# The Festival of the Reformation November 2 & 3, 2014



Welcome in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you with us. We pray that your worship will be enriched and blessed by the Word of God. Restrooms are located in the hallway off the west side of the sanctuary. We also ask that you sign one of our Friendship Registers which are located in each of the pews. Please come and worship with us again!



On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted ninety-five theses for theological discussion on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Martin Luther had no desire to divide the church on earth; instead, he sought to see the church be reformed, ridding itself of the teachings of man and returning to God's clear teaching in Scripture: God, out of great love for this world, sent his only Son to die for our sins, that we might have the free gifts of forgiveness of sins and eternal life. We often express the truths of the Reformation in three simple statements: By grace alone, by faith alone, by Scripture alone. Those statements

# IN CHRIST ALONE!

## **Our Worship Service**

Bells & Welcome

Christian Worship #200



could be restated as one truth about how we are justified in God's sight: In Christ Alone!

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## In Christ Alone – We are Forgiven

Please Rise

#### Invocation

- **P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: (Spoken) And also with you.

#### Confession & Absolution of Sins

- **P:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- **P:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: (Spoken) Amen.

Congregation Response......"Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice"

Christian Worship #377, verses 1 & 4

Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing, And, with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing, Proclaim the wonders God has done, How his right arm the vict'ry won. How dearly it has cost him!

But God beheld my wretched state Before the world's foundation, And, mindful of his mercies great, He planned my soul's salvation. A Father's heart he turned to me, Sought my redemption fervently; He gave his dearest treasure.

**Choir Anthem ......"God Is Our Refuge"** (8:00 and 10:30am)

God is our refuge and strength; A present help in time of trouble;

Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, We will not fear. Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God. He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth. He is the Word, we are his hands,

He will lead us; He is the air, we are his song;

We will celebrate his presence all the day long. God is our refuge and strength.

A present help in time of trouble. Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

Though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.

He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth.

He is the rain, we are the stones, He will cleanse us. He is the air, we are his song,

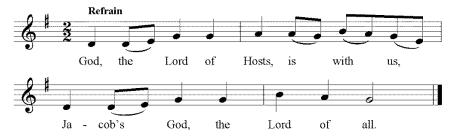
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#### **Prayer of the Day**

**P:** 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.



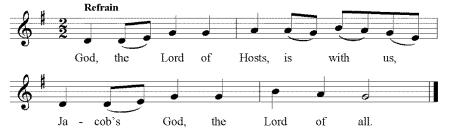
The Psalm of the Day ...... Psalm 46 (8:00am & 10:30am)
Choir:



#### Choir:

God, our strength and mighty fortress, God, our refuge day and night; God, whose promise is deliv'rance, God, whose law is truth and light; Though the earth with fear may tremble, None can shake God's boundless might.

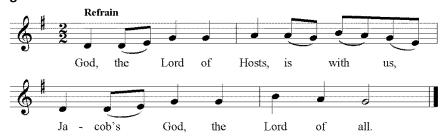
#### **Congregation Joins:**



#### Choir:

In the city of the Holy, Rivers flow and streams run pure; Where you, Lord, abide in splendor, There your people dwell secure. In their hearts your love will flourish, Through the faith your word endures.

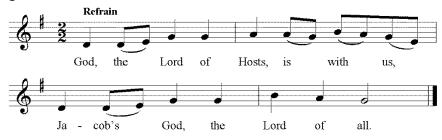
#### **Congregation Joins:**



#### Choir:

Come, behold God's matchless wonders, See the deeds of God's own hand; Gifts beyond our expectations, Works too great to understand. Sound God's might in songs of glory Sung to earth's most distant land.

#### **Congregation Joins:**



Please be Seated

## In Christ Alone – We are Strengthened in His Word

We are strengthened by Christ alone to follow Him in our lives as a thank you for all He has done.

<sup>31</sup> "The time is coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my

covenant, though I was a husband to them, "declares the Lord. <sup>33</sup> "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

Congregation Response......"In Christ Alone"

Christian Worship Supplement #752, verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song; This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. <sup>21</sup> But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup> This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup> God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished — <sup>26</sup> he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup> Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.

