

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Reformation Sunday
October 25, 2026
9:00 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Temple Talk on Being Rooted: In This Place - Myron Carpenter and Dale Thompson

Confession and Forgiveness

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin and our need for God's grace.

Gracious God,

we confess that we do not always remain rooted in your love. We become distracted by our own concerns, resist the growth you invite in us, and fail to reach out to our neighbors with compassion and generosity. We sometimes hold tightly to what we have rather than sharing the gifts you have entrusted to us. Forgive us, renew our faith, and open our hearts to your transforming love.

Hear the good news! God's love is deeper than our roots, God's grace is greater than our failures, and God's mercy makes new growth possible. Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new. Rooted in Christ, we are set free to grow in faith and reach out in love.

Amen.

Gathering Song

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (hymn) **503** vv. 1&4

¹A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.

The old evil foe, sworn to work us woe,
With dread craft and might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

⁴God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
If they take our house, goods, fame, child, or spouse,
wrench our life away, they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day

God has planted us in this place and gathered us as a community of faith.

We give thanks for the people, the stories, and the ministries that have taken root here.

Christ is our foundation, steady and faithful through every season.

We are rooted in God's grace and strengthened by God's love.

Come, let us worship the God who sustains us, grows our faith, and calls us to serve.

With grateful hearts, we worship God and share Christ's love with joy!

Let us pray. Gracious God,

you have planted us in this community and rooted us in your abundant love.

Strengthen our faith, deepen our relationships, and help us nurture the gifts you have given us. May we continue to grow in grace and reach out with joy to share Christ's love with all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

First Reading—Jeremiah 17:7-8

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. ⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel—Matthew 7:24-27

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴"Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. ²⁵The rain fell, the floods came, and the

winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Bible Milestone *(all children are invited to come forward and watch)*

Sermon

Sermon Song

“God Is Here!”

(hymn) **526** vv. 1-2

¹God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

²Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Apostles' Creed

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you!

Offering

Offering Music

"Rejoice in the Lord Always"

Vocal Choir

Offering Prayer

Generous God, all that we have is a gift from you. Thank you for this place where faith takes root and your love is shared. Receive these gifts, along with our time and talents, and use them to nurture our congregation, care for our church home, and serve our neighbors. May all we offer help your love grow and reach into the world. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer.**

Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

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The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

In the night in which he was betrayed, ...

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.

A member of our prayer team will be available during communion distribution for individual and private prayer. Please meet them at the prayer room to the right of the sanctuary.

Communion Distribution

Communion Music "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" Bell Choir

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, thank you for nourishing us at your table and rooting us more deeply in Christ. As we leave this place, strengthen our faith, deepen our love for one another, and help us care for the gifts you have entrusted to us. Send us out to grow in your grace and share Christ's love with joy wherever we go. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

Benediction

Sending Song

"Reformation Song"

¹Your Word alone is solid ground
The mighty rock on which we build
In every line the truth is found
And every page with glory filled

²Through faith alone we come to You
We have no merit we can claim
Sure that Your promises are true
We place our hope in Jesus' name

Chorus

Gloria! Gloria! Glory to God alone. Gloria! Gloria! Glory to God alone.

³In Christ alone we're justified
His righteousness is all our plea
Your law's demands are satisfied
His perfect work has set us free

⁴By grace alone we have been saved
All that we are has come from You
Hearts that were once by sin enslaved
Now by Your pow'r have been made new (chorus)

⁵And on this Reformation day
We join with saints of old to sing
We lift our hearts as one in praise
Glory to Christ our gracious King (chorus)

Dismissal

Go in peace! Share Christ's love, with joy!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Thank You and Welcome!

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church, where our mission is
"To Share Christ's Love, With Joy!"

We are grateful you are here.

Here at St. Paul Lutheran, we share life together in all its fullness, its joys and its sorrows. We believe that every person is created in God's image and is loved by God. You are welcome here, just as you are, without exception. All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Gender-neutral restrooms are available in the education wing.

If you are new, we would love to meet you. And whether you are visiting or returning, we give thanks for your presence among us.

Our Sunday Morning Leadership

We give thanks this morning for the many people who help make our worship at St. Paul Lutheran possible. Thank you to **Pastors Dale and Carrie Stiles** for leading us in worship; **Kathie Marabella**, our Worship Assistant; **Marc Marabella**, our Usher; **Dee Wilkinson**, serving in the Prayer Room; **Jeanne Richards**, our Organist; **Kim Clark**, our accompanist; **Chris Timmons** our A/V Tech; **Holly Maeckelbergh** on Altar Guild; **Will and Katie Fetterly** and **Lori Fraley**, our Offering Counters. We are grateful for each and for the time, gifts, and care they share with our congregation as we gather to worship and Share Christ's Love With Joy!

