

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Sunday, October 25, 2026

Reformation Sunday

Divine Service Setting One LSB page 151 and on screens

Hymns: 834, 656, 618, *O Blessed Home Where Man and Wife* (screens only), 570, 594, 566

First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7, Epistle Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:12-19

Welcome to St. Paul, a people walking together in the life of Jesus. We're glad you're here! Today, Jesus meets us in Word and Sacrament. His gifts are for you and for your children! If you are caring for little ones, don't worry about noises and squirming; we rejoice in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Luke 18:16)

This morning we joyfully receive Holy Communion, in which our Lord Jesus Christ gives us a great blessing: His true body and blood in, with, and under ordinary bread and wine. If you are a member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod who has been instructed and has confessed this reality, we invite you to participate in the Holy Supper. Other guests interested in joining our confession and life are asked to meet with Pastor Newton in the weeks before communing for the first time. We encourage you still to come to the altar and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.

Altar Flowers — Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Toni and Richard Billings in honor of their daughter's birthday.

Guest Pastor Today — Rev. Dr. Brian Friedrich, President of Concordia University, St. Paul, will preach on Sunday, October 25. Between services he will also lead Bible study and provide updates on Concordia University, St. Paul.

Special Voters Meeting Today — The call committee has worked hard the last few months to select a candidate to recommend as associate pastor at St. Paul. Please plan to attend this special voters meeting on Sunday, October 25 at Noon to approve the call. Childcare will be provided. Quorum is needed so please plan to attend!

Associate pastor candidate names and information are available in the church office for review. Please note that these materials cannot be removed from the building.

All Saints' Day November 1 — On All Saints' Day we commemorate those who have died in the faith and gone before us to their eternal rest with their Lord Jesus. Please submit names of your loved ones who have passed away in the last 12 months. You can write it on your attendance card, email Kathy or call the church office.

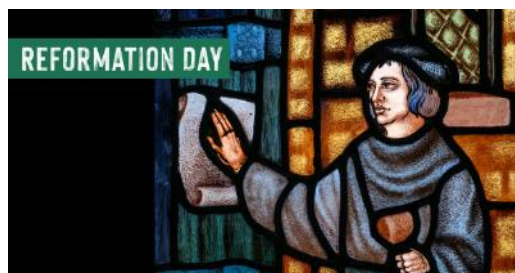


Junior Youth Sunday Funday Changes — We had so much fun last year that we just might have ourselves a new St. Paul youth tradition! We're trading some of our usual Sunday Funday games for shopping carts, grocery lists, and a little friendly bargain hunting. Our mission? Scout the shelves, compare prices, and shop for the ingredients we'll use in December when we assemble meal kits for families in our community. Lunch is still on us! We'll eat together at Noon before heading out on our shopping adventure. See you on November 1!

Advent by Candlelight — Ladies of St. Paul and guests, you are invited to a lovely evening of fellowship, scripture, carols and desserts on Sunday, November 29. Sign up to be a host or a guest. You can find sign-up sheets in the Narthex (on the cabinet where the *Portals of Prayer* and other publications are located). Doors will open at 5:00pm

and the program begins at 5:30pm. You can contact Jessica Loghry at triplelloghry@gmail.com if you have any questions.

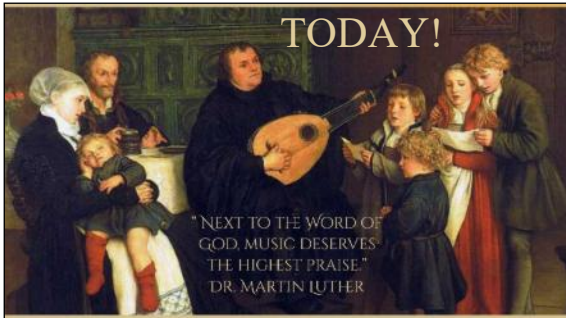
Building Healthy Families — Martin Luther encouraged Christians to remember their baptism each time they washed their face or bathed. He wrote, "In baptism, our sinful selves are drowned, and day by day a new self arises." As we celebrate Reformation Day and reflect on its meaning this week, take time to thank God for the gift of your baptism and remind your children and grandchildren of the promises God made to them through theirs. Happy Reformation Day from your friends at Lutheran Family Service! www.LutheranFamilyService.org
— *Lutheran Family Service*



Reformation Day Observed Today — More than 500 years ago, the Protestant Reformation brought the church's focus back to God's free gift of salvation in Jesus Christ. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses — the "Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences" — to the church door in the small city of Wittenberg, Germany. This event ignited the Protestant Reformation, and thus the Lutheran church officially commemorates this important

anniversary on October 31 and is usually observed on the Sunday preceding or following.

TODAY!



"NEXT TO THE WORD OF
GOD, MUSIC DESERVES
THE HIGHEST PRAISE"
DR. MARTIN LUTHER

The Congregations of the East and West Des Moines Circuits are cordially invited to:

REFORMATION VESPERS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 at 4PM
Trinity Lutheran Church, Des Moines

POTLUCK SOUP SUPPER: 5:15 P.M.