Congregation Response......"In Christ Alone"

Christian Worship Supplement #752, verse 2

In Christ alone—who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones he came to save. Till on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied; For ev'ry sin on him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

#### Please Rise

<sup>31</sup> To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup> Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup> They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Congregation Response....."In Christ Alone"

Christian Worship Supplement #752, verses 3-4

There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain; Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave he rose again! And as he stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am his and he is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from his hand; Till he returns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Please be Seated

Please Rise

## In Christ Alone – We Confess Our Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be Seated

## In Christ Alone – We Offer Our Gifts

#### The Offering

During the offering, we invite everyone to sign the Friendship Registers in the pews.

## In Christ Alone – We Offer Our Prayers

The Offering Prayer

Please Rise

#### **The Responsive Prayer**

- **P:** Lord God, our refuge and our strength, we gather to worship and praise you for your ongoing work of reformation in our hearts. You daily forgive us, renew us, and call us from our sins to live in your righteousness.
- C: For your grace, O Lord, we give you thanks.
- **P:** We thank you for daily reformations in our homes. Grant that your Word be at the center of our family life, your wisdom and patience in the minds of our parents, your humility in the hearts of our youth, and your love evident in our words to each other.
- C: Through your Word and Sacrament, live in our homes and in our hearts.

- **P:** Jesus Christ, our living head, we thank you for your ongoing work of reformation in your Church. Keep us from all self-righteousness. Guard us from heresy. Drive us always back to the foot of the cross, so we may always live by the righteousness of God, not the false works of man.
- C: By our words and our witness, bring many to find salvation in you.
- **P:** We confess that at times we have loved you with only lukewarm hearts; at times we have placed the temptations of this world ahead of the salvation of our Lord. Rid us of our apathy and renew our love for the precious treasure of the gospel.
- C: Renew our hearts, and transform our joy and will into words and action.
- **P:** Lord of life, your have given every one of us the mission of sharing your life-giving word with the next generation. You call us to be the light and salt of this dying world. Make us strong to do this work of announcing your good news to all people.
- C: Not by might nor by power, but by your Spirit, Lord Almighty.
- **P:** In these last days, Lord Jesus, protect your little flock. Our enemy the devil still prowls this earth, looking for souls to devour. Many are the dangers to our faith. Yet you are our Good Shepherd still. Protect us by your Word and Sacrament, daily reform us, and grant that by your strength alone the gospel never depart from us.
- C: Be our mighty fortress, our trusty shield and weapon, O Lord, until you call all your saints home to our eternal rest. Amen.

#### The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

## In Christ Alone – We Receive the Sacrament

#### The Words of Institution

**P:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

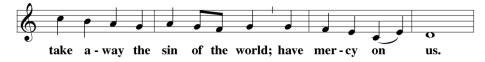
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

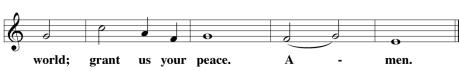












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#### The Distribution of the Lord's Supper

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a miracle. By God's power, the Lord's body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord's Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord's Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our relationship with fellow believers. Therefore, we practice "close communion." We invite all who are members of St. Paul's or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you would like to learn more about being a member of our family at St. Paul's, please feel free to contact the pastor.

## The Distribution Hymn ...... "The Church's One Foundation" Christian Worship #538



Please Rise



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



#### The Closing Prayer

**P:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## In Christ Alone – We Receive His Blessing

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

#### **P:** 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.



Please be Seated

The Closing Hymn ...... "There is a Redeemer"

Christian Worship Supplement #747



## **Worship Participants**

Liturgist and Preacher	Pastor Brian Adams
Pianist	Ms. Louise Nagel
Senior Choir Director	Mrs. Marie Becker

#### **Announcements**

**MISSION FESTIVAL:** November 16 & 17 will be this year's Mission Festival. Our guest preacher for that weekend will be Pastor Richard Warnecke. He will be speaking about the mission work of WELS Christian Aid and Relief. Please mark your calendars.

