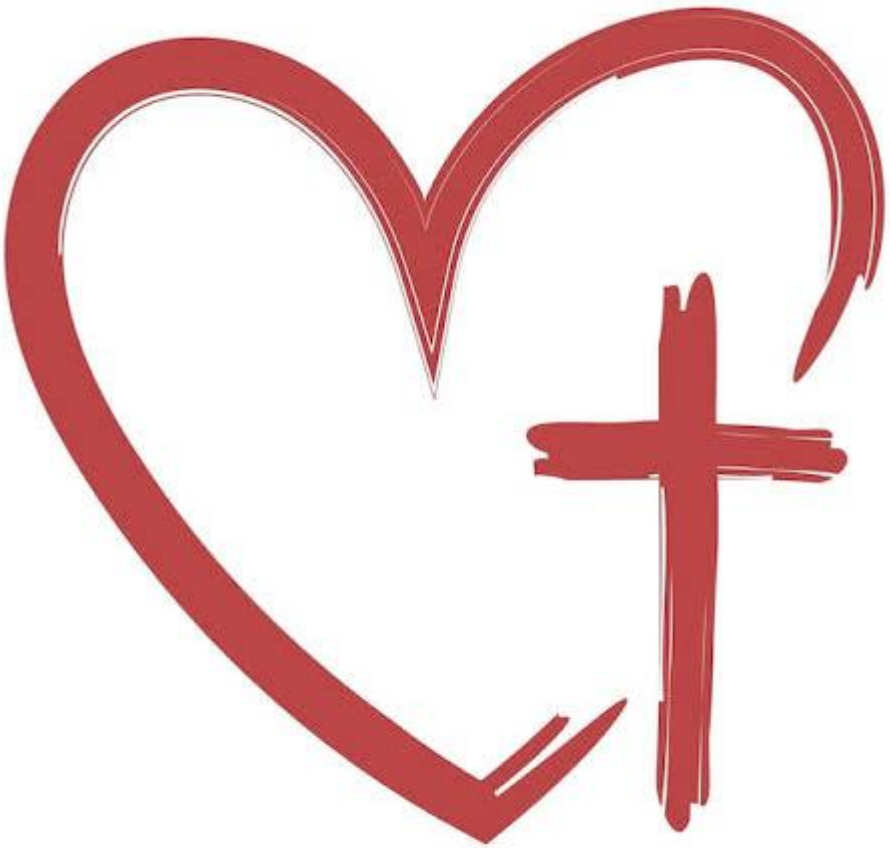
Reformation Day Commemoration
The Season of Parables – Year A
Setting 3
Sunday October 25, 2026

St. Paul Lutheran Church
9844 SW Greenville Road
Greenville, MI 48838

Sharing the joy of Christ.



For the sake of God's mission, council has decided to non-renew our music licenses as of 10-1-2026. We will use less paper and ink which will be good for the stewardship of creation. A savings of approximately $1,800. We are thankful for the gifts of the ELW hymnals that were received from Settlement as they closed. These will be re-introduced for usage and our worship bulletin will be shortened considerably.

*****With an anonymous gift, as of November 1, we will again have music licenses for 1 year.***

1) ***We will continue using the hymnals.***
2) ***PowerPoint will have the full worship – all parts included.***
3) ***Paper will continue to be abbreviated so paper, ink, printer, and printing supplies will continue to reduced for cost savings going forward.***

MUSIC BEFORE WORSHIP

Our hymnal has two primary sections.

The front half of the book is designated by *page numbers* located at the bottom corners of the pages (includes our orders of worship and the book of Psalms).

The second half of the book is designated by service and hymn numbers notated at the top of the pages.

***We will be singing hymns from the hymnal.
You can use the ribbon markers to mark them in advance.
Here are the numbers:

ELW #504 gathering hymn – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
ELW #670 *CHOIR ANTHEM – you are welcome to join in.*
ELW #517 hymn of the day – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word
ELW #472 communion hymn – Eat This Bread
No second communion hymn – musician will now be offering reflective music.
ELW #511 sending hymn – Thy Strong Word

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME – Learn ELW #511

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS-- PAGES 94 THROUGH 96

GATHERING HYMN ELW #504 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

GREETING/KYRIE -- PAGES 138-139

THIS IS THE FEAST -- PAGES 140 -141

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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 pour 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC – KEEP IT SIMPLE CHOIR
ELW #670 Build Us Up Lord
***Congregation is welcome to sing along.**

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah. (pause).

