

✠ THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠

The Festival of the Reformation

October 25–26, 2025

5:00 p.m., 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

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Silent Prayer Before Worship

O Holy Spirit, You direct the Church in every age. Guide us in our generation to be bold in our witness to the Gospel and faithful and clear in our confession of the faith entrusted to us, freely and joyfully sharing the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ, whom with You and the Father we worship, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠ Divine Service – Setting One ✠

Lutheran Service Book (LSB), p. 151

Prelude

Opening Hymn

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” *LSB 656*

(Sunday – Choir sings stanza 2)

Setting by Paul Bunjes

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

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9

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.

Confession of Sins and Absolution

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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:19–23

C Amen.

Service of the Word

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.

First Reading

Revelation 14:6–7

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. 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.

(Sunday) **Psalmody – Psalm 46**

LSB 46



(Saturday) **Spoken in alternation**

(Sunday) **Sung by Choir and All** in alternation

Choir: God is our ref- | uge and strength,* a very present help in | trouble.

**All: Therefore we will not fear though the | earth gives way,*
though the mountains be moved into the heart | of the sea,**

Choir: though its waters | roar and foam,* though the mountains tremble at its | swelling.

**All: There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,*
the holy habitation of the | Most High.**

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

**All: The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter;*
He utters His voice, the | earth melts.**

Choir: The LORD of hosts is | with us,* the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

**All: Come, behold the works | of the LORD,*
how He has brought desolations | on the earth.**

Choir: He makes wars cease to the end | of the earth;*
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots | with fire.

All: “Be still, and know that | I am God.*

I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted | in the earth!”

Choir: The LORD of hosts is | with us;* the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

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

All: God is our ref- | uge and strength,* a very present help in | trouble.

Epistle Reading

Romans 3:19–28

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. For by works of the Law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the Law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the Law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 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. 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. 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. 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.

Alleluia and Verse

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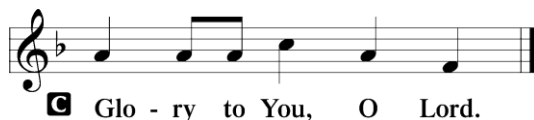


C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, “If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” 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’?”

Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.



Hymn of the Day

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” *LSB 655*

(5:00, 8:00, 9:30) Sermon

“A Faith that Endures”

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 worshiped 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 $\dagger$ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

$\dagger$ Thanksgiving for the 54th wedding anniversary of Alan & Carol Karberg (Oct. 22).

Have You Not Known?

Isaiah 40:21-31

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CHOIR 1. Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you that the everlasting God
dwells on high in starry splendor?
His glory is unspeakable; his power shall never fail.

Refrain

They that wait on the LORD shall renew their strength.
They shall mount up as eagles; they shall run and not grow weary;
they shall walk and never faint.

CHOIR 2. To whom will God, the LORD, compare?
Who can stand his equal? By his word he formed the heavens,
by his power he e'er sustains them.
Vain rulers perish hopelessly; strong nations come to naught. But . . .

Refrain

CHOIR 3. Then why complain, O Israel?
Why downcast, O Jacob? Do you think he does not see?
Is your way now disregarded?
His knowledge is unsearchable, his wisdom strong and sure.

Refrain

Congregation and Choir

4. Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told
you that the ev - er - last - ing God nei - ther tires nor grows wea -
ry? E'en youths shall stum - ble help - less - ly, the young grow weak and
Refrain
faint. But they that wait on the LORD shall re - new their
strength. They shall mount up as ea - gles; they shall run and not grow
wea - ry; they shall walk and nev - er faint.

Repeat Refrain

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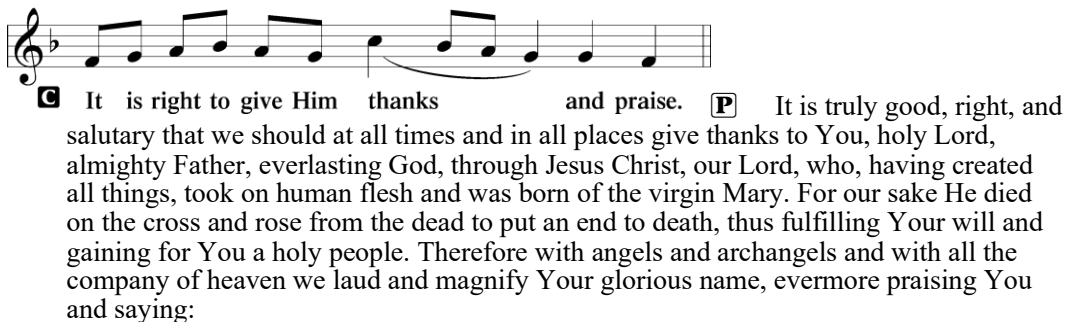
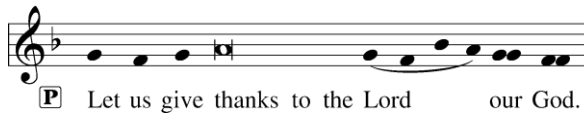
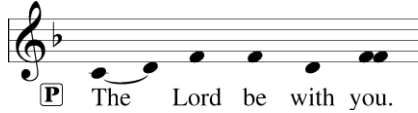
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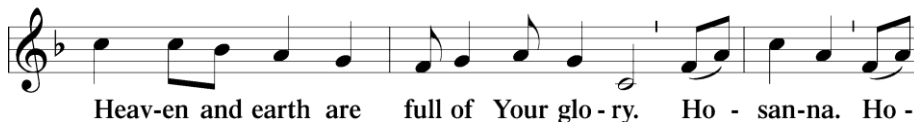
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Sanctus – “Holy, Holy, Holy”

