



Reformation Sunday—October 25, 2020

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship Service LIVE—9:25 a.m.

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We, the people of St. Paul's, are a community for spiritual health, centered in Christ.
We challenge ourselves to share and live Christ's love
within the congregation, within the community and to the larger world.

VIRTUALLY SERVING TODAY

Minister.....Pastor Phil Beck
Lector.....Sam Purswell
Organist.....Jeff Gentry

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President—Trisha Valcarcel
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Treasurer—Amy Mildenstein
Secretary—Patty Rimel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Faithful God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

C: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you

C: **And also with you.**

GATHERING HYMN.....A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.....ELW 504

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.

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!

**Greeting (ELW, p. 147)*

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 (ELW, p. 147)

Cantor: In peace let us pray to the Lord

C: **Lord, have mercy**

Cantor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy**

Cantor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

Cantor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

Cantor: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE (ELW, p. 149)*

Cantor: This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:*

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.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
⁶The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.

⁷The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our strong hold.
⁸Come now, regard the works of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
⁹behold 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.
¹⁰“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”
¹¹The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our strong hold.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

L: The Word of the Lord
C: Thanks be to God

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C: (spoken, p. 151) **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

*The Holy Gospel according John, the 8th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMONPastor Phil Beck

HYMN OF THE DAY.....*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*.....ELW 779

1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
 that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found;
 was blind, but now I see

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
 bright shining as the sun,
 we've no less days to sing God's praise
 than when we'd first begun.

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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.*

OFFERING Please mail your gifts to the church office or consider online giving.

***OFFERTORY HYMN**

Change My Heart, O God

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff is marked 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.' The second staff ends with 'End' and contains the lyrics 'Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.' The third staff contains the lyrics 'You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.' and features a triplet of eighth notes. The fourth staff is marked 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.' and also features a triplet of eighth notes.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953
Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa
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***OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

C: **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH*

P: ... Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:*

P: Gathered into One with the Holy Spirit, we now pray as Jesus taught us...

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.**

**BENEDICTION:*

P: Mothering God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

Amen.

**SENDING HYMN.....How Firm a Foundation.....ELW 796*

1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

4 "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904, alt

**DISMISSAL*

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

PRAYER LIST

Ellen Hatgi, *Member*
The Lawrence Family, *Family of Kate Stottlemeyer*
Katrina Pank, *Member*
Tommy Sorge, *Nephew of Marie Purswell*
Marion Forrest, *Friend of Diane Port*
Rick Fischler, *Friend of Diane Port*
Ned Kadoura, *Friend of Kate Stottlemeyer*
The Stuck Family, *Friends of Amy Mildenstein*
Milton & Dolores Denn, *Members*
Heather & Lexi Anderson, *Family of Merle & Kelly Anderson*
Karen White, *Friend of Tammy Snurr*
Audrey McDougall, *Member*
Erica Hoff, *Daughter of Betty Walker*
Sharyl Mildenstein, *Family of Russ & Amy Mildenstein*
Robb Port, *Member*
Joe Collins, *Cousin of Joann Valainis*
Dr. Heather DeVincentis, *Friend of Sue and Lin Snyder*
The Wynne Family, *Friends of Sue Snyder*
The Lutz Family, *Members*
The Foster Family, *Friends of Diane Port*
Cindy Hart, *Aunt of Kelly Myer*
Libbianna LeDuff, *Family of Hope Donati*
Dee Dee Kopp, *Member*
Tara, *Family Friend of Maryann Conley*
Joann Clem, *friend of Susan Snyder*
Greg Dalrymple, *friend of Pastor Phil Beck*



+Admiral Lisa Franchetti, U.S. Navy,
niece to Linwood Snider
+Zachary Williams, U.S. Airforce,
grandson of Jim & Dottie Titmas
+U.S. Navy Corpsman Matthew Kasik,
grandson of Sam Purswell
+Dan Beck, 1st Lt., U.S. Army, son of
Vicar Phil & Susan Beck
+Nick Parker, U.S. Marines, grandson
of Peggy and Ed Chaney
+Carlín Rabie, U.S. Navy, Son-in-law
of Marcia & Raj Gupta

Do you have need for prayer?
Do you know someone else who has need for prayer?
If so, please know that we have a prayer team at
St. Paul's that is ready to help.
Simply contact the Church Office.
All requests are confidential.

