

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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Reformation Sunday

October 29, 2023



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Please pray for Roger Blum, Barbara Dahme, Gladys Felix, Harry and Fern Preston, Sheyenne Seely, Janet Smith, Andrew & Cindy Ruenzel, Courtney Frohling, Dawn Dohn, Lorelei Hartung, Baelyn Schwab, Pam Dutenhoffer, Clayton and Karen Johnson, Chet Lane, Dora Lane, Sally Kushman, Dan Lingor, Viril Layton, Edward Les Young, Diane Hickenbotham, Cora Burrer, Jerald Loeb, Phyllis Hite, Lowell McIntire, Geraldine McIntire, Charles Frohling, Martha Jerke, Stuart Quam, Sandy Wolf, and Gloria Anderson.

Please inform the Pastor or the church office when you or a loved one is hospitalized.

The Reformation Bible Study – This year when we take a look at the Lutheran Reformation, we will be studying the life of Nikolaus von Amsdorf. Amsdorf was one of Luther's closest friends. He was well known for his ability to explain theology to lay people and for his conviction to resist tyranny and defend the gospel. Every Wednesday night at 7pm until November 8th, we will be exploring the life and works of this reformer.

A Reformation Service will be held on TODAY at St. John's Lutheran Church in Groton. Service begins at 3:00pm. Guest preacher will be Dr. Jeffrey Pulse from Ft. Wayne Seminary in Indiana.

Annual Voter's Meeting – The annual voter's meeting will be held on Sunday Nov. 12th at noon. Packets are available in the South Narthex. Pizza will be served for lunch.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – Nov. 5, 2023 *“Times of Mourning, Times of Blessings”* The Lutheran Hour can be heard on KAWZ 88.1 at 9:00 am or Bismarck radio station KFYZ at 7:30 am on Sundays.

Funeral Planning Sheet- Feel free to pick one up in the narthex, fill it out, and turn it back into the office. This gives you and your family a way to not only plan the readings and hymns at your funeral but to discuss what a Christian funeral should look like and the importance of Jesus' death and resurrection.

MAIN STREET LIVING – No. 5, 2023 KDLT (NBC) This the Life –
10:00 AM – “*The Deadly Pen*” **10:30 AM – Worship** – Rev. David Warner presents the message “All Saints Day – Are We Really?” based on Matthew 5:1-12. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

Five Loaves Supper - Hello, Friends!!!

Our next Five Loaves Supper is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023, with serving beginning about 5:15 pm. The weather is cooling off, so we have planned a hot meal!

However, we are going to be short-handed and could really use some additional help. We understand the difficulties helping in the afternoon, especially when employed. If you can help, we will begin cooking between 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm on Wednesday, Nov 1st. Perks are that there is always fresh coffee and unlimited taste-testing. If you need more information, please talk with anyone on the Five Loaves Committee (Paige A, Betty O, Dee R, Jan M, Diana B).

Mark your calendars for December 6. We plan food for more than has been coming, so please bring a friend or two. And they need not be members. All are welcome! Thank you!!

Organist: Sunday - Sue Ellingson **Wednesday** – Cindy Jung

Please sign the fellowship booklet attendance .

Offering: October 22, 2023 - \$8,509.45

Coffee - \$109.00 Sunday School - \$15.50 Missions - \$36.00

Amount to meet Budget: \$13,615.00 per week

Year-to-date: Expenses - \$457,246.00 Income - \$458,732.00

Sunday Attendance: October 22, 2023:

8:00am – 97 Communed - 79 **10:45am** — 106 Communed – 79 **Wed**
 - 24 Communed - 19

Bible Study: Sun. – 62 Wed: 10am - 9 5:15pm - 6 7pm - 5

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (October 29 – Nov. 5)

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service
9:30 am Bible Study/Coffee & Donuts
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service

Wed 10:00am Bible study
5:15 pm Women's Bible Study
5:15 pm Five Loaves Supper
6:15 pmWorship Service
7:00 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm Reformation Bible Study

Thurs 9:00 am Good Cheer Circle Meeting

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service
9:30 am Bible Study/Coffee & Donuts
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 29, 2023

Opening Hymn: #644 10:45am vs.1 – Sunday School/cong. 2-5

"The Church's One Foundation"

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Confession and Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father.

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Introit (Printed on insert)

Scripture Readings (Printed on insert)

Nicene Creed (back of hymnal)

Sermon Hymn: #656

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Sermon: *"The Eternal Gospel"*

Rev. Jacob Smith

☐ The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **☑ Amen.**

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Offering

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

DISTRIBUTION

Communion Hymn: #633

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us Pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn #824 *"May God Bestow on Us His Grace"*

Introit *Psalm 9:1–2, 9–10; antiphon: v. 18*

P: For the needy shall not always be forgotten,

C: and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.

P: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;

C: I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

P: I will be glad and exult in you;

C: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

P: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,

C: a stronghold in times of trouble.

P: And those who know your name put their trust in you,

C: for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: For the needy shall not always be forgotten,

C: and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, You have commanded us to love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us the Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in Your sight, that our faith in You may never waver and our love for one another may not falter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18*

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. . . .

¹⁵“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

A This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

P: He will command his angels concerning you

C: to guard you in all your ways.

P: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C: and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Epistle *1 Thessalonians 2:1–13*

¹For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. ²But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. ³For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. ⁶Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. ⁷But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

⁹For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. ¹¹For you know how, like a father with his children, ¹²we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

¹³And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the

word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 22:34–46*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴²saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴“The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet”?

⁴⁵If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” ⁴⁶And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Catechetical Review

P: The Seventh Commandment

C: You shall not steal.

P: What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

P: The Eighth Commandment

C: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

P: What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.