

Festival of the Reformation of the Church



Today we celebrate the Festival of the Reformation of the Church. What does that mean? It means that today, we remember why we are called Lutherans.

The effect of the Lutheran Reformation of the Church on the history of the world can hardly be overstated. Quite simply, it caused one of the most profound sea-changes in history. In fact, when U.S. News and World Report ranked the most important events of the last 1000 years, the Lutheran Reformation placed second, right behind Gutenberg's moveable type printing press. Now consider

that for a minute... That means that they considered the Lutheran Reformation to be of greater significance than the discovery of the New World (number 3 on the list).

But why? And, who was this Luther guy? He was a monk, a priest, and a professor at a little university in Wittenberg, Germany. Why would a guy like that be listed as the third most influential person of the last 1,000 years (*1000 Years and 1,000 People, Gottlieb and Bowers*)? More important than Einstein, Edison or George Washington? Why? All for the reason that we call ourselves "Lutherans" and celebrate this Festival of the Lutheran Reformation.

During the dark days of the Middle Ages, the truth of God's Word was hidden away in monasteries. The Church of that day was not teaching that we are saved by Jesus' death and resurrection. Instead, people were told that they needed to try and earn their way to heaven – or worse, that they had to buy their way to heaven. The truth of God's Word was rejected, and the traditions of men put in its place.

Doctor Luther changed all that on October 31, 1517, when he nailed 95 Statements for Debate on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. He said that the Bible should be our only source of teaching, not man-made traditions. He showed that God saved us by grace alone, by faith alone. He returned the Bible into the hands of the people and quite literally changed the world.

Today, we are not here to celebrate a man. We're here to celebrate the grace of God who Christ died and rose for me, so I will be in heaven forever. By Grace Alone. By Faith Alone. By Scripture Alone.

The Order of Service

Pre-service Music

Oliver Koenig, Elizabeth Goff, Elli Krajnak (8:00 am)

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

The Call to Worship

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Christian Worship (2021) #512, verses 1-2



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God who from his al - tar call;



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod and crown him Lord of all.



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P: Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto the One who sits on the throne,

C: **And to the Lamb, forever and ever.**

P: His blood sets us free to be the people of God.

Hymn Response

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name
Christian Worship (2021) #512, verse 4



4 Ye Gen - tile sin - ners, ne'er for - get the worm-wood and the gall;

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go spread your tro-phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

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The Confession of Sins & Absolution of Sins

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.**

P: Jesus' death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. He said to his people, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life!

Hymn Response

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name
Christian Worship (2021) #512, verse 5

5 Let ev - 'ry kin-dred, ev - 'ry tribe on this ter - res - trial ball

to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe and crown him Lord of all.

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P: Fight the good fight of faith!

C: For the Lord, the righteous Judge, has laid up for us a crown of life,

P: For us, and for all who await his appearing.

Hymn Response

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name
Christian Worship (2021) #512, verse 6



6 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song and crown him Lord of all.

We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song and crown him Lord of all.

Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

C: Amen.

First Lesson

Daniel 3:16-28

In response to an evil command offered by a pagan king, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego lived lives of fearless witness.

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. ¹⁸ But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your

Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”¹⁹ Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual ²⁰ and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace.

²¹ So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. ²² The king’s command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, ²³ and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace.

²⁴ Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, “Weren’t there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?” They replied, “Certainly, Your Majesty.” ²⁵ He said, “Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.”

²⁶ Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, “Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!” So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, ²⁷ and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.

²⁸ Then Nebuchadnezzar said, “Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king’s command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.

Junior Choir Anthem/Soloist

Psalm 46E

Christian Worship 2021

*Students (8:00 am)/Soloist (10:30 am) will sing the refrain once,
Congregation is invited to join on the 2nd time through and on following refrains.*

Refrain

If God is for us, who can be a - gainst us?
God is our sal - va - tion, al - ways by our side.

Junior Choir/Soloist:

1. God is our refuge and our strength,
an ever present aid,
and therefore, though the earth be moved,
we will not be afraid;
though hills into the seas be cast,
though foaming waters roar,
the LORD of hosts is by our side,
a refuge strong and sure.

Refrain

If God is for us, who can be a - gainst us?
God is our sal - va - tion, al - ways by our side.

Junior Choir/Soloist

2. A river flows whose streams make glad
the city of our God,
the holy dwelling of the LORD,
the place of God's abode.
Since God is in the midst of it,
our safety is secure;

the LORD of hosts is by our side,
a refuge strong and sure.

Refrain

If God is for us, who can be a - gainst us?
God is our sal - va - tion, al - ways by our side.

Junior Choir/Soloist

- Behold the wondrous deeds of God,
who causes wars to cease,
the weapons of the strong destroyed,
God brings abiding peace.
“Be still and know that I am God,
exalted evermore;”
the LORD of hosts is by our side,
a refuge strong and sure.

