

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Reformation Sunday, October 25 & 26, 2025

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Message

(Sunday only)

Please rise in body or spirit

Confession and Forgiveness

Screen

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

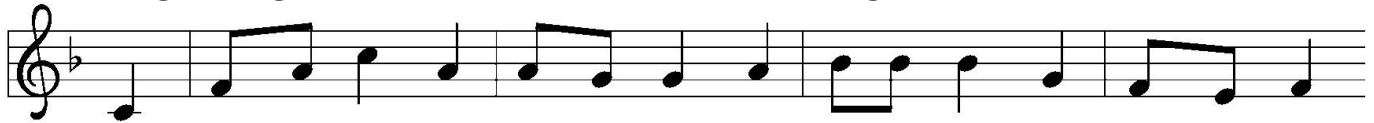
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful and loving God,

C: we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

P: Even when we are faithless. God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **C: Amen.**

Gathering Song "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" Screen or ELW #596

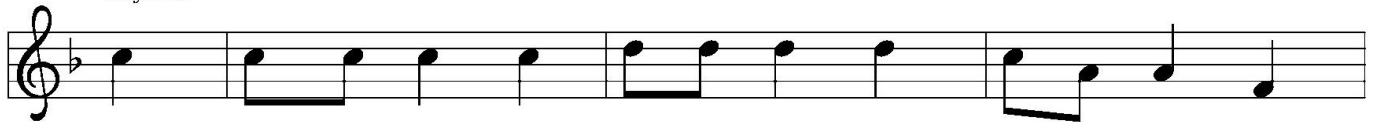


- 1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
- 2 Whendark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
- 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
- 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
 when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

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Greeting

P: 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.**

Kyrie

Screen

L: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

L: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,
 for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

L: For your people here who have come to give you praise,
for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, and defend us, O God.

C: Amen.

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Hymn of Praise

Now the Feast & Celebration

Screen

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



Refrain
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



Refrain
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



Refrain
God; to make all things new.

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Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Almighty God,

C: 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. Amen.

The congregation is invited to be seated.

WORD

First Reading – Jeremiah 31:31-34

Screen

A: A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

A: 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.

A: Word of God, Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm – Psalm 46

Screen

A: We will read the Psalm responsively by whole verse.

A: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

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

A: though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**C: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

A: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

**C: The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

A: The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**C: Come now, regard the works of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

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

**C: "Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**

A: The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading – Romans 3:19-28

Screen

A: A reading from the book of Romans.

A: 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.

A: Word of God, Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please rise in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Screen

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

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Gospel – John 8:31-38

Screen

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: 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."

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is invited to be seated

Sermon

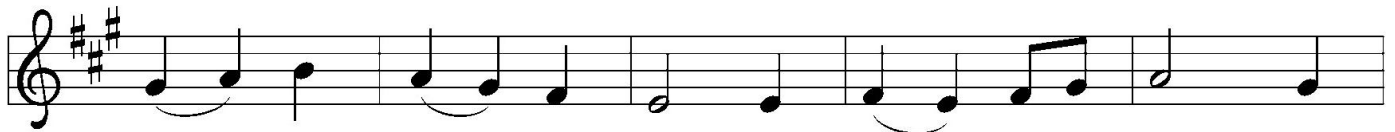
Please rise in body or spirit.

Song of the Day

"The Church of Christ, in Every Age" Screen or ELW #729 vs.1,2,3,5



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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Apostles' Creed

Screen or ELW pg. 105

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Screen

P: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world,
and all creation.

A brief silence.

A: Free your church, O God, with grace, mercy, and love to be transformed by
your word. Direct your church to be united in word and deed so that all
creation knows the uniting and transforming power of the gospel. God of
grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Renew creation, O God, so that all living creatures thrive together. Guide
those who work to restore and renew creation. Preserve and care for
endangered species throughout the world. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Bring peace among the nations, O God, so violence and terror are not the
norm on your earth. Inspire leaders of communities to work for peace and
justice. Unite our politicians with a common mission and purpose. God of
grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Heal all who suffer, O God, and bring them peace. Draw near to people
who are incarcerated. Give hope to people experiencing housing or
employment insecurity, oppression, or discrimination. Heal those who are ill
especially Eva Cowley, Barb Strom, Deb Liebrecht, Chase Flynn, Connie Clayton,
Bonnie Bollman, and those we name aloud or in our hearts... *brief silence....* Be
our stronghold at all times. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Forgive us our sins, O God, and grant us your grace. Move us to
understanding and reconciliation between people of other faiths and other
Christian traditions in our community. Mend hurt feelings and heal wounds we
have caused one another. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for the life and witness of all your saints. Give us hope in your son's victory through the cross. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office by phone or email.

