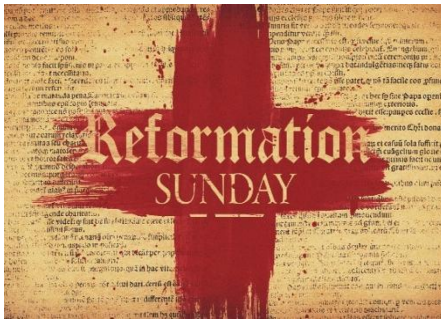




# Reformation Sunday

## October 25, 2026

**WELCOME! We are blessed to worship with you today!**  
*If you are visiting, we are delighted that you're here. If you have any questions, please ask anyone near you. To find out everything going on at St. Paul's, visit [www.stpaulsokc.com](http://www.stpaulsokc.com).*

### **SERVING TODAY:**

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| Reader:              | Joyce Martin                                                                                         |
| Prayer Leader:       | Paula Schopflin                                                                                      |
| Ushers:              | Brandon Carey, Bill Bandi, Blake Behrens, Diane Dewing & Ron Maxfield                                |
| Children's Message:  | Dawn Finnicum                                                                                        |
| Altar Guild:         | Kathy Knox                                                                                           |
| Communion Assistant: | Olivia Bainbridge, Elie Behrens, Kale Foote, Jane Green, Mia Greiner, Maelee Moeller & Arabella Veit |
| Video assistant:     | Mike Lewis                                                                                           |
| Acolyte & Crucifer:  | Olivia & Luke Baker                                                                                  |

### **PRELUDE:**

***Scherzo*** – Cheetham

Blackwelder Brass

### **BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. ***Amen.***

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Pause for silent reflection)*  
Gracious God,

***Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you in the newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.***

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace we have been saved and in the name of Christ your sins are forgiven. ***Amen.***

### **OPENING HYMN:**      #504    ***A Mighty Fortress is Our God***

vs 1, 2 & 4

A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal!

No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.

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

The Lord be with you.

***And also, with you.***

## Kyrie 3 & 4

*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for  
hun-gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam-i-ly; for  
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



*Refrain*  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Let us pray. O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, Word of Life.

***Thanks be to God!***

## **PSALM 46**

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,

***a very present help in trouble.***

<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,

***and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;***

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam,

***and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.***

<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

***the holy habitation of the Most High.***

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;

***God shall help it at the break of day.***

<sup>6</sup>The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;

***God speaks, and the earth melts away.***

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;

***the God of Jacob is our stronghold.***

<sup>8</sup>Come now, regard the works of the LORD,

***what desolations God has brought upon the earth;***

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;

***who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.***

<sup>10</sup>"Be still, then, and know that I am God;

***I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."***

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;

***the God of Jacob is our stronghold.***

## **SECOND READING**

### **Romans 13: 8-14**

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

<sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

<sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Word of God, Word of Life.

***Thanks be to God.***

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

### ***Alleluia!***

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

***Glory to you, O Lord***

## **GOSPEL READING**

### **John 8:31-36**

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**  
**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**Dawn Finnicum**  
***Psalm 150***

Adult Choir w/ Blackwelder Brass,  
Ron Wallace, Organ and Steve Klaassen, Percussion

**Congregation join on Nancy's cue:**

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him.  
All that has life and breadth, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen sound from His people again!  
Gladly forever adore Him!

**INTRODUCTION TO FAITH STATEMENTS**  
**CONFIRMANDS' FAITH STATEMENTS**

**Pastor Stefanie Rowinski**

**HYMN**

#654

***The Church's One Foundation***

vs 1,4 & 5

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,  
that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

**CONFIRMATION**

**PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMANDS**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*(Addressing the candidates...)*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**Response: *I renounce them.***

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**Response: *I renounce them.***

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**Response: *I renounce them.***

*(Addressing the candidates and the assembly...)*

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***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.***

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***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.***

**AFFIRMATION IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**Confirmands respond: *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.***

People of God, do you promise to support this brother and sister and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**ALL: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

**PRAYER FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON THE CONFIRMANDS.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Olivia Michele the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in her serving, give her patience in suffering, and bring her to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Elie Ilyse the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in her serving, give her patience in suffering, and bring her to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Kale Allen the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his faith, guide his life, empower him in his serving, give him patience in suffering, and bring him to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Mia Anne the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in her serving, give her patience in suffering, and bring her to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Jane Marie the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in her serving, give her patience in suffering, and bring her to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Maelee Yvonne the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in her serving, give her patience in suffering, and bring her to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Arabella Rose the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in her serving, give her patience in suffering, and bring her to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**SPONSOR:** Let us rejoice with these brothers and sister in Christ.

