

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

Holstein, IA

October 27, 2024

9:00 A.M.

Reformation Sunday

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free everyday to do this, life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

GATHER

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call To Worship - Adapted from Psalm 46

God is our refuge

Therefore we will not fear,

Though the earth give way,

We will not fear.

Though the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

We will not fear.

Though the sea's waters roar and foam,

We will not fear.

Though the mountains quake with their surging,

We will not fear.

The LORD Almighty is with us;

We will not fear.

The God of Jacob is our fortress.

We will not fear.

Be still, and know that He is God;

We will be still. We will not fear.

Exalt God among the nations. Exalt God in the earth.

We will exalt God among the nations and in all the earth. We will not fear.

God is our refuge and strength.

An ever-present help in trouble. We will not fear.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,

who forgives all our sin,

whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The craving at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

Beautiful Savior

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vs. 1, 2, & 4

Prayer of the Day

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.

WORD

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.

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 being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through faith in 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 show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by 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.

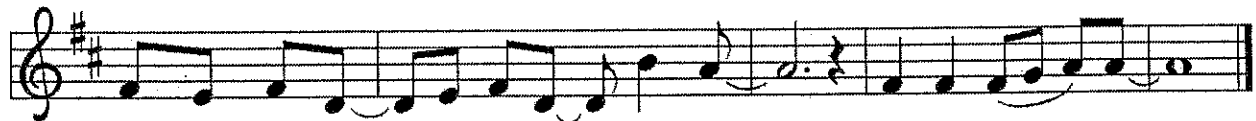
Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

Message Pastor Ben McIntire

Hymn of the Day

Because We Believe (Apostle's Creed in Song)

L: We believe in God, the Father,	C: echo
L: We believe in Christ, the Son.	C: echo
L: We believe in the Holy Spirit,	C: echo
L: We are the church and we stand as one.	C: echo
L: We believe the Holy Bible,	C: echo
L: We believe in the virgin birth.	C: echo
L: We believe in the resurrection,	C: echo
L: that Christ one day will judge the earth.	C: echo

Refrain

Holy, holy, holy is our God. Worthy, worthy, worthy is our King.
All glory and honor are his to receive; To Jesus we sing, because we believe.

L: We believe in the blood of Jesus,	C: echo
L: We believe in eternal life.	C: echo
L: We believe in his blood that frees us,	C: echo
L: To become the bride of Christ.	C: echo

Refrain

Holy, holy, holy is our God. Worthy, worthy, worthy is our King.
All glory and honor are his to receive; To Jesus we sing, because we believe.
(Repeat)

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Prayers of the People

Sharing the Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

MEAL

Children's Offering / Offering

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

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.

Invitation to Communion

Jesus welcomes you to this table.

Come, here is your God.

Distribution

Come to the Table

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The Table

I will feast at the table of the Lord. I will feast at the table of the Lord.
I won't hunger anymore at His table. (repeat)

Refrain: Come all you weary, Come and find
His yoke is easy, His burden light.
He is able; He will restore at the table of the Lord.

There is peace at the table of the Lord. There is peace at the table of the Lord.
I won't worry anymore at His table.

There is healing at the table of the Lord. There is healing at the table of the Lord.
Oh and I won't suffer anymore at His table. **Refrain**

I know He has a place for me. Oh, what joy will fill my heart
With the saints around the mercy seat of God.

Come all you weary, Come and find
His yoke is easy, His burden light.
He is able; He will restore at the table of the Lord, at the table of the Lord.

I'm invited to the table of the Lord. I'm invited to the table of the Lord.
He says, "Come just as you are", to His table.

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Prayer After Communion

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

God all mighty,
God most merciful,
‡ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.
Amen.

Closing Song

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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st. 1, 2, & 4

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Worship Participants

Ministers:	All the members
Guest Pastor:	Pastor Ben McIntire
DYME:	Jim & Kris Kistenmacher
Organist:	Sharen Borchers
Pianist:	Kris Kistenmacher
Lector:	Brody Bisenius
Deacons:	Andrew Butcher and Braden Else
Greeters:	Liz & Dave Kistenmacher
Acolytes:	Viktor Brunelle and Laney Georg
Sound & Video:	Kyle and Kreighton Krager
Coffee Hosts:	Jerry & Kathy Sindt Gary & Sandy Jensen

St. Paul Church Calendar

SUNDAY, October 27 ~ Reformation Sunday

9:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
10:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Coffee & Fellowship
11:30 AM	Private Dining Room & Kitchen use

WEDNESDAY, October 30

5:00 PM LOGOS ~ *"The Great Pumpkin"*

SUNDAY, November 3 ~ All Saints Sunday

9:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
10:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Coffee & Fellowship

MONDAY, November 4

5:00 PM NovemberFest Auction Begins!