

REFORMATION SUNDAY

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"Being Transformed By God's Grace To Love And Serve."

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If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.



On this date in 1517, Martin Luther posted 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg Castle Church as an invitation to debate the sale of indulgences for forgiveness. That event sparked a reform movement that eventually led to a Lutheran church and separate Protestant denominations. While there is much sorrow in the disunity which the Reformation caused, Luther did establish the idea that the Church is always in need of reform in the light of the gospel. Luther's primary principal that Christians are justified by God's grace through faith in Christ has also found universal acceptance among denominations. Today we pray for church unity, for the purity of God's word, and for a church that is always open to reform and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

please stand in body or spirit

Reformation Dialog

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

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

We come together this day to commemorate a Reformation.

God, gather us, and re-form us.

We remember the people and stories that have brought us to this point;

We thank you for the tradition and history that has shaped us.

Grounded in God's Holy Word and hearing God's call to us, we remember our place in this world.

We step forward, reformed daily, as Christ's new creation.

Blessed be God who sustains and protects the One Holy Church.

And blessed be God who guides and reforms us in our faith. Amen. Alleluia!

Opening Hymn

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

#504

Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

“Rise, O Sun of Righteousness”

#657 vs. 1 & 2

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31 - 34

³¹ 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. ³² 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. ³³ 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. ³⁴ 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³ though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶ **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸ **Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading

Romans 3:19 - 28

¹⁹ Now 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. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom 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; ²⁶ it 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. ²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Paul Fuelling

please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

"God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"

#509

Gospel

John 8:31 - 36

The Holy Gospel according to John the 8th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ 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'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

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Hymn of the Day

"The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

#729



Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

please be seated

Offering

please stand in body or spirit

Offertory

“Rise, O Sun of Righteousness”

#657 vs. 3 & 5

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

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.

please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

By Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.

Red wine or white grape juice is available.

Communion Hymns

"The Church's One Foundation"

#654

"Built on a Rock"

#652

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Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Blessing

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen

Sending Hymn

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”
(also on next page)

#517

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

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Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor) and a basso continuo. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the alto and tenor parts providing harmonic support. The basso continuo line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves.

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

“NEW LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE”



Welcome: Today is Reformation Sunday. We recall with gratitude the saints who led the reform of the Church. We rejoice at the spiritual freedom we Christians have been given by faith in Christ. With joy in our hearts, we welcome all who have come to celebrate our victory through Christ our Lord.

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

In Our Prayers: “Unspoken prayer concerns”, Jerome Goosen, Jack Tatum, Susan Kyle, Nathan Vanderlinden, Ron Eickhoff, Gordon Ives, Norene Ives, Jon Beckman, Scott Cash, Judie VonHolten, Greg Ives, and Kyle Luetjen.



Kathy Harms, Deanna Browning, Debra Eichler, Bredlee & Jessica Stillfield (friends of Melisa Balke), Kylie Simon, Hazel Karstons, Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Larry Haase (brother-in-law of Gene Beckman), David Mobely (brother-in-law of Randy Healan), Joyce Jones (sister of Connie Gerken), Kris Barnes (friend of Julie Cronin), Joe Campbell, Cliff Eickhoff, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie Eickhoff), Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan) and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Marie Viebrock & Florence VonHolten: *GSCC*.

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: Lt. Col. Ron Poe, Major Joseph Strathman, Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton (son of Matt & Isabel Hamilton and grandson of Judie VonHolten), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen) and Capt. Ashlie Colston (daughter of Jon Beckman).



With Sympathy: We also pray for those families who have lost loved ones; family and friends of Jason Sash.



Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month: Give Pastor Stephen a call, card, or personally tell him how much we appreciate his ministry and witness among us and into the community.



Reformation: Today we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! Though we give thanks for the events of the sixteenth-century Reformation that brought renewal to the church of that time, we pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for that day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

Time and Talent: Please check the back of your communion insert for the time and talent list. Prayerfully consider giving of your time to St. Paul's in any of the ways listed. Thank you!



One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **October 27th** at 9:00am in the Gathering Space. Please feel free to join them.

Newsletter: The Sunbeam committee will meet on Wednesday, **October 29th** at 3:00pm.



Meeting: The Evangelism committee will meet on Wednesday, **October 29th** at 7:00pm.

Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **October 30th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.





Junior Lutherans: Junior Lutherans are volunteering at the Cole Camp Food Pantry! It will be on Saturday, **November 1st** at 1:00pm. Bring your families and come spend some time organizing and cleaning at the Cole Camp Food Pantry. We'll hear about how the pantry works and how the community is meeting a great need in town. Questions ask Pr. Kim.

All Saints Worship: As part of our worship on All Saints Sunday, **November 2nd**, we will be remembering those who have joined the Church Triumphant. We will remember....



Laura Ruth Oelrichs.....03/09/25
Paula Harms09/22/25

If you would like the name of a friend or loved one read during communion (they do not need to have been a member of this church) please give those names to the church office.



