

Reformation Sunday – October 26, 2025

Prelude *Please maintain a reverent quiet as the Prelude is played.*

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Absolution

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L Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
C Amen.

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

All: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God Forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn

Amazing Grace

ELW 779

Apostolic Greeting

L 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.

This is the Feast Pg. 169

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you

C And also with you

L 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.

C Amen

First Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

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. Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C Thanks be to God!

Psalm 46

¹ God is our ref-^luge and strength,
a very present^l help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the^l earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths^l of the sea;**

³ though its waters^l rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble^l with its tumult.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-^ly of God,
the holy habitation of^l the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall^l not be shaken;
God shall help it at the^l break of day.

⁶ **The nations rage, and the^l kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth^l melts away.**

⁷ The LORD of^l hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob^l is our stronghold.

⁸ **Come now, regard the works^l of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up-^lon the earth;**

⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in^l all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the^l shields with fire.

¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that^l I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted^l in the earth.”**

¹¹ The LORD of^l hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob^l is our stronghold.

Second Reading: Romans 3: 19-28

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. Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation Page 171

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel according to John 8th C Glory to you, O Lord.

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." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

ELW 504

Nicene Creed

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 for-
giveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the
dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

L: Freed from sin and the burden of the law, we raise our grateful prayers to God.

AM: For the whole Church, that our trust in God's free grace may shape us to be people of grace toward all our neighbors, and lead Christians to deeper unity, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the people and authorities around the globe, that the life-giving power of God's gracious gospel may transform hearts and minds to end hate, violence and war, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the natural world, that we may see signs of God's boundless love in the fabric of creation in all its beauty and majesty, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For all children, especially those in any danger, that they may be saved and be able to grow to experience the fullness of God's mercies, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For ourselves, that our joy at God's compassion and promise of new life may lead to a heart filled with generosity, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

L: For all these, and any other needs, we turn to God with trust in divine providence, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer. Amen.**

The Peace

L The Peace of the Lord be with you all. C And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with one another. The Offering is received, and the table is prepared.

**Anthem: The Light of the World Words: Nancy Price and Don Besig
Music: Don Besig**

Jesus is the light of the world, he is the light of the world, he is the light of the world. Hallelujah! Jesus is the light of the world and we will follow him. Jesus is the light of the world! Hallelujah! Jesus is the light of the world, he is the light of the world, he is the light of the world. Hallelujah! Jesus is the light of the world, and we will follow him. Jesus is the light of the world! When there is trouble, no need to go astray,. He will shine. Yes he will shine. Jesus will help you find your way. He will shine. Yes, he will shine. Take his hand, let him lead. You'll find that when you follow Jesus he will set you free. Keep him in your life and let him shine! Hallelujah! Jesus is the light of the world, he is the light of the world, he is the light of the world. Hallelujah! Jesus is the light of the world, and we will follow him. **Offertory Hymn ELW 185 Create in Me a Clean Heart**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

The Leader speaks the offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

- L The Lord be with you. C And also with you.
L Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.
- L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- L 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,...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus Pg. 173

- C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Great Thanksgiving

LORD'S PRAYER

- 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 Agnus Dei pg. 174

- 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, grant us peace.**

All are warmly welcomed by Christ to his table and feast.

Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

- L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. C **Amen.**



Closing Hymn by the Contemporary Choir

10, 000 Reasons

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name.

Verse 1

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning; It's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name.

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger, Your Name is great and Your heart is kind; For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name.

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing, The end draws near and my time has come; Still my soul sings Your praise unending, Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name.



Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors. C Amen.

Postlude

Please maintain a reverent quiet as the Postlude is.

Thank you for coming. May God's peace be yours today.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Kay Ackley
Ben, Sheryl & Nik Ahrens
Connie Aparo
Phil Bascetta
Kathleen Bowler

Cherie Brown
Sharon Cable
Cathy Ann Campbell
Angelo & Nicole Capasso
Carol Cianciolo
Emma Cortina

Leif Dallaire
Linda Dellano
Carla Derrickson
Winifried Diorio
Irene Douglas
J.J. Eby

Judy Elliott
Walt Esker
Jan Eucalitto
Jennifer Ezzo
Weston Faith

Bruce & Liz Falls
Tommy Fitzpatrick
Sherry Franceschetti
Bob Frantz
Ashley Friday

John Fox
Joan Gerard
Danise Hall
Jack & Barbara Heintz

Brayden Herzberg
Renate Higgins
Charles Hilton
Kathleen Hilton
Shannon Hilton

Jake Hoadley
Sven Holmgren
Erma Horn
Eunice Jones
Colin Keeley

Marilyn Killingbeck
Jason Lashbrook
Gail Lavoie
John Lewis

David Little
Rebecca Little
Amy & Dave Louen
Michael Maccalous
Kari Machowski
Mary Ellen Mackinnon