Refrain

If God is for us, who can be a - gainst us?
God is our sal - va - tion, al - ways by our side.

Second Lesson

Revelation 14:6-7

St. John sees God’s messenger proclaiming the true gospel to all people. In 1546, this reading served as the text for the funeral of Dr. Martin Luther.

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. ⁷ He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Junior Choir Anthem

Built on the Rock

Built on the Rock the Church shall stand
even when steeples are falling,
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;
bells still are chiming and calling,
calling the young and old to rest,
but above all the soul distressed,
longing for rest everlasting.

We are God's house of living stones,
built for his own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns
heirs of his wondrous salvation.
Were we but two his name to tell,
yet he would deign with us to dwell
with all his grace and his favor.

Here stands the font before our eyes,
telling how God did receive us.
Th'altar recalls Christ's sacrifice
and what the sacrament gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim
Christ yesterday, today, the same,
and evermore, our Redeemer.

Grant then, O God, your will be done
that, when the church bells are ringing,
many in saving faith may come
where Christ his message is bringing:
“I know my own; my own know me.
You, not the word, my face shall see,
My peace I leave with you always.”

Gospel Lesson

Mark 13:5-11

Jesus encourages and empowers us that we might be bold in sharing the gospel in these end times.

⁵ Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶ Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁸ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

⁹ “You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. ¹⁰ And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. ¹¹ Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Christian Worship Hymn #864, verses 1-2



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a trust - y
2 With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our
shield and weap - on; he helps us free from ev - 'ry
loss ef - fect - ed; but for us fights the val - iant
need that has us now o'er - tak - en.
one whom God him - self e - lect - ed.

The an - cient e - vil foe now means to work us woe;
 You ask who this may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he,
 deep guile and aw - ful might are his dread arms in
 the Lord of hosts his name, from age to age the
 fight; on earth is not his e - qual.
 same, he holds the field for - ev - er.

Sermon

Revelation 14:6-7

Congregation Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
 Christian Worship Hymn #864, verses 3-4

3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, all ea - ger
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main nor an - y
 to de - vour us, we trem - ble not, we fear no
 thanks have for it; he's by our side up - on the
 ill; they shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 plain with his good gifts and Spir - it.

The prince of dark - ness still may scowl fierce as he will,
 And should they take our life, goods, hon - or, child, and wife,

his rag - ing harms us none. He's judged; the deed is
 though all of these be gone, our vic - to - ry is

done; one lit - tle word can fell him.
 won; the king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

The Offering & Offering Prayer

Please Stand

The Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution of the Lord's Supper

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.

C: Amen.

Please be Seated

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 Pastor Adams.

Please Stand

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.

C: Amen.

The Blessing

P: 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.

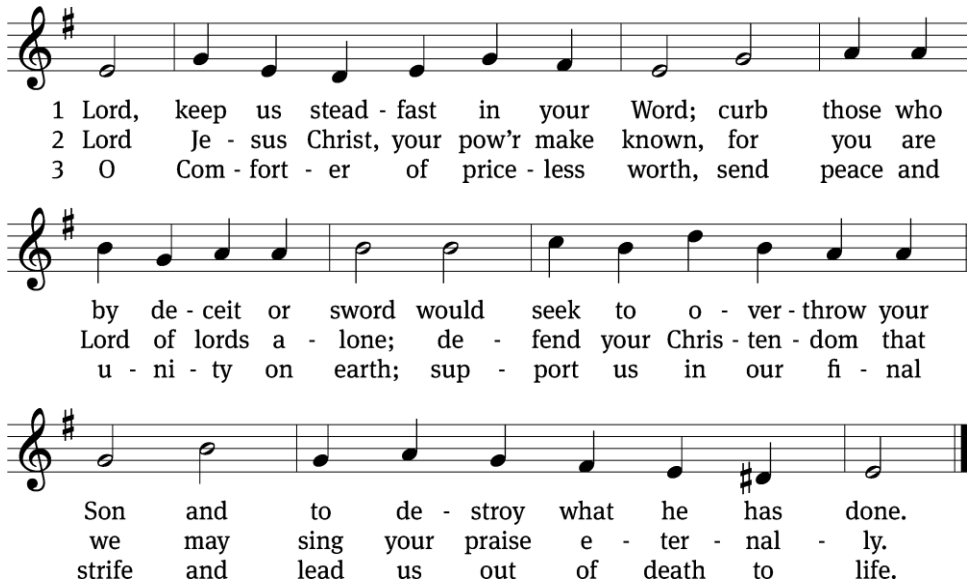
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Please be Seated

Closing Hymn

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word Christian Worship (2021) #862