Prayer Concerns

Please keep in your prayers this week: Our partners in Tanzania, the Migoli and Mtera parishes; Ruth Koehly; Josie Peterson; Lois, friend of Janelle Albee; Ron Fraley; Kathy, sister of Ron Rozeske; Julie, family of Pat Miska; Mick Byl; Jim Rauner; Aiden, nephew of Jeff and Pam Heaton; Kimberly Bahls; Adley; Karen Chapin; Zella Oswald; Dawn (friend of Cindy Gruett), Rosemary Sitt (food truck); Jeremy and Paige; all who serve in the military; Shelby; Tom; and all law enforcement personnel.

Announcements and Ministry Opportunities

Flowers today are provided by Will & Katie Fetterly in honor of their children's birthdays. The flower sign up sheet is on the wall in the narthex. Thank you for signing up! **Refreshments today** are provided by Darla Peterson. The sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex. Thank you for signing up!

Fall Quilt Raffle. Check out our three beautiful quilts and other fun items from the Humble Bees! All proceeds support college scholarships for upcoming graduates.

Bible Milestone. Today, as part of our congregation's baptismal promises, we are presenting bibles to *Aspen Indihar, Autumn Johnson, Raena Olson, Nolan Palmer, Lena Sheuerell, Anna Tilly, Ava Weyer, Bennett Zustiak, and Blake Zustiak.*

West of 55 - Join us on Thursday, October 29 from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. for White Elephant Bingo! Bring one item from around your house that you no longer need or want. Please do not purchase anything new. Bring a snack to share, and popcorn will be provided. Come ready for some bingo, laughs and fun!

West of 55 Community Meal Service. West of 55 will once again serve at the Zion Lutheran Church Community Meal on **Monday, November 9.** Sign up on the table in the narthex, or contact Carole England for more information.

Youth Service Trip Planning Meeting. Interested in a youth service trip for summer 2027? Join us for a planning meeting on November 4, at 7:15 p.m. All interested youth and families are welcome!

All Saints Sunday is November 1, 2026. As we remember and give thanks for those who have gone before us with the lighting of candles and tolling of the bell, we invite you (if you have one) to bring your Heartly Bear from Mattson Funeral Home, or any item you have made from your loved ones clothing to worship on All Saints Sunday. We will display the bears as part of our remembrance and celebration of the saints in our lives.

Our **Rooted. Growing. Reaching.** five-week stewardship journey begins **TODAY!** We'll kick things off with **ROOTED: Where Has God Planted Us?** as we reflect on the people, place, and ministries that provide a foundation for our life together in Christ. Information about the journey and a detailed schedule should have arrived in your mail this week.



ROOTED. GROWING. REACHING.

Sponsor a Student in Tanzania! Help provide a year of education for children in our partner congregations of Mtera and Migoli. A full-year scholarship is **\$450**, and gifts of any amount are welcome. Last year, our congregation raised nearly \$6,000 to sponsor 12 students! **Please submit gifts by Sunday, November 1.**

Monthly Financial Stewardship Update

Through September 30, 2026	Actual
General Fund Offering Received	\$174,521.00
Total Revenue Received	\$221,861.00
Total Expenses	\$216,208.00
Net Revenue	\$5,654.00

Detailed monthly financial reports are located in the Church Council meeting minute binder in the church library.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, October 25

Reformation Sunday w/ Bible Presentation

Rooted. Growing. Reaching.

Stewardship Journey Begins

Worship, 9:00 a.m.

Vocal Choir, 6:00 p.m.

Bell Choir, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 27

Adult Bible Study, 1:00 p.m.

Cub Scouts, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 28

Fall Festival & Chili Cook-Off, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 29

West of 55, White Elephant Bingo, 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 1

All Saints Sunday w/ Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Worship, 9:00 a.m.

Vocal Choir, 6:00 p.m.

Bell Choir, 7:00 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD

Blood Drive - November 6

West of 55 - Zion Community Meal - November 9



Fall Festival—SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendar for our annual Fall Festival on

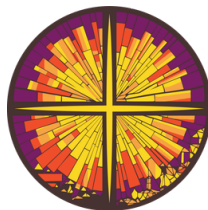
Wednesday, October 28!

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a **Chili Cook-Off Contest**,
caramel apple bar, **fall crafts**, **games**,
and the **Sir Sidney of Soapinton—the Barron of Bubbles**,
back by popular demand!

This fun event is an annual partnership with our Discovery Center.

Interested in helping? Talk to Pr. Carrie!



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