



500th ANNIVERSARY OF THE LUTHERAN REFORMATION + 1517-2017

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***The mission of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church is to:
Teach the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ to all;
Reach the lost with the same Word by the witness of our words and actions;
Care for all in need as we live in Christ's love through the same Word.***

THE DIVINE SERVICE OF HOLY OF HOLY COMMUNION

FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION (Observed from Oct. 31), Oct. 29th, 2017, 9:00 am

In Luther's upbringing, the term "righteousness" was understood as the truth by which God deservedly condemns those who have merited evil. In his study of the Bible, however, the Holy Spirit led Luther to see that Christ's Righteousness is something we are freely given by God's grace through faith! (Rom. 3:22). That wondrous truth was the basis for the Reformation! That wondrous truth is also the basis for THE LORD'S SUPPER, for in this Sacrament Christ is present with His Body and Blood to give us His forgiveness. In joyful obedience to the teaching of Holy Scripture, we practice "Close" Communion. Penitent, believing members of sister Missouri Synod congregations are welcome to commune at this altar. All other guests desiring to commune are asked to speak with the pastor before the service.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP: RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE

HYMN: "Though All Our Life is Like a Scroll" (*see insert*)

(This hymn was written especially for this 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation)

LITURGY: Divine Service, Setting Three, hymnal p. 184 and following

Confession and Absolution, p. 184-185

Introit of the Day

Ps. 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Ps. 119:46

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
and shall not be | put to shame.

I will bless the LORD at | all times;*

his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;*
let the humble hear | and be glad.

Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;*

I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.

The LORD redeems the life of his | servants;*
none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*

and shall not be | put to shame.

Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis, p. 186-189

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever: **Amen.**

INSTALLATION OF BRIAN HOMANN AS FIELD WORKER

First Reading

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice,

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Revelation 14:6-7

“Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Psalm

¹God is our ref- | uge and strength,*
a very present help in | trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear though
the | earth gives way,*
though the mountains be moved
into the heart | of the sea,**

³though its waters | roar and foam,*
though the mountains tremble at its |
swelling.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make
glad the cit- | y of God,***

Psalm 46 (antiphon: v.7)

**the holy habitation of the | Most
High.**

⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall |
not be moved;*
God will help her when | morning
dawns.

⁶**The nations rage, the kingdoms |
totter;*
he utters his voice, the | earth melts.**

⁷The LORD of hosts is | with us;*
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

⁸Come, behold the works | of the LORD,*

how he has brought desolations | on the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease to the end | of the earth;*

he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;

he burns the chariots | with fire.

**¹⁰“Be still, and know that | I am God.*
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted | in the earth!”**

¹¹The LORD of hosts is | with us;*
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

Epistle

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Triple Alleluia, p. 190

Romans 3:19–28

gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36 (Responses sung)

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will

know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been

enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say,
'You will become free?'

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say
to you, everyone who commits sin is a

slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in
the house forever; the son remains forever.

³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be
free indeed.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED, p. 191

HYMN OF THE DAY: *LSB 656, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (Please remain standing)*

SERMON

OFFERTORY, "Create in me a clean heart," p. 192

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (P: Lord, in Your mercy: **hear our prayer.**) We include our shut-ins,
those on our hearts and minds, and the following:

Louann Wolfe (recovering from surgery)

Herb Banning (recovering from surgery)

Frank Bittner (Receiving therapy in Decatur)

Joyce Witte (sister-in-law of Vern and Judy; recovering from surgery)

Abby Hegerfeld (niece of Brenda Scherer)

Dan DeLong (home)

Rita Gerke (home)

Max Fuelling (home; undergoing treatments)

Kay Brown (sister of David and Lynn Matthews; at home in GA, receiving therapy)

Dr. Cynthia Matthews (home)

Julaine Hockemeyer (mother of Lori Conrad)

Faith Gibson (grandniece of Jim & Joyce Gariepy; in Pennsylvania)

Sarah Biskupski (Traverse City, MI; wife of one of Pastor's nephews)

Laura Saylor (wife of Rev. Michael Saylor, Redeemer Lutheran, Convoy)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT, p. 194 and following

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *LSB 627, "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"*

LSB 948, "All Glory Be to God Alone"

HYMN TO DEPART: LSB 865, "Lord, Help Us ever To Retain"

Organist: Jackie Sanderson

Deacons: Joe Werling (Head), Matt Bischoff, Steve H. Fuelling, Louie Fuelling

Elders: Allen Franz, Ron Franz (Head), John Fuelling, Dale Busick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERINGS: Currently unavailable; will be included next week.

