

*Live Like You'll Live
Forever⁺*

LIVE A LIFE OF COURAGEOUS WITNESS

Reformation Sunday

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

October 27, 2024

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we welcome you to St. Paul's. We especially welcome our guests who have joined us today. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news of God's forgiveness through Jesus.

PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP

Lord Jesus Christ, living a life for you in word and deed is not easy in this world. Forgive me for the times I think of myself and shy away from faithful witness and living due to persecution. Remind me today that you are always with me and will guide me in what to do and say. Give me courage to live my Christian witness knowing I'll live forever with you no matter what happens. Amen.

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Children's activity sheets are available near the entrance to the sanctuary. The church basement is also available with a live feed of the worship service along with a Kids' Corner for parents with children to utilize during the service if needed.

THANK OFFERING

You may leave your offering in the plate in the lobby. The QR code to the right will provide the link to our online giving option. If you're visiting with us today you are welcome to give an offering, but don't feel compelled by guilt or embarrassment to do so. God wants all offerings to be made freely and with joy.



SERVICE OF THE WORD

Christian Worship '93

The Service of the Word offers the congregation a form of worship that focuses on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

CHOIR

By Grace I'm Saved

Stand

INVOCATION

The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

CONFESSION

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment.

Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

ABSOLUTION

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen.

Prayer and Praise

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

HYMN

862 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

(short musical intro)



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your Word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would seek to o - ver - throw your
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your Chris - ten - dom that
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son and to de - stroy what he has done.
we may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife and lead us out of death to life.

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt; Martin Luther, 1483–1546
Tune: Geistliche Lieder zu Wittenberg, Wittenberg, 1543, ed. Joseph Klug
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The Word

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

HOLY BAPTISM

p. 261

(10:00 am)

Everly Marie Brooks

Hallie Rose Brooks

FIRST READING

Daniel 3:16–28

¹⁶Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego answered King Nebuchadnezzar, “We have no need to answer you about this matter. ¹⁷Since our God, whom we serve, does exist, he is able to save us from the blazing fiery furnace. So, he may save us from your hand, Your Majesty. ¹⁸But if he does not, you should know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods, and we will not worship the golden statue that you set up.”

¹⁹Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with rage, and the expression on his face changed against Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego. He said to heat the furnace seven times hotter than it was usually heated. ²⁰He ordered some men, who were soldiers from his army, to bind Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego in order to throw them into the blazing fiery furnace. ²¹So these men were bound in their coats, their pants, their

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turbans, and their other clothing, and they were thrown into the middle of the blazing fiery furnace. ²²Because the king's order was urgent and the furnace was extremely hot, those men who carried Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego were killed by the intense heat of the fire. ²³But these three men, Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, who had been tied up, fell into the blazing fiery furnace.

²⁴Then King Nebuchadnezzar was startled and immediately stood up. He said to his advisors, "Didn't we throw three men, who had been tied up, into the middle of the fire?"

They answered the king, "Certainly, Your Majesty."

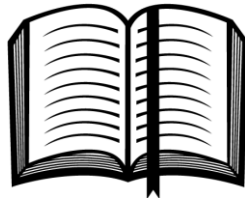
²⁵He said, "Look! I see four men, who are untied and walking around in the middle of the fire, unharmed. What is more, the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods."

²⁶Then Nebuchadnezzar approached the door of the blazing fiery furnace. He said, "Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out!" Then Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego came out from the middle of the furnace. ²⁷The satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the royal advisors gathered together and looked at these men. The fire had no power over their bodies. Not a hair on their head was singed, their robes were not damaged, and the smell of fire had not stuck to them.

²⁸Nebuchadnezzar said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, who sent his angel and saved his servants, who trusted in God and ignored the king's command. They gave up their bodies and did not pay homage or worship any god except their God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



HYMN

877 Reformation Song sts. 1-2, Ref, 3-5 (w/ Ref)

Vocalists will lead the hymn.

The congregation may join as comfortable.



1 Your Word a - lone is sol - id ground,
2 Thro' faith a - lone we come to you;
3 In Christ a - lone we're jus - ti - fied;



the might - y rock on which we build.
we have no mer - it we can claim.
his right - eous - ness is all our plea.



In ev - 'ry line the truth is found,
Sure that your prom - is - es are true,
Your law's de - mands are sat - is - fied;



and ev - 'ry page with glo - ry filled. v. 2
we place our hope in Je - sus' name.
his per - fect work has set us free.



Refrain
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ry to God a - lone.



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ry to God a - lone.

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4 By grace alone we have been saved;
all that we are has come from you.
Hearts that were once by sin enslaved
now by your pow'r have been made new. (Refrain)

Ref Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.
Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.

