



SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

915 - 27th Street, Marion, Iowa 52302

e-mail: office@stpaulsmarioniowa.org

www.mystpauls.org

Phone: (319)377-4687

"In Nomine Iesu"

Reformation Sunday

October 29, 2023

WELCOME to all who enter God's house to worship, to sing, to pray, to hear, and to live. May this worship time grant you a fuller knowledge of Jesus, our Savior, and motivate you to share this Good News.

Please take quick minute to fill out the registration card found in the pew rack. We ask that **all guests and members** alike jot down the names of those in attendance.

If you would like to commune at St. Paul's for the first time, please speak with Pastor, an elder or usher before the service.

About Today's Service

Not only was Martin Luther a great scholar and theologian, but his interest in the church reached to the most practical matters. His desire was for the average Christian to be able to take hold of the joy of the Gospel and make it their own.

So Luther wrote a special order of service, commonly known as the Deutsche Masse – the German Mass, taking tunes of commonly known songs and using those within the liturgy, making them easier to sing. Today we celebrate the Reformation by using this same principle by singing commonly known hymns in place of the regular liturgy. We pray this will be blessing for you.

We'll also be reviewing a few of the Ninety-Five Theses written by Luther and nailed to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517. This was in response to the selling of indulgences, documents claiming the promise of the forgiveness of sins. Luther was outraged that innocent people had paid money for what was already theirs by right as a free gift from God. Luther's posting of his theses was the spark that gave rise to the Reformation.

Prelude “A Mighty Fortress” David Cherwien

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bells

A Festival Hymn Setting for Reformation Service

*(Stand and face the entrance to the sanctuary
and follow the cross to its place in the chancel.)*

Entrance Hymn *(please remain standing)*

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” LSB #656

Invocation

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the
 Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

Martin Luther’s Theses 1 & 3

- When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, “Repent,” He willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.
- Yet it does not mean solely inner repentance; such inner repentance is worthless unless it produces various outward mortifications of the flesh.

Confession and Absolution

(To the tune of: "Savior Again, to Your Dear Name")

**Search me, O God, and know my heart today;
Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray.
See if there be some wicked way in me;
Cleanse me from every sin and set me free.**

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

C **Most holy and merciful Father: I confess in Your
presence the sinfulness of my nature, and my
shortcomings and offenses against You. You
alone know how often I have sinned, in
wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts,
in forgetting Your love. Have mercy, O Lord,
upon me, for I am ashamed and sorry for all I
have done to displease you; and forgive my sins,
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, and my Savior.**

P In mercy God sent forth His only Begotten Son into the world to seek and to save the lost. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I announce this good news unto all of you, forgiving all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

(To tune of: "Savior Again, to Your Dear Name")

**I praise You Lord, for cleansing me from sin;
Fulfill Your word and make me pure within.
Fill me with fire where once I burned with shame;
Grant my desire to magnify Your name.**

Martin Luther's Theses 36 & 37

- Any truly repentant Christian has a right to full remission of penalty and guilt, even without indulgence letters.
- Any true Christian, whether living or dead, participates in all the blessings of Christ and the church; and this is granted him by God, even without indulgence letters.

Introit

Psalm 46

P God is our refuge and strength,
C **a very present help in trouble.**

P Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
C **though the mountains be moved
into the heart of the sea,**

P though its waters roar and foam,
C **though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

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

P God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
C **God will help her when morning dawns.**

P The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
C **he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

P The LORD of hosts is with us;
C **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

P Come, behold the works of the LORD,
C **how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

P He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
C **he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.**

P “Be still, and know that I am God.
C **I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”**

P The LORD of hosts is with us;
C **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Kyrie (*To the tune of: “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”*)

**Lord, our God, have mercy on us
as we bring our praise to You.
You have promised to be with us,
and we know Your Word is true.
Your pure mercy now we claim
in our Savior's living name,
And we celebrate the glory
of His great salvation story.**

Hymn of Praise

(*To the tune of: “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”*)

**Glory to God in highest heav'n
who unto us His Son has giv'n
By whose merit we inherit
life that in service may proclaim
The glory of the saving name
that we praise now and forever!
Sing Hosanna, Alleluia to our Savior.**

Salutation and Prayer

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, You have commanded us to love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us the Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in Your sight, that our faith in You may never waver and our love for one another may not falter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

(be seated)

Choir Anthem

“Here I Stand’ with ‘A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Words: Larry Shackley and Martin Luther

Music: Larry Shackley

First Lesson

Revelation 14:6-7

⁶ Then 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. ⁷ And 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.**

Epistle 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 stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ

for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom 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. ²⁶ It 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. ²⁷ Then 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. ²⁸ For 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.**

Martin Luther's Thesis 62

- The true treasure of the church is the most holy gospel of the glory and grace of God.

(please stand)

Verse

"God's Word is Our Great Heritage"

LSB #582 vs 1

**God's Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way,
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.**

The Gospel Reading

John 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th 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, ³² and you will

know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’” ³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So 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.

(be seated)

Children’s Message

Hymn *“Thy Strong Word”* LSB #578

Sermon

The Creed in Song *(please stand)*
(To the tune of: O God, Our Help in Ages Past)

**In God the Father I believe,
the Lord of hosts His name.
All things from Him their form receive,
By his strong Word they came.**

**By Him was all creation made
in earth and heav’n above.
A table is before us laid;
we dwell in God’s great love.**

**In God’s son Jesus I believe
who came in God’s own hour,
Whom Virgin Mary did conceive
by God’s own Spirit’s power.**

**Rejected, crucified, entombed,
then risen at God’s call,
His heav’nly glory He resumed
to come as judge of all.**

**In Holy Spirit I believe
and in Christ's Church on earth.
The saints, united, faith receive,
a gift of precious worth.**

**God gives us strength and sanctifies;
from sin He sets us free.
And risen saints He glorifies
with God fore'er to be.**

(be seated)

Presentation of the Offering and Musical Offering

"Our Father Thou in Heaven Above" Paul Manz

Reception of Members by Profession of Faith

Prayers

(After each portion of the prayers)

P Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus
and for all people according to their needs

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that You
have brought us by Your Word out of the darkness of
error and into the light of Your grace. Mercifully help us
to walk in that light. Guard us from error and false
doctrine, and grant that we would not become
ungrateful and despise Your Word, but receive it with
all our heart, conduct our lives according to it and put
our trust in Your grace; through the merits of Jesus
Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

All 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.

Words of Institution (*please stand*)

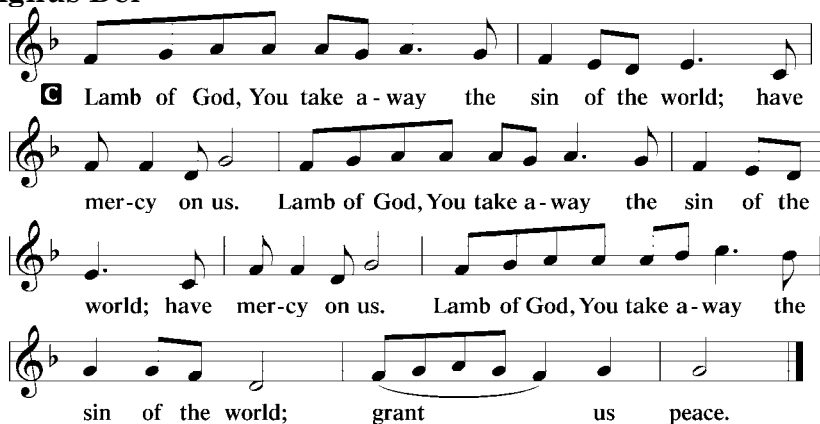
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.

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 is My + blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Agnus Dei



□ Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(be seated)

All members of our St. Paul's family are invited to meet the Lord in this Sacrament. When at the table, please indicate your preference of common or individual cup.

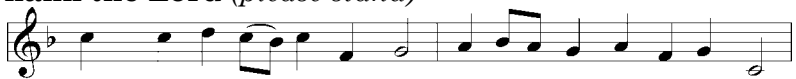
The CENTER RING of the individual communion cup tray contains white grape juice. The OUTER RINGS contain red wine. (Gluten free wafers are also available from a communion assistant.)

Distribution Hymns

"The Law of God is Good and Wise" LSB #579

"Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing" LSB #584

Thank the Lord (please stand)



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Martin Luther's Theses 94 & 95

- Christians should be exhorted to be diligent in following Christ, their head, through penalties, death, and hell;
- And thus be confident of entering into heaven through many tribulations rather than through the false security of peace.

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

(To the tune of: The Church's One Foundation LSB #644)

P The Good Lord bless and keep you,
Lift up His shining face,
With favor look upon you
And Grant eternal peace.

C To Father, Son and Spirit, Most Gracious
One-In-Three,
Be praise and adoration
Now and eternally. Amen

Closing Hymn

“Almighty God, Your Word is Cast” LSB #577

Silent Prayer

(be seated)

Postlude *“We All Believe in One True God”* Joseph B. Weber

“Soli Deo Gloria”

All scripture quotations are from *The Holy Bible, English Standard Version*, copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2006 Concordia Publishing House. Streaming license through CCLI, Stream License number: 20193242 Copyright License number: 1259603

