

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost..... October 31, 2021

Reformation Sunday is an occasion for the Church to celebrate with the reformer Martin Luther her possession of the one, true, never-changing Gospel message. The freedom we have in the forgiveness of sins because of Christ, and the release from slavery of our own sin as we are transformed to a new life in Christ.

There is a Cry Room available for use during our worship service. It is located just outside the sanctuary.

Children Leaving the Sanctuary: This is a matter of caring concern for your child, or the young child that you are responsible for, age 13 or younger. The Board of Lay Ministry asks that if your child needs to leave the sanctuary during the worship service, you as a parent or responsible adult will need to escort them to and from the sanctuary. Thank you

The Lord's Supper is a very special privilege God gives to His people. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

Prelude
Bell Choir

"O Sing to the Lord"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Processional Hymn 578

Thy Strong Word

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the T 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.**

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.**

Adult Choir

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

Awake, my soul, and with the sun Thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise to pay thy morning sacrifice

All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept
And hast refreshed me while I slept.
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,
I may of endless light partake.

Lord, I my vows to Thee renew;

Disperse my sins as morning dew;
Guard my first springs of thought and will
And with Thyself my spirit fill.
Direct, control, suggest, this day,
All I design or do or say
That all my pow'rs, with all their might,
In Thy sole glory may unite.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above,
Ye heav'nly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

P I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, O Lord,

C **and shall not be put to shame.**

P I will bless the LORD at all times;

C **His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

P My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

C **let the humble hear and be glad.**

P Come, O children, listen to me;

C **I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

P The LORD redeems the life of His servants;

C **none of those who take refuge in Him will be
condemned.**

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, O Lord,

C **and shall not be put to shame.**

Kyrie

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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 mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C A - men.

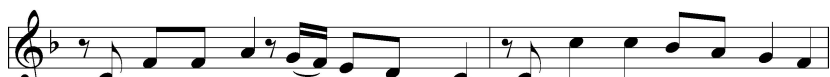
Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.




C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so 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.



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."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 46; antiphon: v. 7

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

²Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, ³though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

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 her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. ⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts.

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

⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD, how He has brought desolations on the earth. ⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire. ¹⁰"Be still, 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 fortress.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

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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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

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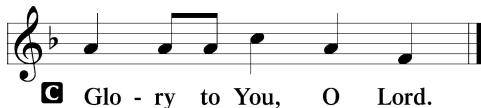


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

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



Glo - ry 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.

Adult Choir & Congregation

Hymn 542

"When I Behold Jesus Christ"

Choir Verses 1 & 2

Choir and Congregation Verses 3 & 4

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life τ everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 556 (vv 1-5)

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

Sermon Text

John 8:31-36

Sermon

"Freedom Lived, Known, Found"

1. True disciples of Jesus Christ are those who are indeed free
who _____.

2. True disciples of Jesus Christ are those who are indeed free
who _____.

3. True disciples of Jesus Christ are those who are indeed free
who _____.

Hymn 556 (vv 6-10)

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

C **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.**

Benediction

LSB 166

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.



Recessional Hymn 656

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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ALTAR FLOWERS - Flowers were supplied by Robin and Wayne Spicher and are in celebration of Ben Andrew's birthday and in remembrance of family anniversaries.

THANK YOU- Friends at St. Paul's: Thank you for your prayers during my brother's (Russell Weiss) cancer journey and your expressions of sympathy at his passing. We rejoice in the hope of eternal life in heaven. Linda and Jim Tinkey and family

BUDGET

Operating budget fund balance as of October 28, 2021: \$92,700
This amount represents just under 7 weeks of normal day-to-day expenses of the Church and School ministries.

Calendar of Events

TODAY	October 31, 2021
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service.....	9:30 am
Bell Choir Practice.....	5:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice.....	6:00 pm
TUES:	
Prayer Meeting.....	7:00 pm
WED:	
Men's Bible Study.....	6:30 am
Parish Fellowship Meeting.....	9:30 am
Day School Chapel.....	11:00 am
6-7 grade Confirmation	6:00 pm
Life Light Bible Study.....	6:45 pm
8 th grade Confirmation.....	7:00 pm
THUR:	
Life Light Bible Study.....	9:00 am
1 st Thursday Bible Study.....	6:00 pm
FRI:	
Preschool Chapel.....	9:30 am
SAT: Daylight Savings Time Ends – Set your clocks back 1 hour	
Rent a Youth Day.....	
NEXT SUNDAY:	November 7, 2021
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am

Worship Service.....	9:30 am
Men’s Group.....	3:00 pm
Bell Choir Practice.....	5:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice.....	6:00 pm

Liturgical Corner

Worship Component: Collect

Scriptural Basis: Jude 25

Meaning: The Collect is a short general prayer that makes a request of God based on the theme of the day. It is a 5-part prayer: 1) address, 2) basis for the petition, 3) the petition, 4) reason for the petition, 5) conclusion of praise to God.

Application for Daily Living: The five parts of the Collect are an excellent pattern for adding richness to one’s daily prayers.

1st Thursday Bible Study, November 4, at church, 6:0 p.m.

