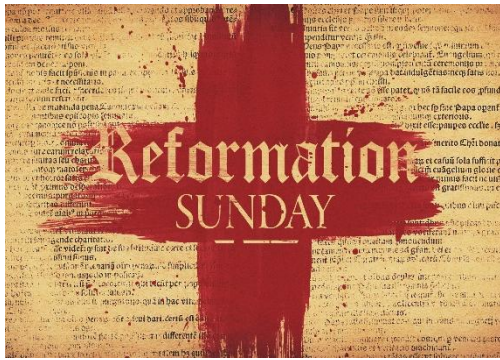




Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

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.

SERVING TODAY:

Reader: Paula Schopflin
Ushers: Steve Botkin, Micah Moeller, Tony Nutter, Bill Schopflin & Rex Bross
Children's Message: Romi Behrens
Altar Guild: Diane Dewing
Communion Assistant: Carolyn & Elie Behrens, Susi Laflin, Linda Allison, Ann Lawton and Alana & Robert Adair
Video assistant: Steve Powell
Acolyte & Crucifer: Mia Greiner & Luke Baker
PRELUDE: Ron Wallace

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 1 & 2

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. Holy God, righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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

¹God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,

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

³though its waters rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

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 the city; it shall not be shaken;

God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;

God speaks, and the earth melts away.

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸Come now, regard the works of the LORD,

what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

⁹behold 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.

¹⁰"Be still, then, 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 stronghold.

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They 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'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So 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

Jill Nobles-Botkin

SPECIAL MUSIC

By Our Love

SPLC Adult Choir

MESSAGE

Pastor Stefanie Rowinski

CONFIRMANTS' FAITH STATEMENTS

HYMN

#458

Praise & Thanksgiving Be to God

vs 1-3

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, The Word!

What more can he say than to you he has said who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

"When through fi'ry trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine."

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 Lucas Jay Purdym 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 Maisyn Dianne Hardison 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.

Please note there is no offertory during service, our offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary, or scan to QR code to give online.



COMMUNION

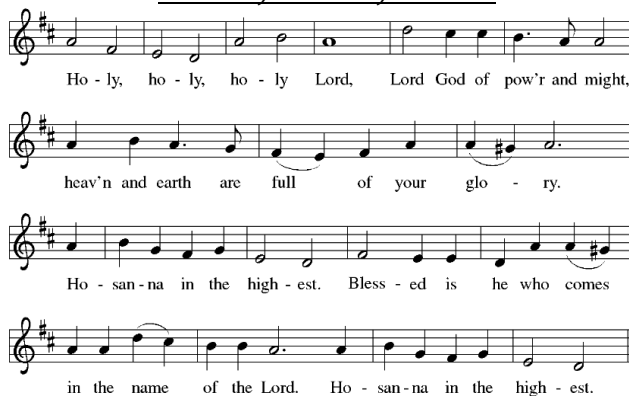
The Lord be with you. ***And also, with you.***

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



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

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

Ron Wallace

SENDING

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

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Celebrating today with Our Confirmands

Lucas Jay Purdum

Baptized April 24, 2011

³⁴ “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today. -**Matthew 6:34**

Maisyn Dianne Hardison

Baptized October 19, 2025

¹⁷ A friend loves at all times -**Proverbs 17:17**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRUNK OR TREAT

Tonight 5-7pm!

80th CELEBRATION

TODAY is final day to purchase luncheon tickets. We will have a special catered meal NEXT Sunday (Nov. 2nd). We will be having turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, salad, rolls & dessert. The cost is \$15/adult & \$10/children under 10.

STORIES OF SAINTS – SUBMIT BY WEDNESDAY (10/22)

To honor the 80 years St. Paul's has been loving, serving and growing in Christ, we want to collect the stories of the saints over the years. Will you tell about someone who has impacted you or the church, a ministry experience where your life or the lives of others was changed, or how God has worked in your life while you have been part of St. Paul's? The Church has always celebrated the faithfulness of God through sharing the stories of God's people. We want to do the same! There are stories and moments only you know. Will you write them down so we can give God thanks and praise? Send your stories (they don't have to be long!) to Pastor Stefanie through email or leave a printed copy in her box!

REGIONAL FOOD BANK

SPLC will be visiting the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma on November 8 from 1:30-4pm. The Food Bank is located at 3355 S. Purdue Ave, OKC 73179. Signs up sheets are available in the narthex. Questions- contact Risa.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The fall congregational meeting will be held in the sanctuary after worship on November 16th. The 2026 budget will be presented and voted on. All members are asked to attend.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER

10/26- Worship & Education

Reformation & Confirmation Sunday

5-7 Trunk or Treat

10/27- 9am Canticle Ringers

10/28- Twilight Tones

10/29- Wednesday Night Activities

5:45 Meal -Chili Dogs

6:30- Adult Choir & Education

NOVEMBER

11/2- Worship

80th Anniversary Celebration & Lunch

11/3- 9am Canticle Ringers

11/4- Twilight Tones

11/5- Wednesday Night Activities

5:45 Meal -Spaghetti

6:30- Adult Choir & Education

11/8- Regional Food Bank

11/9- Worship & Education

11/10- 9am Canticle Ringers

11/11- Twilight Tones

11/12- Wednesday Night Activities

5:45 Meal -Pancakes & Scrambled Eggs

6:30- Adult Choir & Education

11/16- Worship & Education

10:45- Congregational Meeting

11/17- 9am Canticle Ringers

11/18- Twilight Tones

11/19- Wednesday Night Activities

5:45 Meal -Taco Salad

6:30- Adult Choir & Education

11/20- XYZ

11/22- Youth Pie in the Sky Baking

11/23- Worship *No education*

Pie in the Sky Fundraiser

11/24- 9am Canticle Ringers

11/25- Twilight Tones

11/26- Thanksgiving Break

No Wednesday activities

11/30- Worship & Education