1 Lord, keep us steady in your Word; curb those who
2 Lord Jesus Christ, your power make known, for you are
3 O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and
by deceit or sword would seek to overthrow your
Lord of lords alone; defend your Christendom that
unity on earth; support us in our final
Son and to destroy what he has done.
we may sing your praise eternally.
strife and lead us out of death to life.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: We will continue our new Bible study this Tuesday, November 5th at 9:00 AM in the Bible classroom at church with leaders Jean Terek and Lucy Ellenberger. **It's not too late to join us!** Come even if you did not sign up. See you there.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS: The Bible is full of different people that are part of God's plan of salvation. These people are filled with stories. Some of the people in the Bible are well-known; some are not. Over the next weeks, we will look at some of these people and the stories that tell. We may even find that some of these stories could be found in your life today. Please come and join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY (GRADES 8-12): We will be meeting every Sunday in between the services through December, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., and hope you can join us then. We will be continuing our study, "Discovering truth through scripture" along with other topics that come up.

MARY & MARTHA GUEST SPEAKER: Join us on Tuesday, November 19th at 6:30 PM for a presentation by our congregation's own Sharon Kiesow. She is going to be showing us how to make a porch pot decoration that will be fun to use through the Christmas season. Sharon is asking the attendees to bring a pot or basket they would like to use and 5-6 evergreen branches. Everyone is welcome to attend! Please sign up on the narthex counter if you would like to participate!

WLHS VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE: Wisconsin Lutheran High School will hold its annual Veterans Day observance on Monday, November 11, 2024. Service men and women are invited to a complimentary plated breakfast that will be served in the WLHS cafeteria at 7:30 a.m. RSVP for the breakfast at wlhs.org.veterans by Friday, November 1. For questions, contact Becky Glass at becky.glass@wlhs.org or 414-453-4567 ext. 2291.

LPS FALL CONCERT: The Luther Preparatory School Music Department will be presenting their annual Fall Band Concert on Sunday, November 10, at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium. This year's concert is entitled "Let Freedom Ring!" and will present a variety of patriotic tunes from our great country! The concert will feature the concert and jazz bands, as well as various string, wind, and handbell ensembles.

WLHS FALL DRAMA PRODUCTION: Tickets for the WLHS fall theater production *Peter Pan and Wendy* are on sale now! Visit wlhs.org/drama for more information.

PACKERS-LIONS WATCH PARTY ON THE BIG SCREEN AT WLHS: Everyone is invited to a FREE, family-friendly watch party to cheer on Wisco alum Kevin Zeitler ('08), guard for the Detroit Lions, as they play the Green Bay Packers on Sunday, November 3, at 3:25 p.m., (**today!**) on the big screen at Wisconsin Lutheran High School Zeitler Stadium. Gates open at 2:45 p.m. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets, but no tents, gum, pets, sunflower seeds, smoking or alcohol are permitted. Concessions will be available for

purchase. Please note that this event will be held weather permitting. In case of bad weather, please check Facebook or wlhs.org for details.

WLHS HOST FAMILIES NEEDED: Wisconsin Lutheran High School is looking for more host families for international students during the short Thanksgiving break, as well as upcoming Christmas and spring breaks. Families are offered a stipend to support their efforts with the student. It is a wonderful opportunity to let your light shine and learn about someone from another culture! If you are interested in learning more, please visit wlhs.org/homestay or contact International Student Program Director Mr. Eric Duwe at eric.duwe@wlhs.org.

WLHS CHRISTMAS MARKET CRAFTERS WANTED: Calling all artists and crafters! WLHS is hosting the first annual Christmas Market on Saturday, December 7, from 12:00-4:00 p.m. The event is open to any vendor who would like to sell items for the cost of \$50 per table. Items can be home goods, decorations, jewelry, fine art, etc. If interested in selling at the market, contact Meg Schuessler at meg.schuessler@wlhs.org. Limited to the first 20 tables reserved.

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

8:00 AM – TEAM #3 – Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Todd Grunze, Frank Krajewski

10:30 AM – TEAM #7 – *open*

6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

ALTAR GUILD

October 30-November 5 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh

November 6-12 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

November 3: Set-up – Tony & Mary Tripoli, Clean-up – Beverly Garves

November 10: Set-up – John & Jean Terek, Clean-up – Kevin & Debbie Swanson

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 4

Worship Service with Communion.....	8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study.....	9:15 AM
Youth Bible Study (Grades 8-12).....	9:15 AM
Worship Service with Communion.....	10:30 AM

Monday, November 4

Public School Confirmation Class	5:00 PM
Lutheran Girl Pioneers.....	6:00 PM
Worship Service with Communion.....	6:30 PM

Tuesday, November 5

Women's Bible Study	9:00 AM
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Thursday, November 7

Parent/Teacher Conferences.....	3:40-8:00 PM
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Friday, November 8

No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences

Sunday, November 10

Worship Service	8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study.....	9:15 AM
Youth Bible Study (Grades 8-12).....	9:15 AM
Worship Service	10:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 72

10:30 AM – 72

6:30 PM – 27

Total Attendance – 171