MISSION FESTIVAL CRAFT AND BAKE SALE: The Mary and Martha Society will be holding a Craft and Bake Sale in conjunction with Mission Festival, November 16 & 17. All members of St. Paul's are invited to donate craft items and baked good to this sale. If you are donating something: Please bring your craft or baked goods to the narthex of the church on Saturday morning, November 15th before 12:00 noon or bring them before the first service on Sunday. If you bring craft items, please pre-price them. We can price the food items for you. All donations are much appreciated and the proceeds from this sale will benefit a mission within our synod.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION:** The Board of Education will met on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT: Our Advent by Candlelight is a special time for women (ages 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up) to ponder and reflect on the coming of Jesus' birth. Our special service will focus on a Christ filled message, music, fellowship and dessert. The special service is for women of St. Paul's, but please invite your friends, relatives and neighbors, too. A sign up sheet is on the counter in the narthex. This year Advent by Candlelight will be Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:30 p.m. Notice the time change from other years. We look forward to seeing many of you there. God bless and keep all of you. ~St. Paul's Advent by Candlelight Committee.

**SAVE THE DATE:** On Wednesday, December 10th, we will be having our only Midweek Advent worship service. The school, Junior Choir, Senior Choir and Junior Handbells will all be part of this special worship service. The Board of Elders will also be serving a meal prior to that service at 5:30pm, which everyone is invited to join us. More information will be coming in the future. Please mark this date on your calendars.

- **LIVING NATIVITY:** Our Living Nativity will be the weekend of December 20 & 21. If you are interested in helping with it or being part of the cast, please contact Pastor Adams, Pete Kosovich or Mark Ziegler.
- **CHURCH CLEANING CREWS COORDINATOR** (S): We are looking for one or two people to coordinate the cleaning crews that are assigned to clean the church. If you are interested, please contact either Paul Larsen from the Board of Building and Grounds or Steve Baade from the Board of Elders.
- **PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR:** The next Preschool Power Hour will be Friday, November 7th at 10:45am. This is a program that is open to children between the ages of 0-4 years old, along with their care-givers and parents. They meet in the narthex in church on the first and third Fridays of the month.
- WLHS OPEN HOUSE: Wisconsin Lutheran High School is holding its Open House today, Sunday, November 2, beginning with an opening presentation at 6:00 p.m. and concluding at 8:00 p.m. Grade school parents and students, please join us to meet teachers, tour the school, and enjoy student presentations. See what a difference academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment can make in your child's life. All grades are welcome!
- WLHS 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE: Wisconsin Lutheran High School and its students invite you to attend the 21<sup>St</sup> annual Veterans Day celebration on Tuesday, November 11. Servicemen and women are invited to a complimentary breakfast buffet that will be served in the WLHS cafeteria at 7:00 a.m. To RSVP for the breakfast, please complete the form located on the narthex counter or contact Cindy Kucera at <a href="mailto:cindy.kucera@whls.org">cindy.kucera@whls.org</a> or 414-453-4567.

Everyone is invited to the special Veterans Day presentation in the main gymnasium at 8:30 a.m. with guest speakers Pastor Mark Jeske and WLHS alumnus Col. Johnny Davis, 80<sup>th</sup> Commander of the 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Infantry Regiment. The presentation will also be streamed live online the day of the event. For more information go to www.wlhs.org.

WLHS SALUTE WITH FRUIT: The student council of Wisconsin Lutheran High School is once again offering fresh citrus from Florida. All proceeds from this sale go towards funding Wisconsin Lutheran's annual Veterans Day Service. The deadline for ordering fruit is Thursday, November 13. Pick-up will be Saturday, December 13, 2014. To place your order, complete the form located on the narthex counter, or go online to www.wlhs.org.

