



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Wilton, WI  
Reformation Sunday  
October 27, 2019  
**Inviting People to  
Journey with Christ's Family  
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all

#### **Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God\**

Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

*Prelude.....A time for silent reflection*

Welcome and Announcements

#### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☐ one God,  
the strength of our ancestors,  
the host of this meal,  
the builder of the city that is to come.

**Amen.**

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.

Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

God our helper,

**we confess the many ways**

**we have failed to live as your disciples.**

**We have not finished what we began.**

**We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.**

**We have been captivated by our possessions.  
Lift our burdens, gracious God.  
Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin.  
Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent.  
Put your trust in these promises:  
God will never leave you or forsake you.  
You who were lost have been found.  
For the sake of ☐ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
Rejoice with the angels at this good news.  
**Amen.**

\*Gathering Hymn "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
Let us pray to the Lord.  
**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.**

P: For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**C: Amen.**

In case of emergency, contact Pastor Cathleen, via text, 608-865-1074, or Justin Arndt (608-435-

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The pool house painting project has been cancelled, due to the colder weather.

The Friends of the Community 22nd Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 10th from 4 to 6 pm at the Norwalk Community Center. All are invited to come and join in the meal. If you would like you can bring vegetables, salad, pie, door prizes or talent for entertainment. Our church is asked to roast and slice 1 turkey. Turkey will be provided. Please talk to Barb Ornes if you would cook the turkey.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

You will notice we have placed shoeboxes in the narthex. Collection date is Sunday, November 24. You will also notice their request of a \$9.00 donation to cover the cost of shipping. Don't fret over this. If you wish to fill a shoebox, but feel the added expense of shipping is too much, just fill the shoebox. Or, if filling a shoebox puts too great a financial strain on you, consider donating \$9.00 to cover the shipping cost of one shoebox. If neither of these two options works for you, you might consider making a donation of \$6.00 to cover the cost of providing one child with a Bible and the materials for the 12-lesson course. We also have additional school supplies which are on a table in the basement. Plastic pencil boxes are also available. Please feel free to add these to your shoeboxes.

We received word this week of the passing of Pastor David L. Shine who served our congregation from 1976-1979. Pastor Shine's obituary is included on the bulletin insert. Flowers were sent to "Spike's" memorial service on behalf of St. Paul's.

You may now contact Pastor Cathleen on a landline, #608-435-0097. This telephone itself is a "Caption Call". This means a written display of what you are saying is displayed for Pastor to read, and continue the conversation. Be patient, it takes a few seconds for your side of the conversation to be displayed. You may also leave a voice mail message.

\*Canticle of Praise

"This is the Feast"

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\*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.**

### **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.\**

### **FIRST READING**

*The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.*

A reading from Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>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. <sup>34</sup>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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 46

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

<sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; will be exalted in the  
earth.”**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

### SECOND READING

*Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and* 4

P: Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loves us.

### SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.\*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God’s People, Pastor: Cathleen Morris, Organist: Nalani Bever, Greeters: Lila Speicher and Bev Graunke, Reader: Kaylin Gruen, Altar: Nalani and Greg Bever, Communion Server: Ushers: Lori and Joel Arndt, Barb and John Ornes

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Katie Wallace, Shirley Meranti, Linda Bauer, Helen Summerfield, Lois Schultz, Linda Finnigan, Stuart Thayer, Becky Smith, Ian Hefner, Florence Krause, Judy Bever, Tammy Roscovious, Darlene and Paul Babbitt, Pam Eaton, Kari Lydon, Cliff Herman, Jeff Sullivan, Dakota Holiday, Alan Vlasak, Spencer Arndt.

### IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Todd Nofsinger, Dylan Dougherty, Robert Cale

### CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 20—OCTOBER 27

|               |                     |              |
|---------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Mon., Oct. 28 | Newsletter Deadline | 10:00 AM     |
| Wed., Oct.30  | Confirmation        | 6:30—8:00 PM |
| Sun., Nov. 3  | Sunday School       | 9:00 AM      |
|               | Worship             | 10:15 AM     |

**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.**

P: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.  
Come, take your place at the feast.

Distribution

*Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ's table.*

"Lamb of God"

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**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**God of blessing,  
at this table we have seen you face to face,  
and in the gift of Christ's body and blood,  
our hearts have been refreshed.  
Send us now to shine with your goodness  
and bear witness to the one we have received:  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

Benediction

Sending Hymn

"Built on a Rock"

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Dismissal:

*the other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.*

A reading from Romans 3:19-28

<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Acclamation

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**GOSPEL READING**

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

The gospel according to John 8:31-46

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in 5

my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>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?’”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

\*Hymn “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” **ELW #517**

### **Apostles’ Creed**

**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** (Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.)

P: **MEAL**  
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ\*

**\*PEACE**  
The peace of Christ with you

be all.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us show signs of Christ’s peace.

### **OFFERING**

\*Offertory Hymn “Create in Me” **ELW #186**

\*Offertory Prayer  
**God our provider,  
we bring nothing into this world  
and we can take nothing out of it.  
Accept the gifts you have first given us,  
which we bring to your table,  
and with them the offering of our lives  
Nourish us now with the life that really is life,  
revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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 our Lord our God.  
**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy” **ELW p.153**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Words of Institution

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us: