



YOU ARE WELCOME HERE! May this hour be a journey of the heart, a renewal of spirit, a pause in our lives as we worship the Lord our God together. If you are a guest this morning, we extend a special welcome to you and invite you to sign our guest book located in the gathering space outside of the sanctuary, also known as the narthex. Following our worship service, we invite you to share in a time of fellowship over coffee, juice, and snacks in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in learning more about our congregation and becoming a member, please visit with any member of the congregation or Pastor Janis Sloka, III. Thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us at St. Paul Lutheran Church!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME HERE! We feel strongly that the faith formation of youth—just as any adult’s—develops through experience; because of this, we welcome youth of all ages to participate fully in worship and invite them to serve in a number of roles, such as: ushers, greeters, readers, and musicians. While we expect that children will behave as children—giggles, wiggles, and all—we also understand that sometimes they (and their parents or guardians) need a break; on those occasions, you are welcome to utilize the nursery (unstaffed) located on the north end of the narthex. Additionally, there is a playroom for children and a couch room for older youth on the west end of the Fellowship Hall. You can also find children’s bulletins and crayons on the table as you enter the main church building doors.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP As Lutherans, worship is connected with and central to everything we do—uniting us in celebration, engaging us in thoughtful dialogue, and helping us grow in faith. At the heart of our worship life is the presence of God through the word proclaimed and the sacraments—Holy Baptism and Holy Communion; this is because worship is—first and foremost—fundamentally about what God is doing in the world and in our lives, and then our response to God’s action. In the context of worship, we find our response in the liturgy, which is a way of living God’s story. The liturgical texts that form the prayers we pray, the texts we say, and the songs we sing find their roots in the Bible; for more information see the back of the hymnal, ELW pp. 1154-1159. Furthermore, these liturgical texts invite each and every one of us—not just the pastor or choir or any other worship leader—to use our voices to praise God. Through worship we are shaped to be participants in God’s life in this world.

PLEASE ASK AN USHER FOR...

- Assistance with wheelchair seating • Assisted listening devices •
- Large print bulletins • Directions to restrooms • Communion in the pew •

AED Unit an AED is found in the coat area when you enter the main entrance.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 26, 2025

Reformation Sunday & Baptism and Holy Communion

+Indicates to rise as you are able. Congregational responses are printed in **bold**.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

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 every day 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.

WELCOME

L: God is good! **C: All the time!**

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CONFESSION

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Let us approach God with confidence knowing as we offer our personal prayers of confession, forgiveness is already occurring.

Silent Moment of Personal Prayers of Confession

Holy God,

forgive us for receiving so much from you and still turning away. Forgive us for times our thanks are absent. Forgive us for resisting transformation of our lives. Turn our hearts to you and to one another, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to us the entire forgiveness of all our sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Great is our God. Abundant is God's mercy. Rejoice this day. By the power of Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. You are made new. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

C: Thanks be to God.

+GATHERING SONG "The King of Love My Shepherd is" ELW #502

+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.**

+KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

Lord, have mercy.

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. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen**

+CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

+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 *Please be seated*

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 46 *Please join the reader in reading the bold verses.*

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)

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

² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

³ though its waters roar and foam, 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 moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

⁶ The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts.

⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

⁸ **Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

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

¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

SECOND LESSON Romans 3:19-28

Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ’s death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *“I Love You, Lord”*

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice,
To worship You, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy my King, in what You hear;
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.
(Sing 2 Times)

+GOSPEL John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

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. **Thanks be to God.**

GROWING TOGETHER IN THE WORD (CHILDREN AND ADULTS)

GATHER GROW GO

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE “What was and is the Reformation?”

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY – “Let All Things Now Living” ELW#881

HOLY BAPTISM

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. The power of sin is put to death in this holy flood, and we are raised with Jesus Christ to new life. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and sent out in mission for the life of the world.

Parents, Sponsors and Family, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have this child baptized into Christ?

Parents, Sponsors and Family: We do.