**CURRENT SERMON SERIES:** Our current sermon series is taking a look at "*The End Times*." The schedule for this series and other holidays are:

Oct. 5/6 – The End Times: The Second Coming of Christ

[Oct. 12/13 – WLC Focus: Pastor Wayne Shevey]

Oct. 19/20 – The End Times: Heaven – The Dwelling Place of God

Oct. 26/27 – The End Times: The Terror of Hell

[Nov. 2/3 – Reformation]

Nov. 9/10 – The End Times: Angels – The Gatherers and Dividers for the Lord

[Nov. 16/17 – Mission Festival: Christian Aid & Relief]

Nov. 23/24 – The End Times: The Christian's Hope

**"MAILBOXES" UPDATE:** As many have noticed, the mailboxes for St. Paul's members have been installed in the hallway off the narthex of church. Name holders still have to be purchased and installed. At the Church Council meeting on last Tuesday evening, it was decided that we would give people an opportunity to offset the cost of the name holders. Each name holder is about \$3.50. There are 480 mailboxes, which is about \$1700 for the label holders. A collection box will be setup on the counter in the narthex at church.

**MEN OF HIS WORD CONFERENCE:** Registration for Men of His Word 2015 "A Shelter from the Storm" is now open. The Conference is January 31, 2015 in Oshkosh. Don't miss this chance to gather with hundreds of your fellow Christian men for a day of inspiration. The 20 different sessions will both encourage and challenge you in your walk of faith. For more information and registration go to: <a href="https://www.menofhisword.org">www.menofhisword.org</a>.

**HOSTS NEEDED:** Wisconsin Lutheran High School is closed during Christmas break and the international students living in the student housing on campus need a home for the holidays from Tuesday, December 23 until Saturday, January 4. Consider opening your home to share Christ's love to our students from different countries. Compensation is given to help cover the cost of food for the student(s) staying in your home during this time. Please contact April Goldschmidt (april.goldschmidt@wlhs.org) or Micah Ricke (micah.ricke@wlhs.org). for more information.

## **Volunteers**

#### GREETERS THIS WEEK 11/2 & 11/3):

8:00 AM - Steve & Theresa Mess

10:30 AM- Carl & Carolyn Streeter; Eli & Sam

6:30 PM - Marion Szudrowitz

#### GREETERS NEXT WEEK (11/9 & 10)

8:00 AM- Dave & Dawn Brightsman; Kyle

10:30 AM- Charles & Sharie Snyder 6:30 PM- Richard & Kathy Hinz

#### **CLEANING CREWS:**

**November 4-Crew** #21-Robert & Lynn Szudrowitz Family; Bob & Sue Dittrich, Michael Farchione, Tom & Heather Harwood, Lewis Jaye, Laura Loth, Ron & Jamie Petricek Family, David & Colleen Qualmann, Craig & Carin Schalla Family

November 11-Crew #22-Paul & Sharon Larsen; Robert & Debra Barthel, Jessica Bergum, Jim & Karen Cyganiak Family, Eric Hanson, Mike & Lori Janson, Donn & Denise Johnson Family, Connie Myer, Joey Myer

#### **USHERS FOR NOVEMBER:**

8:00 AM TEAM # 3-Donn Johnson, Todd Johnson, John Migacz, Steve Migacz, Frank Krajewski

10:30 AM TEAM #7-Dave Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Ian Wirtz 6:30 PM TEAM # 9-Curt Stellwagon, Dave Long, Max Gruenberg

#### **ALTAR GUILD:**

October 29-November 11-TEAM #1 Sherry Kosovich, Gale Bartow, Beverly Garves

## The Weekly Schedule

Sunday, November 2	
Worship Service with Communion	8:00 AM
Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	9:15 AM
Worship Service with Communion	10:30 AM
Wisconsin Lutheran High School Open House	6:00 PM
Monday, November 3	
Worship Service with Communion	6:30 PM
Tuesday, November4	
PSCIC	6:00 PM
Wednesday, November 5	
Senior Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Board of Education Meeting	
Thursday, November 6	
School Devotion	8·30 AM
Adult Hand Bells	
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Friday, November 7	
3K- Grade8	NO SCHOOL
Preschool Power Hour	10:45AM
Sunday, November 9 Worship Service	Q.00 AM
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Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	
Worship Service	10:30 AM

## **Statistics - Last Week**

Worship Attendance: 8:00 AM –92, Communed n/a; 10:30 AM –196, Communed n/a; 6:30 PM –52, Communed n/a; Total Attendance – 355; Total Communed n/a; Bible Study 18; Sunday School 4

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