



Reformation & Confirmation Sunday

October 27, 2024

Welcome to St Paul's Lutheran Church!

If you are visiting today, we are delighted that you're here to share in the Good News! If you have any questions, please ask anyone near you.

SERVING TODAY:

Reader: Tracy Caine
Ushers: Terry Mock, Patti Spain, Mike Thompson, Keith Kilpatrick & Luke Green
Children's Message: Romi Behrens
Altar Guild: Nola Pirog
Communion Assistants: Marci Waguespack, Jill Botkin, Luke Green, Abby & Maelee Moeller, Viktor Teske & Atticus Veit
Sound & Video: Steve Powell
Acolyte & Crucifer: Mitchell Thompson & Jolie Fauser

PRELUDE:

Rondeau- Mouret

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. 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!

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **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: Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

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. 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 be toppled into the depths of the sea;

³Though its waters rage and foam,

And though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

⁴The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁵There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁶God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;

God shall help her at the break of day.

⁷The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;

God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

⁸The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁹Come now and look upon the works of the LORD,
what awesome things he has done on earth.

¹⁰It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹¹“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

¹²The 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 **John 8:31-36**

Glory to you, O Lord

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

Romi Behrens

MESSAGE

Rev. Stefanie Rowinski

SPECIAL MUSIC

Refuge and Strength

SPLC Adult Choir w/Blackwelder Brass & Stephen Klaassen, percussion

CONFIRMANDS’ FAITH STATEMENTS

HYMN

#654

The Church’s One Foundation

vs 1, 2, 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.

Elect from ev’ry nation, yet one o’er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses with ev’ry grace endued.

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 these brothers 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 Romi Verona 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 Viktor James 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 Atticus Lincoln Harvey 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.**

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 MUSIC:

Reflection- Debussy

Blackwelder Brass

COMMUNION

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 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 because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.

...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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ taught us, we are bold to say,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

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-arr Wyrick

Blackwelder Brass

SENDING

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

Celebrating today with Our Confirmands

Romi Verona Behrens

Baptized October 17, 2010

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God.

-2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Viktor James Teske

Baptized June 6, 2010

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. -Romans 8:28

Atticus Lincoln Harvey Veit

Baptized October 18, 2009

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. -John 3:16

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS—NOV 3rd

All Saints' is a time to remember the ones we love but see no longer. Pastor Stefanie will be hosting a Sunday School class on All Saints' Day for those who would like to remember and share about a loved one they miss. It will be a time of informal sharing of memories and thoughts. Email Pastor to RSVP.

TRUNK OR TREAT- TONIGHT 5-7 PM

THANK YOU to everyone who signed up to help. If you would still like to help, it's not too late! See Kathy Knox, Abby Davis, Laura Labus, Maggie Adair or Tom Todd for details on where you can plug in to help!

OCTOBER OUTREACH MISSION

We will be collecting items for OKC Crisis Nursery. They assist children & families in times of crisis. Their most requested items: diapers, pull-ups, wipes (any brand), small water bottles & individually wrapped snacks. For more information you can visit their [website](#) or contact a member of the Outreach Board.

FALL CLEAN UP – NOVEMBER 9TH 9am-noon

We will be pulling weeds & dead flowers and adding fresh mulch and fall flowers. There will be a chili lunch served after. Thank you for your help keeping our property beautiful! -Property Board

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 10- AFTER WORSHIP

We will present & vote on the 2025 budget & discuss any new information on the "Back 40" project.

REGIONAL FOOD BANK

We only have 7-8 possible spots left for our visit to the Regional Food Bank on 11/16 from 9:30am-Noon. We will meet there unless a ride is needed. Contact Sarah Baker with any questions!

PIE IN THE SKY FUNDRAISER

It is time for our annual Pie in the Sky fundraiser. All money raised helps pay for the 2025 youth mission trips. All orders and payments are due by 11/17, pick up on 11/24. You can pay by cash, check or card (in person). We are also in need of pie bakers- see Carolyn Lewis or Sarah Baker if interested.

NAME TAGS

The Outreach Board is providing new name tags for everyone. You can find them in your mailbox. Please wear them each Sunday! Please note they are magnetic and could affect pacemakers. If you need an alternative option, please contact a member of the Outreach Board.

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP DRIVE – OCTOBER 20-NOVEMBER 17

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

10/27-Worship – Reformation Sunday

(Blackwelder Brass)

All Church Confirmation Reception

5-7pm Trunk or Treat

10/30-Wednesday Night Activities

5:30 Children's Handbells

5:45 Meal – Fall Fun Meal

6:30 Education & Choir Practice

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

11/3- Worship & Education

11/6- Wednesday Night Activities

5:30 Children's Handbells

5:45 Meal – *Hamburgers & Hot Dogs*

6:30 Education & Choir Practice

11/9- 9am-12 Fall Clean Up

11/10- Worship & Education

11am – *Congregational Meeting*

11/12- Executive Board Meeting

11/13- Wednesday Night Activities

5:30 Children's Handbells

5:45 Meal – *Pizza*

6:30 Education & Choir Practice

11/16- 9:30am Regional Food Bank

11/17- Worship & Education

Blackwelder Brass

11/20- Wednesday Night Activities

5:30 Children's Handbells

5:45 Meal – ***volunteers needed***

6:30 Education & Choir Practice

11/24- Worship & Education

Pie In the Sky Fundraiser

11/25-30- No Activities – Thanksgiving Week