

St. Paul Lutheran Smithville



Reformation Sunday
October 26, 2025

Prelude: “The Lord’s Prayer”

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Performed by the Celebration Handbells

Welcome

****Confession and Forgiveness***

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful and loving God,

C: we are your stubborn people.

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.**

Amen.

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.

In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C: Amen.

***Gathering Hymn: # 504 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.**
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.**
- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.**

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4 God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

*Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship
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**Greeting & Call to Worship*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

A: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C: a people holy to the Lord our God.

A: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your
children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are
away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

A: One does not live by bread alone,

C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

**Prayer of the Day*

A: Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord,

**C: 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.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

⁷ Although our iniquities testify against us,
act, O LORD, for your name's sake;
our rebellions indeed are many,
and we have sinned against you.

⁸ O hope of Israel,
its savior in time of trouble,
why should you be like a stranger in the land,
like a traveler turning aside for the night?

⁹ Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?
Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your name;
do not forsake us!

¹⁰ Thus says the LORD concerning this people:
Truly they have loved to wander;
they have not restrained their feet;
therefore the LORD does not accept them;
now he will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins.

¹⁹ Have you completely rejected Judah?
Does your heart loathe Zion?
Why have you struck us down
so that there is no healing for us?
We look for peace but find no good,
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

²⁰ We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,
the iniquity of our ancestors,
for we have sinned against you.

²¹ Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
do not dishonor your glorious throne;
remember and do not break your covenant with us.

²² Can any idols of the nations bring rain,
or can the heavens give showers?

Is it not you, O LORD our God?
We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 84:1-7

R: How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!

**C: My soul longs, indeed it faints,
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.**

R: Even the sparrow finds a home
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

**C: Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.**

R: Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**C: As they go through the valley of Baca,
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.**

R: They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶ At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

R: Please rise for the reading of the Gospel.

P: The Holy Gospel according to the book of Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

****Gospel Reading:*** Luke 18:9-14

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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon: Pastor Kristy Buyok

**Hymn of the Day: # 665 "Rise, Shine, You People"*



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the
 Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur-round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.

Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003

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The Nicene Creed

A: Together, let us confess our faith.

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from
heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

**The Prayers*

A: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A: Free your church, O God, with grace, mercy, and love to be transformed by your word. Direct your church to be united in word and deed so that all creation knows the uniting and transforming power of the gospel. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Renew creation, O God, so that all living creatures thrive together. Guide those who work to restore and renew creation. Preserve and care for endangered species throughout the world. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Bring peace among the nations, O God, so violence and terror are not the norm on your earth. Inspire leaders of communities to work for peace and justice. Unite our politicians with a common mission and purpose. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Heal all who suffer, O God, and bring them peace. Draw near to people who are incarcerated, especially Jaime. Give hope to people experiencing housing or employment insecurity, oppression, or discrimination. Heal those who are ill. Offer your special care to those on our prayer list: the families of Pat and of Becky; Stephanie, Jerry, Denny, Loretta, Ken, Dave, and Lorinda. Be our stronghold at all times. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Forgive us our sins, O God, and grant us your grace. Move us to understanding and reconciliation between people of other faiths and other Christian traditions in our community. Mend hurt feelings and heal wounds we have caused one another. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We give you thanks, O God, for the life and witness of all your saints. Give us hope in your son's victory through the cross. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

**Sharing of the Peace*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

**Offertory:*

"Touch Me Again, Lord"

Choir

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**Offertory Prayer*

P: Let us pray. Lord of the harvest,

C: we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

**Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.**

**Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

**The Great Thanksgiving:*

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 our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of
everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending praise:

**C: Holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed are you, our Savior and Lord!**

****Words of Institution***

P: In the night in which he was betrayed...

P: Remembering your goodness and grace,
we offer ourselves to you with gratitude
as we pray the prayer you taught us:

****The Lord's Prayer***

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

P: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.
Come to the meal of mercy.

Holy Communion

(All baptized Christians are welcomed at God's holy meal.)

P: This is the body of Christ given for you.
(You may eat your wafer)

P: This is the blood of Christ shed for you.
(You may drink the wine from your cup)

C: Thanks be to God!

