



REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 26, 2025 | 8:00 AND 10:30 AM

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH; CONCORDIA, MO

ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP

Lutheran spirituality is all about what God does. To rescue us from our miserable and depraved human condition, He became a human being Himself. The God-man, Jesus Christ, accomplished the perfection moralists only aspire to. He took upon Himself the punishment for everyone's moral failures by dying on the cross. The spiritual life has to do with recognizing God's work—what He accomplished on the cross and what He continues to accomplish in peoples' lives (Gene Edward Veith).

P Pastor **C** Congregation/All

✙ All may make the sign of the cross to remember their baptism.



Led by the Holy Spirit, we gather for worship.
We are prepared for worship through Confession and Absolution.

PRELUDE, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 644 *"The Church's One Foundation" (choir: v. 2)*

CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS *Psalm 124:8; 130:3–4*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

INTROIT | Entrance *Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*

- P** I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
C and shall not be put to shame.
P I will bless the LORD at all times;
C his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
P My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
C let the humble hear and be glad.
P Come, O children, listen to me;
C I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
P The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
C none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.
C 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 I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
C and shall not be put to shame.

KYRIE | Lord, Have Mercy *Mark 10:47; for text with tune, see page 204.*

- C** (sung) Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS | Glory to God in the Highest *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

For text with tune, see page 204.

- C** (sung) To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with

You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

VERSE OF THE MONTH *Psalm 100:2*

C Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!



We hear God's Word read and proclaimed,
and we respond with our prayers and praise, tithes and offerings.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalm 46*

The basis of Martin Luther's hymn, "A Mighty Fortress," Psalm 46 expresses how God is our powerful refuge and strength; we trust in Him.

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
²Therefore we will not fear though
the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into
the heart of the sea,
³though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its
swelling.
⁴There is a river whose streams make
glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall
not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

he utters his voice, the earth melts.
⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the
earth.
⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the
earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the
spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.
¹⁰"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"
¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 3:19–28*

Saint Paul describes the righteousness of God that is given by faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law
says it speaks to those who are under
the law, so that every mouth may be
stopped, and the whole world may be
held accountable to God. ²⁰For by
works of the law no human being will
be justified in his sight, since through

the law comes knowledge of sin.
²¹But now the righteousness of God has
been manifested apart from the law, al-
though the Law and the Prophets bear
witness to it— ²²the righteousness of
God through faith in Jesus Christ for all
who believe. For there is no distinction:

²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his

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C Thanks be to God.

righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *John 20:31; for text with music, see page 205.*

C (sung) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**These things are written that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *John 8:31–36*

Jesus teaches that true and lasting freedom comes only from the Son of God.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that

you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED *See the inside back cover of the hymnal.*

SERMON HYMN *"I AM Forever WHO I AM" (See insert.)*

SERMON *"Be Still"*

GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

All may sign the friendship register found in each pew.

Music during the offering (8:00 am):

ANTHEM “God Is Our Hope” music by John Bertalot, text from Psalm 46
(Students at St. Paul’s Lutheran School)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.



We receive God’s gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation
as we share the Sacrament of the Altar.

The service continues with the Preface on page 208 in the hymnal.

We believe that in the Lord’s Supper our Lord gives to us His true body and blood with the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of our sins. We recognize the charge that St. Paul offers in 1 Corinthians 11:27–28 that those who come to receive the Lord’s Supper ought to examine themselves so that they do not eat and drink in an unworthy manner. Therefore, out of concern for those who have not been instructed in the faith or who hold to a different confession, we ask that only members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations receive the Sacrament. If you would like to learn more about what our congregation teaches, to inquire about becoming a member or have questions about our practice, please speak to one of the pastors. Adults and children who have not yet been baptized or instructed in the Christian faith are invited to come forward and receive a spoken blessing at the altar rail; please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

For those who require it, diluted wine is found in the purple glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups; gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Music during distribution:

ANTHEM “*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*” setting by Lauren Delancy (Handbells)

HYMN 575 “*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*”

HYMN 566 “*By Grace I’m Saved*”

HYMN 555 “*Salvation unto Us Has Come*” (vv. 1, 6–9)

HYMN 645 “*Built on the Rock*”



Even as this time of worship ends, we go out of the church into the worship
of our everyday lives, ready to be God's witnesses and do His will.

