

"I will speak of Thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed."

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE REFORMATION

October 27, 2024

9:30 a.m.

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in Heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the Mediator of a New Covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better Word than the blood of Abel.

Hebrews 12:18–24

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread . . . For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My Body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This Cup is the New Covenant in My Blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 11:23–29

Who receives this sacrament worthily? Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

Luther's Small Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar

Falsely are our churches accused of abolishing the Mass; for the Mass is retained among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved . . . For ceremonies are needed to this end alone: that the unlearned be taught what they need to know of Christ . . . The people are accustomed to partake of the Sacrament together, if any be fit for it, and this also increases the reverence and devotion of public worship. For none are admitted except they be first examined.

Augsburg Confession XXIV: Of the Mass

A Welcome to Our Visitors

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are glad that you have joined us this morning to receive from our gracious God and to offer Him your prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. If this is your first visit to St. Paul, or you have never received the Lord's Supper from our Pastor, we ask that you speak with him or one of the elders before receiving Holy Communion. Children and adults who are not permitted to the Sacrament of the Altar may come forward and cross their arms against their chest to indicate they would like to receive a blessing at the rail.

As We Gather

Over the last six weeks we looked at the Biblical teaching and structure of Luther's Small Catechism. **It began in the early 16th century when the troubled professor at Wittenberg University in Eisleben, Germany, was convinced by the words recorded in Romans that we are saved by faith in Jesus Christ and not by human works. This changed not only his life, but also the lives of many who listened to his preaching, studied his teaching, and read his writings. Through God's LOVE we are saved by faith in Jesus Christ! That truth lives on in our church's preaching and teaching today. As this truth changed Martin Luther's life & the lives of many in his time, it can change your life and mine today in our time when we really understand the Reformation & the need for a "good religion".**

Stand

Hymn

Thy Strong Word

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✠ 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.

P O Almighty God, Merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and 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.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46

I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, O Lord,
and shall not be put to shame.

I will bless the LORD at all times;

His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.

Come, O children, listen to me;

I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

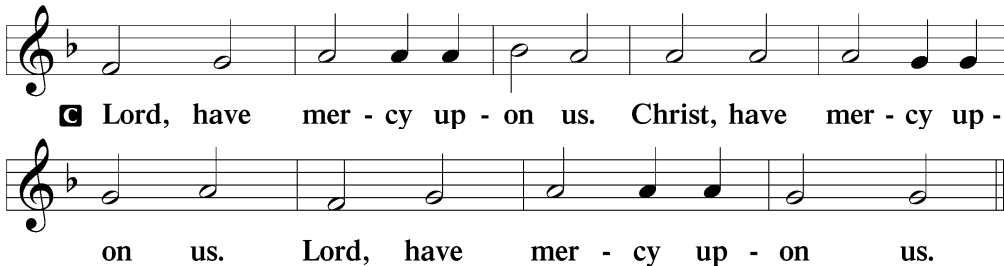
The LORD redeems the life of His servants;
none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

*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.

I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, O Lord,
and shall not be put to shame.

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis



The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of 14 measures of music. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words in bold. The score begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are:
P Glory be to God on high: **G** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray. 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.

Sit

Old Testament

Jeremiah 31:31-34

(The Lord Himself sees the need for renewal among His people.)

"The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.

It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. ³³ "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

"No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,"

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalms 48:1a, 12-14a

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,
consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,
that you may tell the next generation
that this is God, our God forever and ever.

Epistle

Ephesians 4:22-24

(God wants us to put on the "new self" as part of the good religion.)

²²You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia & Verse

Luke 12:32

Alleluia! Fear not little flock,

for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

John 20:26-31

(The appearance of Jesus renews Thomas' faith in the one good religion.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose Kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in One Holy Christian and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower 694 sts. 1-2, 4

Sermon

Offering

Stand

Offertory

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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

At the end of each petition:

P Let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

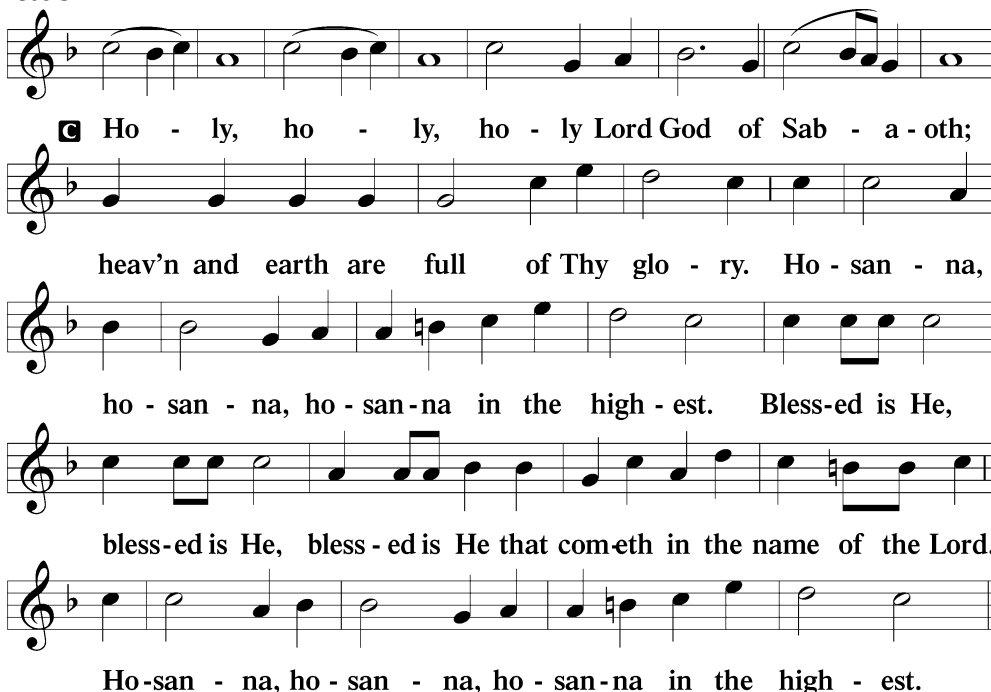
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of Heaven we laud and magnify Your Glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The 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