**ALL: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

**COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your Name:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to all of them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

### **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***

### **DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS**

#### **SPECIAL COMMUNION MUSIC**

***Londonderry Air*** – Roberts

Blackwelder Brass

Let us pray. ***Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.***

### **THE BLESSING**

May the Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

### **POSTLUDE**

***A Mighty Fortress is Our God*** – Luther

Blackwelder Brass

### **SENDING**

Go in Peace. Remember the poor. ***Thanks be to God.***

*Please note there is no offertory during service, our offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary, or you can give online using the link on our website, [www.stpaulsokc.com](http://www.stpaulsokc.com).*



## **Celebrating today with Our Confirmands**

**Olivia Michele Bainbridge**

**Baptized September 11, 2011**

<sup>1</sup> Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers, <sup>2</sup> but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. <sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. - **Psalm 1:1-3**

**Elie Ilyse Behrens**

**Baptized February 12, 2012**

<sup>10</sup> do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. - **Isaiah 41:10**

**Kale Allen Foote**

**Baptized March 29, 2012**

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not the result of works, so that no one may boast. - **Ephesians 2:8-9**

**Mia Anne Greiner**

**Baptized August 19, 2012**

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; - **1 Corinthians 13:4-5**

**Jane Marie Maxfield Green**

**Baptized April 15, 2012**

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” - **John 8: 31-32**

**Maelee Yvonne Moeller**

**Baptized November 12, 2023**

<sup>30</sup> you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ - **Mark 12:30**

**Arabella Rose Veit**

**Baptized August 26, 2012**

<sup>11</sup> For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. - **Jeremiah 29:11**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ANNUAL STEWARD SHIP DRIVE

The annual stewardship drive begins today and runs until November 22<sup>nd</sup>! Members – pick up your pledge cards in the narthex and turn in to the Stewardship committee's mailbox by the south doors.  
Questions: Contact Myra Smith.

### REGIONAL FOOD BANK SERVICE DAY

**Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**, 1:30pm-4pm. Sign up in the narthex (must be age 8 + to participate).  
Contact Laura Labus with Questions: 405-255-3980 or [lauralabus@gmail.com](mailto:lauralabus@gmail.com).

### FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** after worship in the sanctuary. Budgets will be discussed and voted on.

### FALL CLEAN UP DAY

**Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**. 9am-noon – a chili lunch will be served. We will clean up the front flower beds and work on the “Back 40” if we have enough volunteers. Questions: Contact Luke Green.

## UPCOMING DATES

### OCTOBER

**10/25 – 9:30 – Worship & Education**  
*Reformation/Confirmation*  
**10/26 – Cantic Ringers**

**10/28 – Wednesday Night Activities**  
5:45 – Meal - Lasagna  
6:30 – Education & Choir Rehearsal

### NOVEMBER

**11/1 – 9:30 – Worship & Education**  
*All Saints Sunday*  
**11/2 – Cantic Ringers**  
**11/3 – Twilight Tones**  
**11/4 – Wednesday Night Activities**  
5:45 – Meal - Breakfast  
6:30 – Education & Choir Rehearsal  
**11/7 – 1:30 Regional Food Bank**  
**11/8 – 9:30 – Worship & Education**  
**11/9 – Cantic Ringers**  
**11/10 – Twilight Tones**  
**11/11 – Wednesday Night Activities**  
5:45 – Meal - Pizza  
6:30 – Education & Choir Rehearsal

**11/15 – 9:30 – Worship & Education**  
*Congregational Meeting*  
**11/16 – Cantic Ringers**  
**11/17 – Twilight Tones**  
**11/18 – Wednesday Night Activities**  
5:45 – Meal – Thanksgiving Dinner  
6:30 – Education & Choir Rehearsal  
**11/19 – XYZ**  
**11/21 – 9am Fall Clean Up**  
**11/22 – 9:30 – Worship & Education**  
**11/23 – 11/27 Thanksgiving Break**  
**11/23 – Cantic Ringers**  
**11/25 – No Wednesday Night Activities**  
**11/26 – Thanksgiving Day**  
*Office Closed*  
**11/29 – 9:30 – Worship**  
**11/30 – Cantic Ringers**