*The service concludes with the Nunc Dimittis, Post-Communion Collect,
and Benediction on pages 211–212.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 656 “*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*”

SENDING & POSTLUDE

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

This week’s takeaway: “Be still, and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10).

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“About Today’s Worship” on page 1 from Gene Edward Veith, *The Spirituality of the Cross: The Way of the First Evangelicals* (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1999), 23.

The Church’s One Foundation setting by Kevin Hildebrand.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less setting by John A. Behnke

SERVING IN THIS SERVICE

Rev. Andrew Lehenbauer, *Liturgist*

Rev. Michael Pottschmidt, *Preacher*

Katie Drefs, John Jacobsen, Kathryn Oetting, *Organists*

Jacob Beerman, Hannah Bingham, Anthony Brandt, Michael Heins,

Madie Kuecker, Scout Larsen, Clairra Martens, Rachel Martens,

Jameson Oetting, Mark Oetting, *Instrumentalists*

Roman Strobel, *Crucifer (8:00 am)*

Eli Beissenherz, *Crucifer (10:30 am)*

Henry Mills, Chris Nienhiser, *Acolytes (8:00 am)*

Amelia Shafer, Lillie Todd, *Acolytes (10:30 am)*

Deb Robinson, *Greeter (8:00 am)*

Darlene Meyer, Donna Moyer, *Greeters (10:30 am)*

Tim Bauer, Mark Heins, Russ Kruse, *Elders on Duty*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please contact the church office to keep our prayer list up-to-date.

Our pastor "on call" number in case of emergency is (660) 580-5483.

New: Barb White, Libby Kallenberger, Mike Rodewald, Wendell Olson, Diane Stumpfenhaus, Bobbie Poese, Lisa Arnett, Ricky Flandermeyer, Ron Roepe, Joyce Kroll, Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, Barbie Cowherd, Diane Heimsoth, James Hemme, Baby Felix, Rev. Dr. Les Mitkos, Susan Reeves, Les Bruns

Ongoing: Gene Virus, Robert Pottschmidt, Harry Rehkop, Nolan Kirby, Jon Spells, Hudson Kloos, Joe Connell, Ron Cordes, Beth Maggert, Roger Kammeyer, Ledrue Brandt, Alyssa Pfannkuch, Alice Hildebrand, Donnie Fiene, Rev. Perry Copus, Darla Wolters, Vickie Greene, Amy Gerds, Tim Bergman, Amy Backus, David Rehmsmeyer, Dannie Grifft, Lari Huntze, Johnny Cowherd, Kelly Meyer, Shirley Kimball

Celebration: Aaron and Kelsie Anderson who were united in marriage on October 25; Chris Maggert and Megan Butler who will be united in marriage on November 1

Nation and World: the people of Qatar

Partners in Mission: Grace Lutheran Church; Lexington, MO and Rev. Jeffrey Kuddes; Lutheran Women in Mission

Birthdays: (10/26) Amy Lange; (10/27) Angela Ivie, Crystal Sheets; (10/28) Rye Gifford, Teresa Ritzma, Shirley Ziegelbein; (10/29) Vera Hinck, Linnie Shafer; (10/30) Neal Hinck, Walter Loeber, Elaina Martens; (10/31) Paul Brandt, Andrea Schmidt, Karen Kay Summerville, Tia Weber; (11/1) Brian Frerking, Rita Petersen

Anniversaries: (10/29) Steven & Angela Beerman, Shannon & Jeanette Burrow, Tim & Cindy Flandermeyer, Charles & Deanna Inman; (10/30) Jerry & Bobbie Poese, Paul & Connie Tebbenkamp

FAMILY FOOTNOTES

Gina Martens, Family Life Director

Thought for the week:

I do not exactly know where I found this quote, but I have it on a sticky note on the windowsill beside my bed because it keeps me focused on who is in control. “Neither my heart nor my mind are equipped to handle or understand the big picture. But God sees the beginning from the end and gives what is good.” This quote always reminds me of the bible verse from Philippians 4:19, “And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.” Rest in His presence, be reassured by His great love for you, rejoice in His majesty, and reap the benefits of believing in a God who is faithful to His promises.

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK’S WORSHIP

Revelation 7:9–17; 1 John 3:1–3; Matthew 5:1–12

Hymns (*Lutheran Service Book*): 941, 594 (*My First Hymnal* 118),
677, 392 (*My First Hymnal* 52), 676, 671



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