



REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 27TH, 2024

SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Guest Pastor: Rev. Richard Bellas

Choir: St. Paul Adult Choir

Director of Music: Ruth Sievers

Percussionist: Glenn Bitner

✠ Divine Service Setting One ✠

Stand

Opening Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress is our God"

#656

Choir only sings stanza 2; congregation sings 1,3, and 4

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| <p>1 A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.</p> | <p>3 Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill;
They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none.
He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.</p> |
| <p>2 With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.</p> | <p>4 The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone,
Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.</p> |

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✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

We pause to remember our sins before our gracious Heavenly Father

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.**

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins.
As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins
in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Introit (spoken)

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

P I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.

C I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

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

C Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

P The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the be-ginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.

Kyrie (sung)

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all
let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

This Is the Feast (*sung*) *Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

1. *Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. (refrain)*

2. *Power, riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are His. (refrain)*

3. *Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation.*

4. *Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (refrain)*

5. *For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. (final refrain)*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

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.

G Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Revelation 14:6–7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

Listen, God Is Calling”

H. Olson

Epistle

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 stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of

sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse (*sung*)

LSB 156

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 8:31-36

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

✠ Confession of Faith ✠

The Nicene Creed

C 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.

Sit

Sermon Hymn

“By Grace I’m Saved”

#566

- 1 By grace I’m saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain:
By grace you too will life obtain.
- 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;
Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer,
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone,
And we are saved by grace alone.

- 3 By grace God’s Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought Him from His heav’nly throne.
- 4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain;
As long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration,
What in His Word our God commands,
Our faith in what our God has done
Depends on grace—grace through His Son.

Text: Christian Ludwig Scheidt, 1709–61; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Announcements by Congregation President

Offering—*may be left in the offering plates near the doors as you leave. Offerings may also be dropped off at the office or mailed, and on-line giving is available to everyone on our website at www.stpauloaklawn.org. For information about regular electronic giving, please call the church office.*

C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

A word about the Sacrament of the Altar...

We believe Jesus' own words that the bread and wine we receive in Holy Communion are indeed His true Body and Blood and not just a representation of them. We also acknowledge St. Paul's instruction to the Church at Corinth that it is harmful for anyone to receive the Sacrament without recognizing the real presence of His Body and Blood. Because of this, in Christian love we ask anyone who does not understand these truths to please refrain from receiving the Sacrament until you've spoken with the pastor. (*Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-30*)

✠ The Sacrament of the Altar ✠

Stand

Preface (*sung*)

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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 (*sung*)

LSB 161

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Our Lord

P 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.”

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, you lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord’s Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven...

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

✠ Distribution of the Sacrament ✠

“Amazing Grace”

#744

1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!

2 The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.

4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace.

5 When we've been there ten thousand
years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

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“The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace”

#580

1 The Gospel shows the Father’s grace,
Who sent His Son to save our race,
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died
That we might thus be justified.

2 It sets the Lamb before our eyes,
Who made the_ atoning sacrifice,
And calls the souls with guilt oppressed
To come and find eternal rest.

3 It brings the Savior’s righteousness
To robe our souls in royal dress;
From all our guilt it brings release
And gives the troubled conscience peace.

4 It is the pow’r of God to save
From sin and Satan and the grave;
It works the faith which firmly clings
To all the treasures which it brings.

5 It bears to all the tidings glad
And bids their hearts no more be sad;
The weary, burdened souls it cheers
And banishes their guilty fears.

6 May we in faith its message learn
Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
May we in faith its truth confess
And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

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“Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain ”

#865

1 Lord, help us ever to retain
The Catechism’s doctrine plain
As Luther taught the Word of truth
In simple style to tender youth.

2 Help us Your holy Law to learn,
To mourn our sin and from it turn
In faith to You and to Your Son
And Holy Spirit, Three in One.

3 Hear us, dear Father, when we pray
For needed help from day to day
That as Your children we may live,
Whom You baptized and so received.

4 Lord, when we fall or go astray,
Absolve and lift us up, we pray;
And through the Sacrament increase
Our faith till we depart in peace.

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Thank The Lord (*sung*)

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect

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 Amen.

Benediction

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

#919

1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,
Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us
Nor we to sin give place.

4 Abide with richest blessings
Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom
Grow daily through Your Word.

2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,
Among us with Your Word,
And thus now and hereafter
True peace and joy afford.

5 Abide with Your protection
Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us
And overcome at length.

3 Abide with heav'nly brightness
Among us, precious Light;
Your truth direct and keep us
From error's gloomy night.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.