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."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

Musical notation for the first line of 'Agnus Dei'. It is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a half note D5, and a whole note E5. A slur covers the first four notes.

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

Musical notation for the second line of 'Agnus Dei'. It is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a half note D5, and a whole note E5. A slur covers the first four notes.

world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

Musical notation for the third line of 'Agnus Dei'. It is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a half note D5, and a whole note E5. A slur covers the first four notes.

tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.

Musical notation for the fourth line of 'Agnus Dei'. It is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a half note D5, and a whole note E5. A slur covers the first four notes.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

Musical notation for the fifth line of 'Agnus Dei'. It is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a half note D5, and a whole note E5. A slur covers the first four notes.

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution Hymns

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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The Tree of Life

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Beautiful Savior

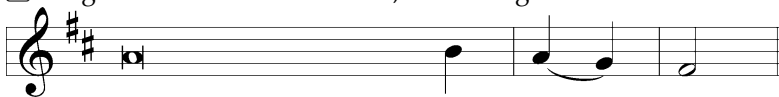
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Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A-men.

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good.



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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 A - men.

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

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Flowers under the cross are given in celebration of
KATRINA'S 50TH BIRTHDAY!

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"To Shine Forth the Light of God's Love into Our World"

BULLETIN NEWS

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, October 27	9:30am	Divine Service	Sanctuary
	11:00am	65 th Anniversary Celebration	Irmer Hall

BIRTHDAYS

10/29 – Michael Moreno
10/31 – Katrina Tressler
11/02 – Zechariah Paxton

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

11/01 – Amanda Fust
11/01 – Sarah Fust

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work

At the end of each church year, it is requested the members of the congregation submit a Tithe/Commitment Card. This is your “Stewardship Commitment” towards the work and ministry of the church for the coming year. Your Tithe/Commitment Card can be found in your box or at the back of the sanctuary. Please prayerfully consider your Stewardship Commitment to the church for the upcoming year. We will collect your Tithe/Commitment Card Today, **October 27, 2024**, during the service.



St. Paul Lutheran Church is celebrating its **65th Anniversary** Today, **October 27, 2024**, after the Divine Service in Irmer Hall. The Board of Directors have been planning a catered potluck along with other activities for this event.

ANNUAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY—SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

All voting members of St. Paul Lutheran Church are expected to attend the annual voters' assembly on Sunday, November 17, 2024. Among the agenda items will be the 2025 church budget presented by the Board of Directors for voter approval. The meeting will follow the Divine Service. There will be no Sunday School or Adult Bible Class that day.

LET US PRAY FOR...

Please keep this list available for your daily devotions. *For prayer requests Church office (623) 846-2228, or email at info@stpaulslutheran-az.com. Prayer requests are removed after three weeks.*

IMMEDIATE CONCERN:

Cymantha Makeley (Ashby) – health issue.
Sharon Meyer – looking for high-paying job.

ON-GOING CONCERNS:

Charlie Cook – exp. procedure to heal bladder	Kevin Stamm – health issues
Dorothy Paxton, recovering from ankle surgery	Suzi Riley – suffering from sleep apnea
Nigel Proctor – suffering from severe digestive issues	Jorge Jimenez – fighting cancer
Wayne Bartels – ongoing health issues	Rose Tressler – health issues
Nicholas Jimenez, Linda Rossow, Jim Rucker, Pat Haas	

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Rei Irmer (sister of Louise Ahrens) prayers for continued healing.
David Wies (cousin of Vickie Hulteen) diagnosed with leukemia and will be undergoing treatment.
Bill Garber (cousin of Jeanne Schubring) diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
Sharon Wies (wife of Cliff Wies, cousin of Vickie Hulteen) diagnosed with metastatic lung cancer.
Nick Koontz (husband of Mary Howard’s stepdaughter) diagnosed with leukemia.

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY ST. PAUL:

Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram and wife, Joan, serving in Japan. PSWD Missions

PRAY FOR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH/THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD:

The Substitute Pastors	
and their families	The Rev. Jeff Proctor and family
Sunday School teachers & children	LCMS officers, congregations & schools
Maryvale Preparatory Academy families & staff	Lexington Life Academy families & staff

OUR NATION: For all elected and appointed public servants, and all who labor to maintain peace and order.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (*members, friends, or relatives*): Jackson Buffington, Lucas Butterfass, Nathanael Dyjak, Juan Garcia, Robert Gilmore, Tiffany Gilmore, Robert Majewski, Mike Nguyen, Ethan Peterman, Andy Smiley, Jacob Wilson

OUR SHUT-INS: Anne Smith