****Please remember all the names on our prayer list,
and especially those that are *bold*.
They have a specific current need for
Christian love and support.**

*******IMPORTANT REMINDER*******

Please remember, it is imperative that you completely fill out the **PINK** sign in sheets located on the bulletin board in the Church and on the table inside the door in the Parish Hall if you are entering either building at a time other than a scheduled meeting or service. **Please** remember to check in with the Office **before** entering the Church building or the Parish Hall.

The Council has been discerning our current Mission Statement and are in the process of revising. We are looking for volunteers to assist in this endeavor. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

OFFERINGS

We are so blessed and grateful for your continued offerings during these unprecedented times. It is only with your support we can maintain the everyday activities of the church and our work in the community.

Please consider mailing your offering to the church or if you have access to the website, there is an online giving option as well.

<https://www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org/give/>

Please Note: We are not currently making a deposit each week due to the limited number of checks being sent into the office on a weekly basis.

Typically we have been making a deposit mid-month and prior to the end of the month.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

Current Fund Weekly Need: \$3,715.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need:\$360.00

Actual/Electronic Income

Renovation Fund: \$
Weekly Contribution: \$

ATTENDANCE:

October 18, 2020:
In person: 40
Virtual: 18

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, October 25th

Worship (Livestream) 9:25am
Reformation Sunday

Tuesday, October 27th

Executive Council 7:00pm

Wednesday, October 28th

FEC 8am-4pm

Thursday, October 29th

Gathered at the Table 12:00 noon

Friday, October 30th

Trunk or Treat 5:30-7pm

Sunday November 1st

Worship (Livestream) 9:25am
All Saints Day

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God
and in honor of Anson Horton's 41st Birthday,
given by his parents, Keith and Deb Horton.*

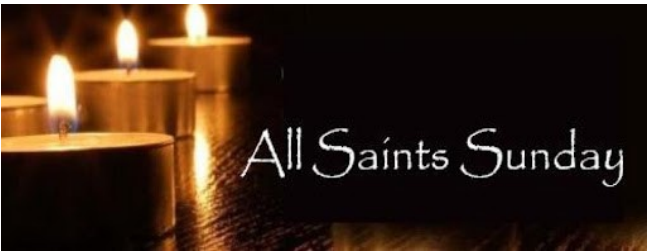
Trunk-or-Treat at St. Paul's

The youth group is hosting a Trunk-or-Treat event on Friday, October 30th from 5:30-7pm. We are still in need of some members to participate! If you would like to decorate your car or dress up a bit and hand out candy to the kids, please contact Belinda to reserve your spot. We will have safety precautions in place like social distancing and masks required along with hand sanitizing stations and tongs for distribution of goodies. It will be a little different, but a lot of fun. Hope to see you there!



Holiday Shopping Season is upon us. St. Paul's is a part of the AmazonSmile program, where a portion of your Amazon purchase is donated back to the church. There is no cost for you, but the benefits are great for St. Paul's. But did you know that if you shop from your phone on the Amazon App you need to change the setting for AmazonSmile? Go to the settings in your app menu and choose AmazonSmile to turn on giving to St Paul's. Thanks so much for considering support our ministry in this way!

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* All Saints Sunday resonates with the
* conviction that in Christ every saint is a sinner and
* every sinner a saint. Lutherans especially remember
* on this feast that it is God's grace that makes us
* saints. We find lasting rest only in the mercy of God.
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* At St. Paul's we follow a tradition of honoring all the
* saints who have passed away since last All Saints Day. We will light a candle and ring the bell for each per-
* son named.
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* Please call the Parish Office or email @ Officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org to name the
* person you would like to remember in this way throughout the month of October. Please give the name,
* relationship to you and date of death. We will need these names by 10/23/2020.
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* Please address any questions to the Worship and Arts Committee.
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* Betsy Galliher
* Worship and Arts Committee Chair
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*******IMPORTANT*******

For those without Facebook please tune into our YouTube channel for live streams of last week's service.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zJdTj2X-iQQ>

Please look for future notices regarding live streaming and YouTube videos at

St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEpgsBUXlow1I7_-Q



**REMINDER: Deadline for November Epistle is
Monday, October 26, 2020**

**REMINDER: November 1, 2020 daylight savings time
ends. Remember to set your clocks back on Halloween,
Saturday, October 31, 2020!!**

GVCS Food Bank

Donations for Glade Valley Food Bank are always accepted!

Items of need are soup, cereal, canned fruit, crackers, shampoo/conditioner and toilet paper.

Please bring them to the donation bin on the side of Town Hall



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