As you bring this child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to have him live among God's faithful people,

bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that Sutton James may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help him grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents, Sponsors and Family: We do.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Sutton and pray for him in his new life in Christ? **People: We do.**

As parents, sponsors, family and members of this congregation, the family of God, I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **We do.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **We do.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **We do.**

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God the father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery in Egypt into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Sutton James, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your sons and daughters new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain the baptized with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **People: Amen.**

Pastor: Sutton James, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever in this baptism!

Pastor: Let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven!

Pastor: Let us welcome this child into God's family by singing twice "Jesus Loves Me"

**All: Jesus loves me this I know For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong.
They are weak but he is strong. Yes! Jesus loves me. Yes! Jesus loves me.
Yes! Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so. (sing twice)**

+PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes: God of grace, receive our prayer.

+PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** *Please be seated*

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday dear friends, may Jesus bless you!"

OFFERING- CHILDREN'S OFFERING

Thank you for your time, talents, and treasures. These offerings support the ministry of St. Paul. You may also visit www.stpaulgarrisonnd.com/giving to set up a one-time gift or regular, electronic giving. Children are welcome to come up and put in their own personal offering in the Nativity Crèche. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing at St. Paul Lutheran!

SPECIAL MUSIC ADULT CHOIR

+OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

+HOLY COMMUNION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me. **Amen**

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me. **Amen**

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

+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.**

+POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus strengthen us and keep us in His mercy
and grace for now and evermore. **Amen**

+OUR MISSION

What is the mission we share together?

**Our mission is to GATHER as God's people; to GROW in faith, love, and service;
and to GO into the community and world as disciples of Jesus.**

+BLESSING

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord's face shine on us with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon us with favor and ☩ give us peace. **Amen.**

+SENDING SONG – “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” ELW #504

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace, to Love and Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

- **We welcome today through Holy Baptism Sutton James Kolden.** Son of Kelsey and Chris Kolden. Little brother to Braxley and Haven.
- **Fellowship offering this month goes to Operation Christmas Child,** to help with shipping for each box! Please join us after worship. Please sign up to serve a Sunday.

Volunteer Opportunities

- **The German Supper** will be Sunday, November 9th! Please consider helping with making food, with prep during the day and serving. Sign Up sheets are available now.
- **Fellowship:** We need your help serving fellowship! Please check out the sign-up sheets at the volunteer desk in the greeting area/narthex.
- **Readers & Acolytes** are needed in October & November. A sign-up sheet and a copy of the readings is on the signup table in the entry.

Upcoming

- **The council is calling a Special Congregational meeting following 9AM worship on Sunday, November 16th.** The purpose of this meeting is to vote on considering putting in a new parking lot. Please see a council member for questions.
- **Chrissy Lyle will be ordained as a pastor today, Sunday October 26th at 3PM.** at First Congregational Church. Please join them.

- **Trunk or Treat:** signup sheet outside of Holly's Office for anyone wanting to decorate their trunk (from 4:30-6:00PM.), and hand out treats in the parking lot of the Auditorium or via a table on Oct. 31.
- **All Saints Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, November 2nd.** If you have a loved one who has passed away in the last year and you want them lifted up in prayer on that Sunday, please email Pastor Sloka or call the Church Office.

Outreach

- **Operation Christmas Child:** We collect shoe boxes during October through November 9th. Look for the table set up in the narthex, with all the information you will need. Please let Loree or the staff know, or leave a note on your shoe box, if you pay the shipping online. When we deliver the boxes we pay shipping on each box, so if you already have paid it, we don't need to pay twice. You can use a shoe box and wrap the box and lid separately, use a Rubbermaid shoe box, or use an Operation Christmas Shoebox if available. Thanks for helping with this amazing gift to children all over the world!
- **"Little Lunches Backpack Program"** is hosted by St. Paul. If you would like to get involved, please let Dawn Kolden or Pastor Sloka know.

General

- **St. Paul Cemetery Fund:** needs funds to cover the summer mowing and upkeep at the cemetery.

You are invited to visit www.stpaulgarrisonnd.com/giving to set up a one-time gift or regular, electronic giving.