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Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Matthew 6:9-13

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

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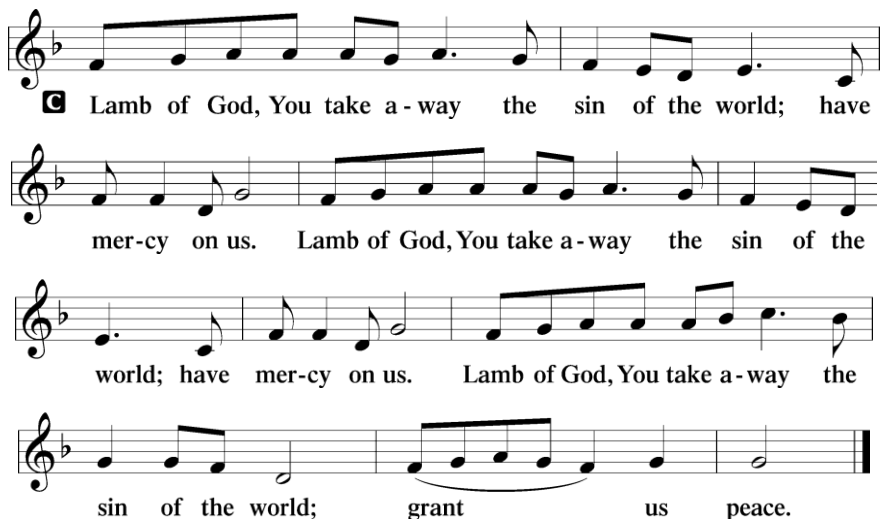
Pax Domini – “Peace of the Lord”

John 20:19

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God”

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Distribution Hymns

“Thy Strong Word” *LSB 578*

(Hymn of the Month) **“O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth”** *LSB 834*



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



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice 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.

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.

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.

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.

Numbers 6:24–26

C Amen.

(Saturday) Closing Hymn

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” LSB 733

(Sunday) **Recessional Hymn**

Hymn Alternation on
Our God, Help in Ages Past
SATB Choir, Descanting Instrument, Congregation and Keyboard

St. Anne

Tune by WILLIAM CROFT, 1678 - 1727

Setting by CHARLES W. ORE

ISAAC WATTS, 1674 - 1748, alt.



All: 1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
Men: 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne Your saints have dwelt se - cure;



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.

All in Harmony:

3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived its frame, From

ev - er - last - ing you are God, To end - less years the same.

Women: 4 A thousand ages in your sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Choir: 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

All: 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Still be our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

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(11:00) **Following the Recessional Hymn, please follow the Processional Cross to the Building Site**

Opening Versicles

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **Who made heaven and earth.**
- P** No one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid,
C **Which is Jesus Christ.**

Scripture Verses Celebrating St. Paul's Ministry Expansion

Stone Laying

- P** I lay this cornerstone to this Ministry Facility of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Prayer and Collect

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**
- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.
C **Amen.**

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

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Join us after the Cornerstone Laying Service today for this year's "Worst WurstFest" with brats, sauerkraut, pretzels, chips, applesauce, root beer, dessert, music, and giveaways. Meals and mingling in Fellowship Hall and our lobbies.

Preacher
Presiding Minister
Assisting Seminarians

Choir
Instrumentalist
Organist

Pastor Schudde
(8:00, 11:00) **Pastor Thompson**
(5:00) **Joshua Horst**
(8:00) **Jacob Diercks**
(9:30) **Paul Blessing**
(11:00) **Jordan Fasnacht**
St. Paul's Intergenerational Choir
Jill Ieppert, trumpet
Bobby Schroeder

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