

LIVING STONE WORSHIP
† Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost †
The Festival of the Reformation
Sunday, October 26, 2025 at 10:45 a.m.

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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.

Announcements & Greeting

Opening Song

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” *LSB 657*

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| <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
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Invocation

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

Prayer of the Day

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.**

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.**

Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

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

C **Glory 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Song of the Day

“This Is Amazing Grace”

Verse 1

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Verse 2

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Chorus

This is amazing grace,
This is unfailing love,
That You would take my place,
That You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You’ve done for
me.

Verse 3

Who brings our chaos back into order,
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.

Verse 4

Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Chorus

Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy, worthy, worthy!

Chorus

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Sermon

“A Faith That Endures”

Apostles’ Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Children’s Message

Offering

The offertory is an important time to reflect with thanksgiving on the many blessings God has given us.

Offertory

Chorus 1

There's honey in the rock, water in the stone,
Manna on the ground, no matter where I go.
I don't need to worry now that I know,
Everything I need You've got,
There's honey in the rock.

Verse 1

Praying for a miracle, thirsty for the Living Well;
Only You can satisfy.
Sweetness at the mercy seat.
Now I've tasted, it's not hard to see,
Only You can satisfy.

Chorus 2

There's honey in the rock. (4X)

Verse 2

Freedom where the Spirit is,
Bounty in the wilderness; You will always satisfy.

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

There's honey in the rock, purpose in Your plan,
Power in the blood, healing in Your hands.
Started flowing when You said it is done.
Everything You did's enough.

“Honey in the Rock”

Bridge

I keep looking, I keep finding.
You keep giving, keep providing
I have all that I need.
You are all that I need.
I keep praying, You keep moving, I keep praising.
You keep proving I have all that I need.
You are all that I need. (repeat)
I have all that I need. You are all that I need, yeah.

Chorus 3

There's honey in the rock, water in the stone,
Manna on the ground, no matter where I go.
I don't need to worry now that I know,
Everything I need You've got,
There's honey in the rock, purpose in Your plan,
Power in the blood, healing in Your hands.
Started flowing when You said it is done.
Jesus, who You are is enough.
There's honey in the rock.
There's honey in the rock.
There's honey in the rock.

Ending

Oh, how sweet, how sweet
it is to trust in You, Jesus. (3x)

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Prayer of the Church

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

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Confession of Sins and Absolution

- 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.

Silence for reflection

- 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

- 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

Mark 14:22–24

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”

- C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

John 1:29

Distribution

Song

“United in Christ”

Verse 1

**People of the Lord, come now and sing.
Every nation and tongue, to Christ our King.
With empty hands, His gifts receive.**

Verse 2

**Whether young or old, you're a child of God.
Whether rich or poor, no matter what you got.
He gathers all at the foot of the cross.**

Chorus

**His body broken makes this body whole.
His resurrection, it assures us all.
No darkness, nor doubting, nor pain in this life
Could keep us from being united in Christ.**

Verse 3

**Sinners and saints, you have a place.
With the Spirit's gifts, proclaim His grace.
There's nothing too small
To be used by the Living God.**

Chorus

Bridge

**We are the body, Christ is the head.
Sealed with the promise, through blood He shed.
We are the body, Christ is the head.
His grace the heartbeat, our confidence.
We are the body, Christ is the head.
Sealed with the promise, through blood He shed.
We are the body, Christ is the head.
His grace the heartbeat, our confidence.
Our confidence.**

Chorus

Tag

**No darkness, nor doubting, nor pain in this life
Could keep us from being united in Christ.**

“Forever Reign”

- 1 You are good, You are good,
When there's nothing good in me.
You are love, You are love,
On display for all to see.
You are light, You are light,
When the darkness closes in.
You are hope, You are hope,
You have covered all my sin.
- 2 You are peace, You are peace,
When my fear is crippling.
You are true, You are true,
Even in my wandering.
You are joy, You are joy,
You're the reason that I sing.
You are life, You are life,
In You death has lost its sting.

Chorus

Oh, I'm running to Your arms,
I'm running to Your arms.
The riches of Your love will always be enough.
Nothing compares to Your embrace.
Light of the world, forever reign.

- 3 You are more, You are more,
Than my words will ever say.
You are Lord, You are Lord,
All creation will proclaim.
You are here, You are here,
In Your presence I'm made whole.
You are God, You are God,
Of all else I'm letting go.

Chorus

Bridge

My heart will sing, no other Name.
Jesus, Jesus. (3x)

Chorus (2x)

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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

- P Let us pray.
Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we continue in this fellowship and do the good works You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
- 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.
- C **Amen.**

Numbers 6:24–26

Closing Song

“Our God”

Water You turned into wine,
Opened the eyes of the blind;
There's no one like You, None like You.

Into the darkness You shine,
Out of the ashes we rise;
There's no one like You, None like You.

Chorus

Our God is greater, Our God is stronger;
God, You are higher than any other.
Our God is healer, awesome in power,
Our God, our God.

Into the darkness You shine,
Out of the ashes we rise;
There's no one like You, None like You. Chorus

Bridge

And if our God is for us then who could ever stop us,
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?
And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us,
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?
(Then) what could stand against?

Chorus 2x

Bridge

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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.

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
Liturgist
Assisting Seminarian
Instrumentalists

Pastor Schudde
Pastor Wade
William Jackson
Mike Peper, Valerie Winkler, guitar
Mark Yaeger, piano
Ben Rudzinski, percussion

Sound

Whitney Wade, Leslie Rudzinski, Valerie Winkler, Darren Meyer, vocals
Ben Rudzinski

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