We also now offer Venmo and PayPal
Thank you for being a part of what God
is doing at St. Paul!



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In Our Prayers...

Linda Ravnaas, Michelle Wagner, Rachel Everett, Agnes and Harold Lindsey, Becky Tebby, Laken Beyer, Pete Stanius, Joanie Tucker, Vicki Fure, Lu Graeber, Wendy Fure, Terry Kolden, Terri Torgerson, Jessica Johns, Chris McCall, Chet Adam, Kayla Neilsen,, Wanyce Arndt, The Goodwin Family, Robert Zieman, Debbie Stratton, Jylann Hanson, Jan Clapper, Roger Westman, Benjamin Hennings, Andy Zietz, Mary Thorson, Paul Hellebush, Jeff Wretling, Alton Krebsbach.

Family and Friends of Layne Bennett, Jane Stacy, Jim Hummel, Mel Birkholz, Leanne Haugen at their death.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS THIS WEEK

Finley Hudgen	October 26
Lorraine Klein	October 26
Loree Jeffers	October 28
Nyssa Stroschein	October 28
Heather Janz	October 29
Tiffany Ouhl	October 29



German Supper
Sunday, November 9, 2025
4PM-6PM



Sign up sheets are at the Volunteer Desk

Please sign up to provide ingredients, bake, cook, prep and serve!

Proceeds to benefit Camp of the Cross Ministries

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today, Sunday, October 26th Reformation Sunday (wear red)

9:00 a.m. Worship with the Adult Choir & Holy Communion

10:00 Sunday School

10:00 Fellowship

10:15 Adult Choir Practice

12:00 Scrapbooking Retreat in the Fellowship Hall

3:00 Chrissy Lyle's Ordination at First Congregational Church

Monday 1:00 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday

10:00 Women of Faith DVD'S

10:00 Men's Bible Study

Wednesday

3:00 p.m. Sonshine Friends (B)

Thursday

10:00 Community Bible Study-Meadows

Friday

Community Halloween Celebration (downtown)

Saturday

Next Sunday, November 2 All Saints Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion with Sweet Sounds

10:00 Sunday School

10:00 Fellowship

10:15 Adult Choir Practice



Martin Luther



Martin Luther lived in Germany about 500 years ago. He taught people many things about God through his writings, his sermons, and his songs. He translated the Bible into German, the language spoken by his people.

Did you know?

- Lutherans get their name from Martin Luther.
- Martin Luther loved music and singing. He said that after the Bible, music is God's best gift to us. Write the name of a hymn or song you are singing in worship today. _____



Look in the index of your church's worship book. How many of Martin Luther's hymns do you see?

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SERVING IN THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF OUR CHURCH

<i>Ministers</i>	The People of St. Paul Lutheran Church
<i>Pastor</i>	Rev. Janis Sloka, III
<i>Faith Formation Director/Treasurer</i>	Holly Klemisch
<i>Church Council President</i>	Clair Eslinger
<i>Financial Secretary</i>	Loree Jeffers
<i>Custodian</i>	Pam Kolden
<i>Missionaries</i>	Anne & Willie Langdji; Katie Narum Miyamoto
<i>Partner Congregation in Ministry</i>	Our Savior Lutheran Church, Max, ND
<i>Synodically Authorized Ministers</i>	Lisa Haugen and Mike Youngs
<i>Sweet Sounds Coordinator</i>	Loree Jeffers
<i>Choir Director</i>	Lisa Haugen
<i>Musicians</i>	Sundi Lagge, Kim Gehring, Sweet Sounds & Adult Choir
<i>Reader</i>	Stu Merry
<i>Acolyte</i>	Peyton Rime
<i>Greeters</i>	Hedi and Kevin Rime
<i>Door Greeter</i>	Ouhl Family
<i>Ushers</i>	Ouhl Family
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	Loree Jeffers and Jolene Splichal
<i>Communion Set Up and Clean Up</i>	Jolene Splichal
<i>Fellowship</i>	The Crafting Retreat Group
<i>Technology</i>	Lisa Maki
<i>Council Member</i>	Wade Kolden

MISSION STATEMENT

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