506 – *"Glory Be to God the Father"*

Sermon, based on Isaiah 45:1-7

“Cyrus Was the Lord’s Man”

1. The Lord made Cyrus what he was (king of Persia).
2. He did it “for Jacob’s sake” (for the benefit of His people Israel).
3. He did it for us and for the salvation of all!

1 “Thus says the LORD to His anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have held— To subdue nations before him and loose the armor of kings, to open before him the double doors, so that the gates will not be shut: 2 “I will go before you and make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze and cut the bars of iron. 3 I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that I, the LORD, Who call you by your name, am the God of Israel. 4 For Jacob My servant’s sake, and Israel My elect, I have even called you by your name; I have named you, though you have not known Me. 5 I am the LORD, and there is no other; there is no God besides Me. I will gird you, though you have not known Me, 6 that they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting that there is none besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; 7 I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create calamity; I, the LORD, do all these things.”

Offertory



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

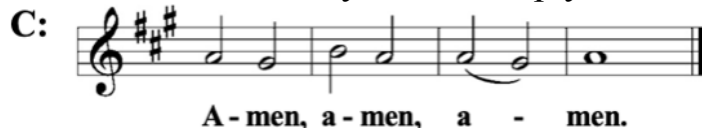
Prayer of the Church

Hymn

LSB 947 – “*All Glory Be to God on High*”

Benediction

P: The LORD bless you and keep you ...



Closing Hymn

LSB 923 – “*Almighty Father, Bless the Word*”

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (10/25)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Quarterly Voters Meeting
Sun (11/1)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	11:00 am	Front Range Reformation Festival Service, hosted by Redeemer, Cheyenne (<i>see note below</i>)

Time Change Coming: A reminder to turn your clocks back one hour next week as Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1.

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)

Thanksgiving Eve Worship: Wednesday, November 25, 7:00 pm

Front Range Reformation Festival

Next Sunday, November 1, 2026

Location: Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheyenne

Schedule of Events:

- 10:00 am — Bible Class
- 10:45 am — Choir Practice
- 11:00 am — Worship Service with Holy Communion
- 12:00 noon — Meal and Fellowship



The Reformation Festival is a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for God's faithfulness and for the recovery of the truth of His Holy Word. As we remember the Reformation, we rejoice in the central truth of the Gospel: "*The righteous shall live by faith*" (*Romans 1:17, ESV*). All are encouraged to join in worship, fellowship, and thanksgiving for the enduring truth of God's Word and the salvation we have through Jesus Christ alone.

Around the CLC

- Registration is now open for the 2027 CLC Midwest Women's Retreat. Theme: "*Planted in the House of the Lord*" (Psalm 92:12-14). Dates: April 23-25, 2027. Location: Banquets of Minnesota, Fridley, MN. Host Congregation: Grace Lutheran Church (Fridley). Cost: \$100 before February 15. Register at: womensretreat.clclutheran.net/midwest-womens-retreat/. Questions? Contact Annette Kuehne at: womensretreat.midwest@gmail.com.
- Pastor Rob Sauers of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL, has returned the call from the CLC Board of Missions to serve as Part-Time Missionary to India. <> Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD, and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD, has accepted the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI.

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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

October 26-31

Mon John 4:46-54 Jesus' compassion extends far beyond healing. He is most interested that people should believe His Word (v48,50,53). The official returns home in faith, his son lives, his whole family believes!

Tues Ephesians 6:10-17 How shall we be protected? By truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace, faith, salvation, the word of God. This is the full armor of God which enables us to stand on the evil day.

Wed Hosea 13:14 After showing how His people have forsaken Him, God calls them to believing repentance with the promise of ransom and redemption. With Him they will overcome Death and Grave!

Thurs Psalm 31:1-8 David took refuge in the Lord and found deliverance in His righteousness. David's Lord remembered these words (v5) as He hung on the cross (Lk24:36) and repeated them as He saved us.

Fri Psalm 119:161-168 Persecution may come from those in high places, but the believer holds God's Word in even higher esteem. He hates falsehood because he loves the truth, which brings salvation.

Sat John 8:31-32 Reformation Day – a time to thank God for keeping Martin Luther in God's Word. From that Word he learned the truth about God's forgiveness in Christ, and freedom from condemnation.

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