Only the saving relationship with Christ gives life meaning. That relationship is based on His love for us first; then, on our love in response. That love enables our faithful obedience, as in giving regular, firstfruits offerings.

PASTOR'S NEW RED STOLE was given anonymously in honor of Pastor Moehring's 35th anniversary in the Holy Ministry.

Tuesday, Oct. 31, 7:30 pm

Festival Service

celebrating the

500th Anniversary of

The Lutheran Reformation

Kramer Chapel, on the campus of

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, President,

The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

(overflow seating in Sihler Auditorium on the campus;

also, the service will be streamed live on Facebook)

THANK YOU to all who contributed to the SPI Fish/Tenderloin meal. Every cookie, baked item, purchased meal, and volunteer hour added to the success of the event and was much appreciated.

SPI GRADES 6-8 will be taking a field trip to the Seminary on Wed., Nov, 1 (All Saints' Day), for the Divine Service; for a tour of part of the campus, then lunch; and, for a tour of historic St. Paul Lutheran Church, downtown Fort Wayne. Anyone interested in going along on this field trip should contact Pastor in advance.

CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY invites you to All Saints Choral Vespers with the

Seminary Schola Cantorum, and Concordia Lutheran High School Chamber Choir; Sunday, Nov. 5, at 7:30 pm; in Kramer Chapel on the Seminary campus.

AREA CHURCH EVENTS:

Bethlehem Lutheran, Ossian, Holiday Bazaar; Sunday, Nov. 5, 11:15 am to 1:30 pm; Swiss Steak Dinner; adults, \$10.00; Children 12 & under, \$5.00; Hot Dog Meal, \$3.00; carry-out available; craft items, holiday gift items, mincemeat, chili soup, Cookie Walk.

St. Paul Lutheran, Preble, Ladies Aid Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 18, 10:30 am to 1:00 pm; Cookie Corner, Bake Sale, Frosted Christmas Cookies, Noodles, and Crafts! Luncheon will be served.

"WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS" can be viewed on the following stations:

Sunday, 7:00 a.m., NBC-TV 21.2, Fort Wayne

Sunday, 8:00 a.m., WISE-TV 21.3, Fort Wayne; FiOS Cable 9

Sunday, 11:30 a.m., DIRECTV 377 & DISH 7442

Sunday & Monday, 4:00 p.m., Comcast 55 & FiOS 25

Monday, 10:00 a.m., Comcast 55 and FiOS 25

Sermon text for the program next Sunday, Nov. 5: 1 John 3:1-3; preacher: Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer, Holy Cross Lutheran, Fort Wayne

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" can be heard on the following radio stations:

WZBD-FM 92.7, Sundays, 8:05 am

WOWO-AM 1190, Sundays, 11:30 am

WFCV-AM 1090, Sundays, 3:30 pm

LUTHERAN INTERNET PROGRAMMING

1) LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE.org... your radio station for practical Lutheran talk, daily Bible and Confession studies, current issues from a Lutheran worldview, and daily worship opportunities. Join us! Archived at KFUE.org. Find us at kfue.org and follow us at Facebook.com/KFUEradio, or [Instagram@kfue.radio](https://www.instagram.com/kfue.radio) for shareable photos and program info.

This program is available only on the Internet!

2) THE CONSERVATIVE REFORMATION... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL; and is hosted by Missouri Synod Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to what you want, when you want, at www.issuesetc.org **This program is available only on the Internet!**

3) LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO... "Sacred Music for the World"; listen to the music of the Church anytime, at LutheranPublicRadio.org, **available only on the Internet.**

4) CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, FORT WAYNE, live streaming of daily chapel service and special services; go to the Seminary's home page at www.ctsfw.edu, and click on the proper link on the right side of the home page.

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY'S (NOV. 5th) READINGS

Revelation 7:9-17 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12

Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ

"A great multitude... from all tribes and peoples and languages" cry out, "Salvation belongs to our God Who sits on the throne" (Rev. 7:9-10). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with united voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we, too, "shall see Him as He is" (1 John 3:2). Joined with the throngs of angels and myriad saints, we shall "serve Him day and night in His temple" (Rev. 7:15). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ, propels us forward to our eternal home, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure, and the persecuted are all blessed, and we will most certainly inherit the Kingdom of Heaven (Matt. 5:1-12).

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF Oct. 29th, 2017

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service of Holy Communion (<i>Sunday School and Bible Class after</i>)
	3:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	8:00 am	SPI Chapel Service
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Quilting
	9:30 am	Pastors' Study Group (Bingen)