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Postlude

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

-J.Pachehbel



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Guest Pastor: Rev. Richard Bellas

Organist: Ruth Sievers

Choir: St. Paul Adult Choir

Percussionist: Glenn Bitner

Lector: Ruth Diver

Altar Care: Ruth Diver

Elders on Duty: David Witkosky, Bill Leise, Dave Kandel

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Remembering our homebound friends is a caring ministry of St. Paul meant to help us stay in touch with our members who aren't able to be with us for worship. Please remember them in your prayers. You may also like to send a note or a card. This week our homebound friend is Betty and Robert Beegle 7936 W 97th Place, Hickory Hills, IL 60457

Announcements & Notes

Sunday School (in room 8), and **ADULT BIBLE STUDY** (in Timothy Room) meet after the Worship Service. **“Managing God’s Gifts”** with an emphasis on managing God’s gift of time is today’s bible study, led by Curtis Simonson. Grab a cup of coffee or juice and something to eat and join us!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ends next Sunday, November 3rd! Remember to set your clocks back one hour so you don’t arrive early for church!

Sunday Morning Worship Service is 9:00am on Sunday, November 3rd. Please watch for announcements for further Sunday Service times.

Our commemoration of All Saints’ Day is next Sunday, November 3rd. We will thank God for the life and faith of those in our church family who have departed this life since the last All Saints’ Day

An Annual Pancake Brunch to benefit Operation Blessing of Southwest Chicagoland will be held on Saturday, November 2nd, 2024 from 8am-1pm, at the Moraine Valley Church 6300 West 127th Street in Palos Heights. The suggested donation is \$10 per person and \$23 per family.

Service Video, Bulletin, and Newsletter can be found on our website, www.stpauloaklawn.org. If you have trouble accessing the service, please contact the church office.

Wednesday Evening Worship Services and Friday evening Bible classes have been temporarily suspended until further notice.

Keith Vanselow is searching for a caregiver for his brother, Richard Vanselow. If you or anyone you know would be interested, please reach out to Keith at (708)602-9156.

Adult Choir- It is not too late to join the Adult Choir to sing God’s praises in our worship services. Rehearsals are each Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Please see Ruth Sievers for more information.

**Please pray for these
members of our St.
Paul family**

Sandy Barry
Susan E Volk
Lori Freeze-Saffstrom
Cheryl Horan
"Gerry" Keipert
Jerome Kreten
Marilyn Degen
Lisa Rudolph
Karen Bidus
Steve Czerniejewski
Regina Nordquist
Jan Leise
Dawn Schumann
Bob Marcinkowski
Jennifer Garcia
June Hagberg
Carl Hoppe
Amanda Greene
Janice Janiszewski
Dorothy Pavella
Vic & Marty Both
Rich & Jan Przybycien
Bill Volk
Arthur Gerth
Ingrid Lesko
Jan Briede
Roy Hodgeman
Katherine Hice
Kurt Seehofer
Flora Jones
Graham Jackson
Kevin Hickey
Gloria Meyer
Elaine Lebron
Melva Smith
Delores Stegemann
Carol Small

Norma Silinski
Beverly Sellers
Betty Beegle
Warren Miller
Delphine Cherry
Ron Klingensmith
Louis Frank
Betty Kruckow
Herta Iversen

Loretta Frank
Barbara Prendergast
Rosa Richardson
Sarah Weber
Edna Johnson
The Herring Family

**Please pray for these
friends and family of
our members:**

Roberta & Carlos Owens
Dorothy Kroll
Emily Feehan
LeRoy Bitner
Georgiana Easton
Jackie Plichta
Patricia Paulsen
Ken Kruckow
Janet Trierweiler
Vicki Warren
Rhonda Scott
Michelle Mitchell
Al Silinski
Pam Palhegyi
Carol Milazzo
Rich Huscher
The Lamberth Family
Jerry Gross
Louise Hrynkow
Gloria Folsom

Shirley Fairchild
Simeon Hoppe
Ron Lunt
Christopher Kosary
Sandy Plath
Iris McCoy
Shirley Demyres
Raquel Rameriz
Nick & Bridget DeAngelo
Henry Bonder
Kim & Shawn Skelton, Sr.
Kyle Hughes
Elaine Hoffstetter
Fred Raddatz
Allyson Seehofer
Selma Carmichael
Bernadette & Rich Trusk
Dana Kahn
Donald Hakanson
Guillermo Ramirez
Vern Howe
Shawn Harland
Ann Herold
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Sharon Bryant
Monica Kato
Herb Kleeman
Debra Kleeman
Sarah Skelton
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Carrie Aspan
Lisa Anglin
Devon Apt
Tristan Ferry
Sue Berg
Carol Jean & Tim McPhillips
Evelyn & Ron Konieczki
Katherine Zeleny
Elmo Schultz
Jose Urena
Edward Cyga
Ted Gross
Avery Kenny
Ray Jackson
George Dodaro, Sr.
Daniel Musser
Rudy DeAngelis
David Frazone
Anna Stendic
Debby Kehrli
Dana DeAngelis
Glen Krietsch
Cindy (Joens) Wendel
Amanda Hermansen

We Pray: For the family of Barb Herring on the passing of her father, Arnold Jacob, On October 20th.
Christian Burial will be on Friday, October 25, 2024, in Minnesota.

**Please let the church office know when your need for our congregational prayers is over.
(708) 423-1040**

Annual Pancake Brunch



To benefit

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Saturday, Nov.2, 2024

8 am—1pm

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\$10.00 per person -

\$25.00 per family

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