5 And on this Reformation Day
we join with saints of old to sing;
we lift our hearts as one in praise:
glory to Christ our gracious King. (Refrain)

Ref Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.
Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.

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SECOND READING

Revelation 14:6–7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying in the middle of the sky. He had the everlasting gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth, to every nation, tribe, language, and people. ⁷He said with a loud voice:

Fear God and give him glory,
because the hour of his judgment has come.
Worship him who made the sky, the earth, the sea, and the springs of water.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 12:32

Alleluia!

**Do not be afraid, little flock,
for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Mark 13:5–11

⁵Jesus began by telling them, "Be careful that no one deceives you. ⁶Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and will deceive many.

⁷"Whenever you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled. Such things must happen, but the end is not yet. ⁸In fact, nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places. There will be famines. These are the beginning of birth pains. ⁹But be on your guard! People will hand you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues. You will stand in the presence of rulers and kings for my sake as a witness to them. ¹⁰And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. ¹¹Whenever they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand what you should say. Say whatever is given to you in that hour, because you will not be the ones speaking; instead it will be the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children who are in grade four and younger may come forward and sit on the front step for the children's devotion. Older children, parents, or other family members may come forward to encourage the younger children's participation.

HYMN OF THE DAY

864 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



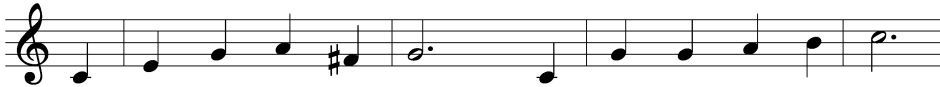
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a trust - y
 2 With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, all ea - ger
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main nor an - y



shield and weap - on; he helps us free from ev - 'ry
 loss ef - fect - ed; but for us fights the val - iant
 to de - vour us, we trem - ble not, we fear no
 thanks have for it; he's by our side up - on the



need that has us now o'er - tak - en.
 one whom God him - self e - lect - ed.
 ill; they shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 plain with his good gifts and Spir - it.



The an - cient e - vil foe now means to work us woe;
 You ask who this may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he,
 The prince of dark - ness still may scowl fierce as he will,
 And should they take our life, goods, hon - or, child, and wife,



deep guile and aw - ful might are his dread arms in
 the Lord of hosts his name, from age to age the
 his rag - ing harms us none. He's judged; the deed is
 though all of these be gone, our vic - to - ry is



fight; on earth is not his e - qual.
 same, he holds the field for - ev - er.
 done; one lit - tle word can fell him.
 won; the king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Be Watching!

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there 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.**

Be seated

OFFERING

"I know, my God, that you test the heart, and you take pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things. Now with joy I see your people, who are present here to bring the offering freely to you" (1 Chronicles 29:17).

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Almighty and eternal God, when the set time had come, you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to take our place under the demands of the law and endure the just punishment for our sins. You raised him from death in glorious splendor and for his sake, you richly and daily forgive sins.

Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

When the set time had come, you poured out your Spirit on your people and called them to proclaim the gospel to every creature. Equipped and encouraged, they carried the story of salvation to all the world.

The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.

When the set time had come, you raised up your servant Martin Luther to destroy the idols of the medieval age and to restore the pure teaching of the Scriptures. You granted power and success to the proclamation of the gospel, and your holy Church grew and prospered throughout the world.

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

When the set time had come, you made our fathers bold to take their stand on the truth of your Word. Guided by your Spirit, they joined hands and hearts under a shared confession and with a determined resolve to work together in the ministry. You have blessed their sons and daughters and enabled us to preserve and proclaim the saving gospel of your Son.

Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

Let this be the time when you renew us again by Word and Sacrament, when you reform our hearts and minds, and when you restore to us the joy of fellowship and service. Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of the fathers of our church's past.

May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave us or forsake us.

Let this be a time to imitate the kind-hearted souls in our church who served the sick, helped the disabled, cared for the abandoned, and comforted the dying. Provide

occasions to serve them and times to pray for them. Keep all your children in your powerful and gracious care.

As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Let this be a time when we recommit ourselves to the ministry of the gospel of your Son. Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and, if it is your will, success in our labor. And give us faith to take up again the trumpet none can silence or mistake and grant us courage to proclaim once more for all the world to hear: The feast is ready! Come to the feast!

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

Brief intercessory prayers may be added here.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer.

Let this time and all our times be used to give thanks for your grace in Christ and to praise you for calling us into your mission to save.

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love and establish the work of our hands. Amen.