Altar guild will meet, Tuesday, November 9, 6:30 p.m.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US

One of the changes brought about due to the Covid-19 virus outbreak was using an “offering box” in the narthex of the church in front of the water fountains instead of passing an offering plate during the worship service. Please remember to give back to the Lord from the many blessings He gives us by placing your offering in the offering box or “e-tithing” by having a weekly deposit to St Paul’s from your bank account. If you have questions on e-tithing, please contact the Church Office.

SEARCH FOR TEACHERS

St. Paul’s has been blessed to have three church members step in to fill needs within our school: Heidi Wildauer (with an Emergency Teacher Certificate) as 2nd and 3rd grade teacher, Wendy Coxey as a half-day first grade teacher. It is not intended that they fulfill these roles long-term. We also are in need of a full-time substitute for K-1, to cover maternity leave.

Therefore, we are still actively searching for a full-time 2nd and 3rd Grade teacher, part-time 1st Grade teacher, and a full-time maternity substitute for K- 1st. Interested applicants send resume to

Principal Mark Wildauer at mwildauer@stpaulsbremen.org.

THE WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

meets at the Bremen Hospital Cafeteria Conference room for our Bible Study. If you are a male age 18 or older, please join us for Bible study, fellowship and a meal from the cafeteria...one of the best breakfasts in Bremen...feed your spiritual hunger as well as your

physical! Dates we meet for the balance of 2021 are: November 3, 17; December 1, 15, 29.

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS: It is that time of the year once again! Those of you who get the *Lutheran Witness* need to contact the church secretary about your subscription. To continue getting your magazines, we will need a cash or check dropped off in the office, mailed to the church or placed in the secretary's mailbox for \$19.00. Checks may be made out to "St. Paul's Lutheran Church". If you would like to receive the *Lutheran Witness* as a monthly subscription, please let Marilyn know and she will sign you up to start receiving the magazine in January 2022. ***Please complete your payment by November 15th.*** **St. Paul's will be collecting peanut butter** (16 to 16.3 oz jars) for the Bremen Bags (a Project HELP program) during November. Please place your donations on the table at the back of the Narthex. Monetary donations may be placed in the offering plate in an envelope marked Peanut Butter.

Clothing Drive for Hope Ministries will take place during the month of November. Please bring gently used clothing, shoes and boots to church and place them on the tables in the narthex. You can help those in need with your donations and your prayers!

INVITATION: The members Redeemer Lutheran Church joyfully invite you to join us as we celebrate the Installation of our new pastor, Pastor Bill Carney. We celebrate this blessed occasion through worship and God's Word. Your presence will make this event a memorable experience both for Pastor Carney and Redeemer Lutheran. Clergy are invited to robe with red stole for the service. The service will be Sunday afternoon, November 7, 2021 beginning at 3:00 pm at Redeemer Lutheran, 1720 E. Center Street, Warsaw, IN. There will be a reception immediately following the service to welcome Pastor and his wife Donna.

You are invited to our Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner on November 25th at noon. The Boards of Public Relations and Parish Fellowship are sponsoring this event. If you and your family or someone you know will be alone on

Thanksgiving Day please come to the Fellowship Hall at noon for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Also, we can deliver for those who are homebound. Please sign up on the “Check It Out” Board or call the church office at 574-546-2332. The deadline to sign up is November 16th. We will need to know your name; if you are dining in or need delivery; number of people; and your phone number. May we give thanks unto the Lord!

Our Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner is November 25th at noon. The Boards of Public Relations and Parish Fellowship are sponsoring this event. The following is what is needed:

1. Pumpkin Pies (15)
2. Greeters (3)
3. Servers (6)
4. Drivers to deliver meals (5)
5. Clean-up crew (5)

The Whitlock is supplying the mashed potatoes and gravy. We also have a Thrivent Action Team box with a \$250.00 Debit card for the cost of the dinner. We are in need of additional funds for the meal, so if you are so moved to help, please place your donation in the offering plate marked THANKSGIVING DINNER. There will be a sign-up list on the “Check It Out” Board. Prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve the community and our own members.

LWML IN-GATHERING: LWML will be collecting non-perishable food, diapers, and hygiene items for the Fort Wayne Seminary Co-Op now through Thanksgiving. A Box for collecting items is between the front doors of the Church entrance. Thank you for your donations!

YOUTH NEWS

LAST CHANCE - “RENT A YOUTH”: Youth planning to attend next year’s National Youth Gathering are offering their services on Saturday, November 6th to members of the congregation. If you need help with fall yard cleanup, moving furniture, cleaning up the garage, or another household task, the Youth are ready, willing, and able. Please contact Andy Wildauer

ahead of time at (801) 707-3399 to review what task you have and for scheduling purposes – Youth will be available individually or in small groups depending on what is needed. This is on a first come, first served basis and subject to final determination by the Youth Board. We respectfully request that you consider a free will offering in exchange for any services provided.

YOUTH IN GRADES 4-8 – SAVE THE DATE: The Youth Board will be hosting Pizza and Movie Night on Sunday, November 14th. Specific time and location to be determined.

Servants for Today's Worship

Pastor: Rev. Neil Wonnacott

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Usher: Richard Sickman & Paul Wonnacott

Acolyte: Rebecca & Jessica Rogers

Greeter: Heaven Hicks

Elder: Bill Rogers

Crucifer: Robert Koontz