PRESENTATION: 6:00 P.M.
"Music's Role in the Reformation and Evangelism"

GUEST PREACHER AND PRESENTER:
Rev. Nathan Sherrill, Sr. Pastor of St. Paul's Council Bluffs
and Executive Director of David's Harp.



Contact Trinity if you plan to bring food to share or would like to sing in the Reformation Circuit Choir: 515-279-3609.

DAVID'S HARP



Join us
**Saturday,
November 14, 2026
9am-2pm**
and explore our
6th Annual
"UNEXPECTED TREASURES"
Craft & Vendor Fair
at
St. Paul Lutheran Church
1100 SE Sharon Dr., Ankeny, IA

**Come Browse the
Variety of
"Unexpected Treasures"**

**Look for that
Perfect Gift!**

**Participate in our
Vendor Sponsored
Door Prizes**

**and
Support Local
Vendors!**

Serving at St. Paul

Altar Committee

October 25 — Karen Kisker, Dorothy Marvin
November 1 — Karen Dozler, Sandy & Steve Townsend

Altar Flowers

October 25 — Toni & Richard Billings
November 1 — Lola & Russ Eastman

Elder

October 25 — Ken Kise
November 1 — Hans Schaeffer

Worship Slides October 25

8:00am — Kyle Stephens, Randy Sunderman
10:45am (livestream) — Candy & Jon Jero,
Nathan Boehnke

Offering Counters

October 25 — Tim Davies, Kevin Kisker
November 1 — Betty Berlau, Donna Stoelk

Ushers October 25

8:00am — Gary Hauge, Mike Hayden
10:45am — Steve Bradley, Tim Krehbiel

Ushers November 1 & 8

8:00am — Ken Kise, Dan Hubbard
10:45am — Kristin & Jeff Strothcamp

Attendance Sunday, October 18

8:00am — 163 10:45am — 129

St. Paul Prayer List

Marie Van Beek, cancer, friend of the Glenns
David Glenn, Alzheimer's, Tim Glenn's father
Nicole, Aaron and Sarah, grandchildren of Ken and Betty McConnell
Chad Keeling, cancer, Joyce Keeling's son
Abby, leukemia, friend of Marley Anderson
Jimmy, cirrhosis, friend of Paula and Jeremy Selen
Kyler Hess, cancer, friend of the Wielenga family
Jim Harvey
Joel Ausan
Jeff, Trevor Loesch's father, recovering from a stroke
Layne, friend of Haase family, spinal injury
Renee, friend of Newtons, diagnosed with cancer
John Hopkins, Viviane Kottowski's brother-in-law
Greta, niece of the Grevs, cochlear implant recovery
Kipp Petersen, ALS, friend of the Behrens family
Kathy Ingram, Karen Whipple's twin sister, in palliative care
Ronny Adams, stroke, relative of the Hilchens
Deb Behn, open heart surgery, friend of the Horas
Ashley, friend of Jeremy and Paula Sellen, recovering from hand surgery
Grayson and Rachel Leavitt, health concerns, grandson and daughter of Joyce and Don Binneboese
Terri, cancer, sister-in-law of Strothcamps
Diane Halbur, health issues
Zach Saxton, motorcycle accident, Leola and Aurora's father
McKenna Boersma, granddaughter of the Davies
Linda Glenn, recovering from heart procedure
Torre Nordstrom, Linda's brother-in-law, recovering from kidney surgery
Marion Prill, Jennifer Heflebower's grandmother
Marcus, knee surgery, friend of Eddie Bell
Sam, Lauren, Freddy and family, struggling with addiction, friends of Johannes & Michelle Schrader
Brian Kreutner, Jennifer Kreutner and Joyce Peterson, parents and grandmother of Sarah Heilman
Greg Crawford, broken pelvis
Erna Davies, declining health and hospitalization,
Libby Wielenga's grandmother
Kris Groth, Libby's mom, recovering from eye surgery
John Ireland, cancer treatments, uncle of Annie
Taughner and Susie McCarragher
Kane, eye surgery, child of Tori Gilbert's friend

St. Paul Prayer List

For those who mourn

Jo Lensch and family with the passing of Denny on October 16.

For those in the military

Chris Madsen, Tim Fairchild
Axel Pottratz, Air Force training

For those preparing for the Holy Ministry

Ezekiel Grabau, Jarrod Thomas

For our shut-in members

Cookie Brown, Phil Eshelman, Vel Hans,
Pat Livingston, Terry Moehnke, Mark Mueller, Doris Olson, Kathryn Witt

This Week at St. Paul

<u>Today</u>	8:00am Worship Service
	9:15pm Sunday School
	9:30pm Bible Studies
	10:45am Worship Service
	Noon Voters Meeting
<u>Monday</u>	2:00pm Mill Pond Service
	9:00am Staff Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:30pm Women's Bible Study
	10:00am Moms Group
	5:00-6:00pm Meal
	5:15pm Handbell Rehearsal
	6:00pm Midweek, Bible Studies
<u>Thursday</u>	7:00pm Service
	7:30pm Choir Rehearsal
	9:30am Chapel
	10:00am BASIC Bible Study
	7:00pm Men's Bible Study and Fellowship