Peace P: The peace of Christ be with you all. **C: And, also with you!**

Please share a sign of Christ's peace however you feel comfortable.

The congregation is invited to be seated.

MEAL

Offering

General and special offerings may be placed in the plates by the doors as we enter or depart. In addition to the offering that supports the ministry of St. Paul, the children of St. Paul receive a weekly Children's Offering. Their offering this month will support the Goodfellows of Lee County. We thank the children and youth for their help collecting the children's offering!

Offering Song "As the Grains of Wheat" Screen or ELW #465

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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Music: Marty Haugen

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Please rise in body or spirit.

Offering Prayer

Screen

P: Lord of the harvest,

C: we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Communion

Screen

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 God thanks and praise.

P: 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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Words of Institution

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

The 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.

Invitation to Communion

P: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

The congregation is invited to be seated.

Distribution of Holy Communion

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you."

*Each person may respond, "**amen**".*

St. Paul Lutheran Church and the ELCA practice "open table" communion. This is Christ's table; Jesus is our host. Everyone is invited and welcome to receive Holy Communion!

Communion Songs

Lamb of God

Screen



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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"Come, Let Us Eat"

Screen or ELW #491

Leader or All



- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
- 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
- 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
- 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
 come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
 in Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest.
 rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word.

Leader or All



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
 in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

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Please rise in body or spirit

Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray, O God, **C: through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Song

“The Church is One Foundation” Screen or ELW #654 vs.1,2,4,5



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 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



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:
by schisms. . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



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,
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,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



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.
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.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Leading Worship

Musician: Kathy Sheridan

Preacher: Pastor Riley **Presider:** Pastor Anthony

Worship Assistant: Saturday: Marian Myers Sunday: Joyce Craney

Youth Worship Helpers: Luis, Hannah, & Rafael

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St. Paul Announcements

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Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 am – 1:30 pm

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 10/26:	Faith Lab ~ Reformation 9:30 am -10:30 am Worship Service 10:45 am ~ Reformation Sunday Installation Service 2:00 pm begins at Immanuel continues to St. Paul Reception following
Monday, 10/27:	Prayer Team 10:00 am Line Dancing 5:00 pm Joint Book Study at ILC 6:00 pm
Tuesday, 10/28:	Line Dancing 9:00 am Staff Meeting 9:00 am at Immanuel Chili Supper 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm at Immanuel
Wednesday, 10/29:	Praise Band rehearsal 1:00 pm
Thursday, 10/30:	Joint Book Study at ILC 11:00 am Chair Yoga 11:00 am
Saturday, 11/1:	Worship 5:30 pm at Immanuel
Sunday, 11/2:	Sunday School 9:30 am - 10:30 am Worship Service 10:45 am ~ Praise Band (worship assistant: Joyce Craney) Joint Confirmation Class 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at St. Paul All Saints Day Daylight Savings Time Ends

Today's worship is livestreamed on Facebook and archived on YouTube.

If ever you miss a service, you can join us online!

Thank you to St Paul for the beautiful flower arrangement; a special thank you to Verna Sagmoe for delivering the flowers. -- Bonnie Bollman



CHILI SUPPER

Immanuel Lutheran Church is hosting its annual Chili and Soup Supper!

Join us for a night of fellowship, fundraising, and fabulous food! Half the proceeds go to Buddy Bags, a program that helps feed children and youth in our community.

Takeout containers available. Open from 4pm - 7pm.

 Tuesday, 28 October 2025  1013 Franklin Grove Rd. Dixon, IL 61021

Adult Meal Ticket: \$10
Child Meal Ticket: \$5

 Immanuel Lutheran Church
More Info : www.ilcdixon.org

Out and About has had very little attendance for the last few months so the decision has been made to no longer plan to gather for a lunch each month. May all who have joined us over the years remember the many warm friendly lunches we shared. It was a great way to get to know one another better! ~ Beverley

The LSSI Giving Tree will start November 1st.

There will be envelopes on the tree.

The Goodfellow gift giving tree will also start November 1st because the gifts need to be taken to Goodfellows by December 3rd. Please buy your gifts early. There will be no cards on the tree, but the boxes will still be around the tree.



CELEBRATION

1 Year of Joint-Ministry Celebration and Installation of Pastors Riley and Anthony

Save the date and make plans to attend this important worship service! We will gather Sunday, October 26th at 2 pm at Immanuel.

The service will begin there with the first half of the installation, then we will drive over to St. Paul to continue worship. St. Paul will also host fellowship afterwards.

Please try to attend both parts to emphasize our ministry as "Two Churches, One Mission."

Also, if willing, carpool with friends and fellow congregants. This will cut down on traffic and travel time. All of Dixon is invited! You won't want to miss it. Check the Facebook event for more details.