31 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. 32 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. 33 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.
34 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.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46

1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
2 **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,**
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
3 though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
4 **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,**
the holy habitation of the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
6 **The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;**
he utters his voice; the earth melts.
7 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
8 **Come, behold the works of the Lord;**
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

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9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
10 **"Be still, and know that I am God!**
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth."
11 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

SECOND READING Romans 3:19-28

A reading from Romans. (pause)

19 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. 20 For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.
21 But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, 22 the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, 23 since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; 24 they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; 26 it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.
27 Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. 28 For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ALLELUIA PAGE 142

GOSPEL John 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

31 Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in
my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the
truth will make you free.” 33 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’?”
34 Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is
a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not have a permanent place in the
household; the son has a place there forever. 36 So if the Son makes you
free, you will be free indeed.

This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #517 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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

After each petition….

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you. (*hands out)*

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PAGE 144

PREFACE

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER PAGE 145 TRADITIONAL ON RIGHT

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION

All are welcome to come to share in Holy Communion at God's Table.

If it is too difficult to come to God's Table, please let an usher know and Pastor Nan will bring holy communion to you.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion server says
As you receive the bread and wine:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Each person may respond: **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD PAGE 146

This hymn followed by the reflective music are offered during Holy Communion to help us focus on the Gifts of God for the people of God.

ELW #479 Eat This Bread

Reflective music from our musician as we remain prayerful and quiet.

FINAL TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING OF OUR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

GOOD NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN ELW #511 Thy Strong Word

DISMISSAL

PRAYER REQUESTS &
ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. PAUL HEALING PRAYER LIST
Bob Perdue, **Carol** Rasmussen, **David** Johansen, **Dennis** Dombkowski, **Jean** Marks, **Joan** Chadwick, **Joanne** Bryer, **Joe** Arnold, **Kate** Butterworth**,** **Larry** Ross, **Leroy** Hansen, **Katharine** Serviss, **Marlene** Grams, **Russ** Lincoln, **Shirley** Hansen, **Shirley** Moerdyke, **Shirley** Sly, **Steve** Vanhoose, **Sue** Arnold, **Terri** Clark**.**

****If you want to have someone added, please email the main office, leave a voicemail on the main church phone number or text Pastor Nan*

MILITARY

Brian Blomstrom, **Chris** Miller, **Hanah** MacMillen, **JD** Johansen, **Marcus**, **Ryan** Treynor, **Steve** Kowalewicz, **Troy** Thornburg, **Tyler** Markum, **Vaughn** Misner, **Victor** Rivera, **Vinnie** Baza.

PRAYER CHAIN FOR ST. PAUL If you would like to join the prayer chain, please contact Lynn Cooper at 616-754-5579.



PANTRY TREATS FOR OUR CLEANER, CARL & FAMILY

We continue to collect pantry items on the round table back by the entry doors.

******If you would like to donate money, please put it in the basket on the table.***

COUNCIL NOTES
Oct 11 – Contributions: $1,658.50 Needed: $5,000

Council minutes from OCTOBER – available on the round table

****Coffee Fellowship for NOVEMBER is posted on the bulletin table***
O Newsletters are available
4TH quarter Christ in Our Home devotion books are out



Thank you to the generous people of St. Paul for your support of the First Fruits Auction. $679.00 was received into the treasury of the Greenville Area Ecumenical Food Mission. This allows volunteers who shop for needed pantry items to use grocery gift cards. May God's love warm your hearts and bring you peace.
Sharing the Joy Committee

COMING SOON:

November 8 – Sunday – Council Installation

November 11 – 7 pm 1st Wed evening advent worship

SERVING CALENDAR

Is posted on the bulletin table in a plastic stand.

This Week

Sunday Oct 25	930 am worship with Holy Communion Vocal choir sings 3 pm Green Acres Worship
Monday Oct 26	5 pm Al-Anon Building closed Pastor sabbath
Tuesday Oct 27	10 am Food Mission 12 pm Senior Citizens Lunch/Bingo 5:45 pm Bell Practice
Wednesday Oct 28	2 pm Book Study: Dear Church 530 pm Food Mission Mark Sabbath
Thursday Oct 29	Treats shared with Carl and his family
Friday Oct 30	1:30 pm Shalom Zoom Meditation
Saturday Oct 31	
Sunday Nov 1	***Time Change*** 930 am worship with Holy Communion All Saints' Day Worship

Bi-Monthly Pitch-In Sunday – after worship