



Reformation Day (Observed)
October 25, A+D 2026



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DIVINE SERVICE

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Lutheran Service Book

The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace

“Wisdom is justified by her deeds” (Matt. 11:19), and the true wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, in order that we may eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and “remain in the house forever” (John 8:35). He is “a friend of tax collectors and sinners” (Matt. 11:18-19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel “to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people” (Rev. 14:6), “the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law” (Rom. 3:21), “that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus” (Rom. 3:26). And by the hearing of that Gospel of Christ Jesus, “whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith” (Rom. 3:25), “you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:31-32).

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Exhortation

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- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Absolution

LSB 203

- 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46

- 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.**
C **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

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C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also 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.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Revelation 14:6–7

A The First Reading for Reformation Day is from the fourteenth chapter of the Revelation of St. John.

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."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 3:19–28

A The Second Reading is from the third chapter of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans.

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Al - le - lu - ia, 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.

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, 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.**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He**

suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Sermon

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

Stand

806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__ Je - sus Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__ Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say 'I am

strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Be-cause of
 what the Lord has done for us. And now let the
 weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am
 rich," Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.
 Give thanks, give thanks.

Text and tune: Henry Smith, 1952

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Prayer of the Church

Ektene Form

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

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

LSB 208

- 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 Him thanks and praise.

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all

their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

The Words of Our Lord

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

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☩ Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

*Sit***Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood**

Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.

Silent Prayer Just Before Communing: Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Prayer Just After Communing: Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

566 By Grace I'm Saved

582 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

Stand

The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211



1 O Lord, now let to Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

A 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.

Benedicamus*LSB 212*

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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.

C Amen.

861 Christ Be My Leader

Silent Prayer

Announcements

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OPERATION KINDNESS ROOM 7,9 AND KINDNESS CLUB

TOGETHER, WE CAN HELP LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

items you can donate each month

Instant Oatmeal

Boxed Meals

Canned Fruit or Veggies

Individual Snacks

Peanut Butter



Each Month, starting in January, Room 7,9 and Kindness Club will be collecting food to stock the micro pantries in South Holland. There are two in town, one is located at the library and one is located at Christ Our Savior Church. Families can also donate \$1.00 a month to help with "Operation Kindness."

OTHER ITEMS NEEDED:

- Toothbrush and tooth paste
- Kleenex
- Hand Soap
- Soup
- Granola Bars
- Pasta
- Breakfast Bars



Food can be donated any time during the month or a cash donation of \$1.00 each month can be made to help stock the micro pantries.



In All Things Give Thanks

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, November 22, 4:00 p.m.¶
St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church¶
508 N. Chicago Road¶
Thornton, IL 60476¶



Guest Speaker: ¶
N.I.D. President¶
Rev. Dr. Allan Buss¶



**You are invited to the annual Turkey Dinner
following the service¶**

Please RSVP by November 16th call or text the Church cell: 312-533-1896 or email office@splcms.org, with number of guests and the name of a side dish or dessert to share, turkey and drinks are provided.¶



The Glad Spirit

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

October 25, 2026

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Tina Morse
Bev Oaks
Jennifer Olson
Micci & Brian Orth
Payton VanDommelen

BIRTHDAYS

Erik Schassburger, 10/25
Janice Reichert, 10/31

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Louis Sella, 10/29
Ocean Middleton, 10/31



SPECIAL CONCERNS

Pray for Diane Andrasco, Sandy Bodza, Pastor Collins,
Carmen Dampier, Judy Diekleman, Shirley Emerick, Pastor Fluechtling,
Latricia Harris, Ed Hoeksema Jr., Marge Loitz, Beverly Oaks,
Chester Orendorff, Violet Rich, Pastor Simon, Bill Sommer,
Dolly Tagenhorst, Warren & Chris Van Mynen, Jean and Gene Wiltjer,
Ray Zander.

Serving in the Military – Austin Brandy, Dakota Gaut and
Nathan Lopez.

Serving as First Responders – David Allen, Dave Bloom,
Harrison & Arianna Crome, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson,
Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.

NEWS UPDATE

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Sondra Budde a memorial gift has been made to the general fund by Janet Sanders.



In The Zoom Room

Let's Discuss



Monday – Friday Devotions

Portals of Prayer 8:00am to 8:15am

Lutheran Hour 8:00pm to 8:15pm

For the Link:

Call or Text Church Cell: 312-533-1896

Email: letsdiscuss@splcms.org

Saturday Bible Study

8:00 am – 9:00am Women of the Bible

Contact Co-Hosts for more info:

Casey or Deb: biblestudy@splcms.org



St. Paul Book Club

Will meet on Wednesday November 11th at 10:00 am, to review *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni. We always welcome new members. We enjoy fellowship and lunch following the discussion.



We are starting a card ministry here at the church. We will be making the cards. This is why we would like to extend an invitation to join us on this journey. We will be starting in November, meeting at the church on the 1st and 3rd

Saturdays of the month from 10 am to 12 pm.

Casey Stonerock and Sandee Bodza are the co-leaders of the ministry. If you would like to join us or have any questions, please contact us at cards@splcms.org



We continue to help those in need with gift cards for food during the year and during the holiday season. Your monetary donations are greatly appreciated and much needed. Please help us help

others by contributing to Social Ministry marked on your Offering Envelopes.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner and time seems to speed up this time of year. At the present time we are currently assisting 5 families. We try to get the gifts cards out to the families a week or more before the holiday, so they have time to plan and shop. In the Church is a box marked OPERATION KINDNESS! Food donations of canned goods, Boxed meals, Snacks, Kleenex, Soap, Toothpaste are also collected to be passed out to Stock the local Micro Panties. TOGETHER WE CAN HELP LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED.



Christ for You on KFUE.org the Week of October 18th

“There Is a Redeemer”, our study of the book of Job on Sharper Iron! On Thy Strong Word we’re wrapping up our study of Paul’s letters to the Corinthians.!

Issues, Etc. The Week of October 25th Paths To Lutheranism Series... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken..



Reformation Sunday

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GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS



October 18th Attendance 25, 25 Communed, 5 Online

Budgeted		Non-budgeted	
Envelopes	\$755.00	Weekly Missions	\$20.00
Basket	100.00	LCC	10.00
General Fund	435.75	Church Maint	10.00
Total	1,290.75	Social Ministry	55.00
Offering Needed	-1,342.00	Total	\$ 95.00
Short	(\$ 51.25)		



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	9:30 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Reformation Feast
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...

SERVANT SCHEDULE

Sun, Oct 25, 9:30 AM

Sun, Nov 1, 9:30 AM

Pastor

Pastor Klein

Pastor Klein

Lay Reader

Deb Brandy

Tracy Middleton

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