Communion Hymn: “By Grace We Have Been Saved”

- 1 By grace we have been saved through faith
and not by keeping law.
God’s saints believed by what they heard
and not by what they saw.**

Refrain

**Oh, how I love Jesus!
Oh, how I love Jesus!
Oh, how I love Jesus,
because he first loved me!**

- 2 For all have sinned and fallen short.
God’s plan, not one obeyed.
Christ has for all fulfilled the law.
Believe, confess, be saved. *Refrain.***
- 3 God gave to earth a perfect love
through Jesus on the cross.
While we were foes, Christ died for us.
We gained by God’s own loss. *Refrain***
- 4 We know the wage of sin is death;
thank God, we shall revive.
For just as Jesus rose again,
we too are made alive. *Refrain***
- 5 Set free, we now have peace with God.
Salvation is secured.
How beautiful the feet of those
who share this gospel word. *Refrain***

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Communion Hymn: “Thy Word”

Refrain

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path. (*repeat*)**

**1. When I feel afraid,
think I’ve lost my way,
still you’re there right beside me,
and nothing will I fear
as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end. *Refrain***

**2. I will not forget
your love for me, and yet
my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide
and hold me to your side,
and I will love you to the end. *Refrain***

Text: Psalm 119:105, refrain; Michael W. Smith, stanzas
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****Post Communion Blessing***

****Benediction***

**Sending Hymn: # 654* “The Church’s One Foundation”



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: “How long?”
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

****Dismissal***

A: Be transformed by the Spirit of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Your Prayers Are Requested For:

***The families of Pat and of Becky; Stephanie, Chris, Denny, Gary,
Loretta, Ken, Dave, Lorinda and Jaime***

***The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in honor of
Dempsey & Pamela Root's 56th Wedding Anniversary.***

Thank you to those serving this morning

Pastor: Rev. Kristy Buyok

Cantor: Lesley Mast

Assisting Minister: Adrienne Karlen

Lector: Lyn Miller

Pianist: Joe Hennell

Communion Assistant: Duane Eggeman

Altar Care: Tim Preston

Ushers/Greeters: Steve & Nancy Carr

Bread Baker: Lesley Mast



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This Week

Sunday:	Worship	9:30 a.m.
Monday:	<i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	
Wednesday:	Wednesday Meal	5:30 p.m.
	Choir	6:00 p.m.
	Celebration Handbells	6:45 p.m.
Next Sunday:	All Saints Sunday	
	Worship	9:30 a.m.
	Bible Journaling	6:00 p.m.

Upcoming & Announcements

All Saints Day: We will light a candle of remembrance for all the faithfully departed who now shine in the light of God's glory on November 2nd. You may come to light a candle to remember your loved ones and we will read the names aloud of all who have died in the last year at both services. If you have lost someone in the last year and would like their names added to the list, please call the church office before October 27th.

People to People: Needed at People to People in October: canned fruit, jelly, peanut butter, canned tuna, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, pasta sides, rice sides, shampoo, conditioner, and dish soap. Thank you!



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Wednesday Night Meals

October 29 – Baked potato bar, broccoli cheese soup and dessert

Serving in November In-Person	11/2	11/9	11/16	11/23	11/30
Lay Reader	Mark Miller	Kathy Smith	Hans Kwee	Brad Stumpp	Bob Race
Assisting Minister	Hans Kwee	Pam Root	Lynn Moomaw	Adrienne Karlen	Aleena Mast
Greeters/ Ushers	Bob Race & Pat Badger	Duane & Robin Eggeman	Tim Preston Larry Allen	Rex Raff Alvin Rehm	Steve & Nancy Carr
Communion Assistant	Lyn Miller	Rex Raff	Alvin Rehm	Ernie Buyok	Duane Eggeman
Altar Care	Larry & Sandy Allen	Ernie Buyok Zach Mast	Steve & Nancy Carr	Duane & Robin Eggeman	Lyn Miller Tim Preston
Bread Baker	Nancy Carr	Nancy Carr	Nancy Carr	Nancy Carr	Nancy Carr

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