Jerry MacManus
Irene Madore
Audrey Marquard
Abigail Marine
Eric Marine

Richard Marine
Janis Martin
Gil & Marilyn Martin
Gladys Medina
Michael Meyers

Kate Merrow
Colin Moore
Brigitte Mueller
Barbara Nalette
Karen Ness

Tom O'Brien
Lea Orriola & family
Karen Pagano
Russell Palmer
Maria Payne
Lisa & Dennis Polzun
Caroline Quintal
Ed & Susan Regner
Jonathan Richard
Louise Roche
Patricia & Richard Sawitzke

Holly Schaff
Rosemary & Otto Schibi
Denae Seelye
Matt Simpson
Lori Sola
Dana Steele

Sigrid Smitley
Paul Smith
Arlene Soja
John Sproat
Dana & George Steele
Jennifer Stella

Deb & Jon Sterling
Tom Sterling Sr.
RuthAnn Stone
Patricia Switzer
Gloria Thibault
Andy Thomas
Julia Thompson Carroll
Kyle Thurlough & family
Susan Tyciensi
Carol Vrlík

Steve Warner
Sue Watkins
Renee Woodard
Clayton Young
Clarence & Priscilla
Ed

Jen O.
Jaiden
Steve
Lou W.

Steve
Todd
Robert K.
Diane A.
Terry

Joe
Carol G.
Kristen & Jared
Vinny
Hagbard

Carolina
Robert P.
Peanut
Colleen
Ken

Kathy
Jaxson
Gail
F.C.H.
Chantel

Stephan
Jason R
Baby Wesley
Diane L.

Our Nursing Home Members

Dee Gammon
Midge Rosenbeck
Judy Schaller
Ernest Marquard
Mae Fay
Francine Ahrens
Dennis Nalette

Our Military Friends

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Tyler Quinn
Eric Beyus
Major Zachary Fulton
Brandan Holbrook
Jonathan Connell
Tom Gregg, Jr.
Eric Bremer
Peter Hutchinson
SPC Dominic Boscarino
PVT Noah Braatz
PVT 2 Christian Braatz
Aiden Avenia USCG
2nd Lt. Ben Speaker
Pvt. Noah Roy

Around the Churh

Event	Date	Time
WELCA	10/27	7 pm
Finance Meeting	11/5	6 pm
Council	11/10	7 pm
Family Advent Project	11/23	After

Bible Study Tuesday via Zoom

Tuesdays 6:00 pm

In person Bible Study Wednesdays

10:00 am

Tai Chi 11:00 am Wednesdays

Quilting Group 1:00 pm Wednesdays

Offerings Summary:

Needed Weekly	\$4,561
Received	\$1,910
Shortfall	(\$2,651)
YTD shortfall	(\$57,860)

Names needed for the
All Saints List. Please email
the name of your loved ones
that have passed in the last
year to the office by
October 27. Thank you!

Minimalist bulletin

Prelude

Announcements

Sharing of Blessings or prayers

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Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn

Apostolic Greeting

Glory to God Pg. 167

Prayer of the Day

First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel Acclamation Pg. 171

Reading of the Holy Gospel

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Creed

Prayers of the People

Peace

A Capella Choir Anthem

The Offering is received

Offertory Hymn Pg. 185

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Sanctus pg. 173

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) pg. 174

Communion is Distributed

Post-communion prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Dismissal



During the month of October help decorate the tree in the Narthex with donations of socks in all sizes and shapes. The socks will be donated at the end of the month to local service agencies. The event is sponsored by the Chris Ed and Social Concerns

Quilt Drawing \$10 ea.

The quilt was made by the
St. Paul's Quilting Crew!



Tickets sold on Sunday Mornings
100% of the proceeds goes to
St. Paul's General Fund
Drawing 11/1/2024 @ the Fall Fair.
Need not be present at the drawing.



Also in October is the
Reformation 508 Food
Drive!
Please help where you can!

Trunk or Treat
@ St. Paul's!
Sunday, October 26, 2024
2:00 to 3:30 pm
Rain or shine!
*All are welcome regardless of tradition,
background, or religious affiliation.*
This is a family event so
not-so-scary costumes only please.
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
837 Charles Street, Torrington
860-482-3555
www.stpaulstorrington.com

FALL FAIR
Saturday, November 1st
9:00am - 3:00pm
Handmade Crafts,
Artisans Market
Soup & Sandwich Lunch,
Bake Sale, Theme Baskets
and More!
For info: 860-482-3555