Time: Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, **November 2nd**. Be sure and set your clock back on Saturday night.

First Bibles: On Sunday, **November 9th** eight of our young people will receive their First Bibles from our congregation. They are Preston Carver, Gracyynn Elliott, Ainsely Kullman, Korbin Kyle, Cooper Loughery, Cooper Oelrichs, Mason Smith and Isaac Zeller.



Baptismal Grace: Ellisyn Rae Oelrichs will be washed clean in the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday, **November 9th**. We welcome her into the fellowship of faith that we all share through baptismal grace of God. Ellisyn is the daughter of Darin and Tara Oelrichs and was born on August 21st.

Remember: Remember our veterans on Tuesday, **November 11th** on Veterans Day and everyday!





Baptismal Grace: Grace Elizabeth Fowler will be washed clean in the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday, **November 16th**. We welcome her into the fellowship of faith that we all share through baptismal grace of God. Grace is the daughter of Jacob and Alyssa Fowler and was born on August 27th.

An Invitation to ALL women of St. Paul's: The 2026 Triennial Gathering for the Women of the ELCA will be held in Des Moines, Iowa - July 16-19. This is an opportunity for *all women* to pause in their busyness and become immersed in worship, praise, and prayer with your faith sisters from across the nation. The theme of the Gathering is "I am worthy".



This is the first national Gathering being held so close by (less than 6 hours drive time). Two hotels have blocks of rooms for our women within a short walk to the convention center. Workshops are available each afternoon covering a variety of topics pertinent to women in today's society.

In addition, there will be a Friday morning Bible Study, servant opportunities, a quilting exhibit, and two silent auctions.

The Gathering opens on Thursday evening with worship (July 16) and closes with worship on Sunday morning (July 19). There is information regarding the Gathering on a table in the Gathering Space. Also, there is a scholarship application for first time Gathering attendees, which, if funds allow, will cover your registration. If you are unable to attend for the full three days, there are one-day options available. Questions?? See Janice...



Free Yoga Class: Every Monday at 6:30pm at St. Paul's in the Fellowship Hall, a free yoga class will be offered. Thanks to new local doctor and certified Yoga instructor, Stephanie Schirding, for offering her time! This is a beginner's class.



~ * ~ **IN OUR COMMUNITY** ~ * ~



Chili & Soup : The American Legion will have their annual chili and soup dinner on Sunday, **November 9th** from 11:00am until 1:00pm. This is a free-will donation meal. Join us at the American Legion building for a hot meal with your neighbors.

Socktober: Hosted by Care Connections for Aging Services and the Cole Camp Senior Center, each year the RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) collects socks for Christmas that will be given to isolated and homebound seniors who receive home delivered meals through their local centers. Any leftover socks get donated to nursing homes and/or veteran's homes. Over the last 3 years, they have collected over 8500 pairs of new socks! If you can donate new socks this month, please drop them off in the bucket located in the Link.



Attention Hunters! The Cole Camp Food Pantry benefits each year from Missouri's Share the Harvest program. Hunters who harvest deer but don't need it processed for themselves can donate the deer to Kempf's Custom Butchering, 21612 Glenn Rd, Sedalia. Kempf's will process the deer for free and donate the ground meat to our Food Pantry. When taking the deer to Kempf's please designate the donation for the Cole Camp Food Pantry. Thank you for your support!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, October 26:	8:45am	Confirmation
	9:00am	Sunday School & Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
Monday, October 27:	9:00am	Sewing
	6:30pm	Yoga
Wednesday, October 29:	3:00pm	Sunbeam
	7:00pm	Evangelism
Thursday, October 30:	8:00am	BCHD
Saturday, November 1:	5:30pm	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, November 2:	8:45am	Confirmation
	9:00am	Sunday School & Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion at the Altar



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

November 2	All Saints Sunday
November 2	Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 9	First Bibles
November 16	Baptism of Grace Fowler

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers	The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister	Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist.....	Lois Viebrock
Pianist	Jeannette VonHolten
AV Technicians.....	Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk
Altar Guild	Susan Goosen & Debbie Vaughan
Ushers	Victoria Fox, Assistant Head Usher
.....	Scott Gerken, Eric Kullman, John Oelrichs & Braden Poe



Reformation Sunday ~ October 26, 2025

Assisting Minister	Darin Oelrichs
Communion Assistants	Ruth Ann Kreisel & Sharel Wienberg
Reader.....	Tiffinay Nash
Children's Sermon	Paul Fuelling
Acolytes	Kale Kruep & Jace Tinney
Flowers	Connie Gerken



All Saints Sunday ~ November 2, 2025

Assisting Minister	
Communion Assistants	At the Altar
Reader.....	
Children's Sermon	Pastor Stephen Zeller
Acolytes	Lauren Jackson & Charlotte Zeller
Flowers	Lois Viebrock