HYMN

856 Built on the Rock



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand e - ven when
2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, built for his
4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, tell - ing how
5 Grant then, O God, your will be done, that, when the


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stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
 High, is not dwell - ing; high a - bove earth his
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
 God has re - ceived us. Th' al - tar re - calls Christ's
 church bells are ring - ing, man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; bells still are chim - ing and call -
 tem - ple stands, all earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
 grace us owns heirs of his won - drous sal - va -
 sac - ri - fice and what the sac - ra - ment gives
 faith may come where Christ his mes - sage is bring -



ing, call - ing the young and old to rest,
 ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove
 tion. Were we but two his name to tell,
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
 ing: "I know my own; my own know me.



but a - bove all the soul dis - tressed,
 choos - es to live with us in love,
 yet he would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
 You, not the world, my face shall see.



long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 with all his grace and his fa - vor.
 and ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

Text: tr. Carl Döving, 1867–1937, alt.; Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872, abr.
 Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887
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Stand

PRAYER

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.**

BLESSING

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

855 *The Church's One Foundation* sts. 1-5



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 The Church shall nev - er per - ish. Her dear Lord, to de - fend,
4 Tho' with a scorn - ful won - der the world sees her op - pressed,
5 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war



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.
to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end.
by schisms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more



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,
Tho' there be those that hate her and strive to see her fail,
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,



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.
a - gainst both foe and trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.
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.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900, abr., alt.

Tune: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIVINE CALL EXTENDED

We have extended a divine call to Mrs. Kelly Radke to serve as our new 3K/4K teacher beginning next fall. Mrs. Radke currently serves as an Early Childhood Ministry (ECM) teacher at Cross of Glory Lutheran School in Washington, MI. Please keep Kelly and her family in your prayers as she deliberates where best to serve in God's kingdom.

REDWINGS ONLINE STORE

An apparel shop for our school has been set up at BSN Sports (new vendor). Go to the following webpage (also in the QR code) to shop for over 50 apparel items. St. Paul's school also receives a portion of the sales as a fundraiser.

Orders are due by November 15th. Thank you for supporting our school!



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE PRACTICES

Children in the public school grades 4K through 8th grade are welcome to join in the Christmas Eve service. The school students will be having practice beginning November 4th. Copies of the program and practice schedule will be in the narthex (bottom shelf of where you pick up worship bulletins) in the near future, so be on the lookout. If you have any questions about the program or possible transportation from the public school for practices, call the school at 608-486-2641.

SNOW REMOVAL

It is that time of year where we again need to call for volunteers to help with snow removal. We have a group of six stalwart individuals who have faithfully removed the snow from our sidewalks and steps. We have one additional volunteer. If we could get some more volunteers, we could lessen the burden on those good people. If you are able to volunteer, please contact either Pastor Groth or Dan Arndt at 608-343-4662. If you would be willing to help but are available only on the weekends, let us know that as well. As at least we could give our regulars a break on the weekends.

CAMM LETTER

Copies of the October newsletter of the Central Africa Medical Mission can be found in the lobby.

LIVE NATIVITY SETUP

Setup for the Live Nativity at Riverside Park is coming up Saturday, November 2nd, from 9am-5pm. Rotary provides lunch. Many hands make light work! Please come for any amount of time you can spare. Can't help this Saturday? Come down any of the following Saturdays. (Nov. 9th, 16th, and 23rd) Questions? Call George Italiano (608-317-0271)

TREE CUTTING FOR LIVE NATIVITY

The tree cutting for the Live Nativity will take place on Saturday, November 16th, at 9:00am at Bowman Tree farm (4169 Barrell Rd. Sparta). We need about 20 people to help cut down and transport trees from there to Riverside Park. Please indicate whether or not you can bring a chainsaw, truck, or trailer. Make sure to sign up so you can be notified of any changes. Call/text John Pieper (608-386-9894) with any questions or to sign up.! Thank you so much for all your help!

LHS FRUIT SALE

The annual fruit sale is back for Luther High. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the lobby for details.

FAMILY DEVOTIONS

Did you know that WELS Discipleship offers daily devotions for families? The devotions include reflection on the Word of God, a prayer, and questions for kids in three different age ranges. You can even listen to recordings of the devotions. Find them at wels.net/serving-you/devotions/family-devotions or by using the QR code.



OFFERING SUMMARY (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

2024 Weekly Budget: \$11,826.00

Budget to Date: \$496,692.00

Received Last Week: \$6,168.63

Rec'd to Date: \$325,390.34

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 am: 163 Online Viewers: 51 10:00 am: 58 Total: 272

Missions Presentation: 42 Sunday School: 16 Tues./Wed. Bible Study: 29

CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship
	9:10 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship
MONDAY	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am	Bible Study (same as Tues.)
	3:30 pm	Public School Catechism Class
THURSDAY	2:00 pm	Ladies Aid Meeting
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am	Worship with Communion
	9:10 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister
Accompanist

Pastor Brock Groth
Irene Bakken

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