

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Serving Today:

Assisting Minister: **Mary Haas**

Lector: **Michael Grimm**

Usher: **Dave Custer**

Counters: **Julie Sandolfini & Jennifer Reed**

Broadcaster: **Stephanie Setley**

Serving November 3rd:

Assisting Minister: **Steve Woodruff**

Lector: **Sylvia McEwen**

Usher: **Larry Springer**

Counters: **Jerry Bouquot & Lindsey Naumann**

Broadcaster: **Mary Boroff**

Officers Of The Congregation

President: Bill Graham

Vice President: Lillian Stevens

Secretary: Lindsey Naumann

Treasurer: Joanne Seasholtz

Financial Secretary: Sue Cook



This Week's Schedule

Sunday October 27

Choir (choir loft) 9:00 AM

Adult Bible Study (lounge)

Sunday School (classroom)

Worship 10:00 AM

Nave

Church Organizational Info Meeting

Nave 11:15 AM

Circle of Friends 4:00 PM

Lutheran Campus Chapel

Tuesday October 29

Bible Study 10:00 AM

Lounge

Thursday October 31

Prayerful Walkers 9:00 AM

Parking Lot

Friday November 1

Piecemakers 10:00 AM

Fellowship Hall

Sunday November 3

Choir (choir loft) 9:00 AM

Adult Bible Study (lounge)

Sunday School (classroom)

Worship 10:00 AM

Nave

You are invited to come up to the rail for prayers and anointing during the Hymn of the Day.



The Weekly Epistle

Reformation Sunday
October 27, 2024

Take This Sheet Home With You!



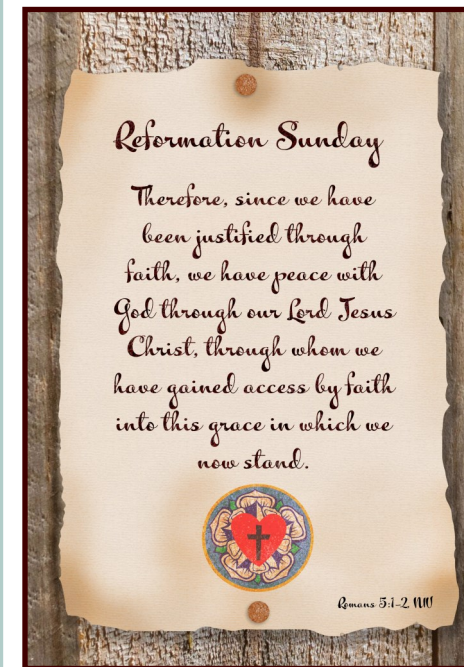
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All Are Welcome! At St. Paul we welcome all to worship and share in God's love, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, age, economic status, background, life situation, or wherever you are in your faith journey.

All who Believe and are Baptized (from any church) are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion here.

A Word from Pastor Tony



Today we celebrate Reformation Sunday. This is a day that reminds us of the reforming spirit of our faith and the boldness of those who came before us, like Martin Luther, who stood for truth. The Father of American Lutheranism, Henry Muhlenberg once said: "[God] calls His children to His kingdom of grace, plants them into the true Vine, and works in them by His divine power." This reminds us that reformation is not just a historical moment but an ongoing work of God in our lives as individuals and together as Christ's Church.

In that spirit, I'm excited to invite you to stay after worship today for an important informational meeting in the fellowship hall. We'll discuss our new committee structure, a tangible step in reforming how we serve our church and community. Just as the Reformation

shaped the future of the Church, may our work, with God's blessing, help us better serve one another as disciples of Jesus.

Yours in Christ, +Pastor Tony

Our Hymns Today

- ◆ Processional Hymn: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* Green #294
- ◆ Psalm: 46 Green, p.236
- ◆ Gospel Procession: *Glories of Your Name Are Spoken* Green #358
vv. 1-2 out; vv. 3-4 back
- ◆ Communion Hymn: *O Word of God Incarnate* Green #231
- ◆ Closing Hymn: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Green #228

The First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34]

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. 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. 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. 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. (NRSV)

The Second Reading

Romans 3:19-28

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. 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. But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 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; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. (NRSV)

The Gospel

John 8:31-36

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

Communion Today

- ◆ **Communion today** is at the rail. Proceed down aisle filling in from outside toward center. Return to your pew down the side aisle on your side of the Church.
- ◆ **Grape juice & gluten free wafers are available**, just ask for them at the rail.



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Online Offering

You can give a secure online offering with a debit/credit card or checking account. Scan or visit:
stpaulmorgantown.org/giving
Thank you!

Meeting of the Congregation

To approve the 2025 budget and the revised Administrative Assistant job description



November 17th
after worship



During the service on November 3rd (All Saints' Sunday), we will remember those who have died in the faith since November 1st, 2023.

If you would like someone to be remembered during that service, please fill out the **sign-up sheet in the narthex**



The **Circle of Friends** free community meal will be served **today** at 4 PM at

the Lutheran Campus Chapel. Help is needed! Please contact Sheila Zinn to offer your assistance. 410-599-3818 or email: socialministry@stpaulmorgantown.org



Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Members and friends of St. Paul helping local families in need

Our Goal – 30 Baskets or more for Rock Forge Food Pantry

Ways you can help:

1. Donate money
2. Donate time
3. Donate purchased goods

Here are the items we need for each basket:

Item:	Amount:
Instant potatoes	1 box
Dressing bag	2 boxes or 1 large
Dinner Rolls	1 dozen
Noodles	1 large bag
Green beans	2 cans
Carrots	2 cans
Corn	2 cans
Applesauce	1 small jar
Gravy	1 or 2 small jars
Cranberry Sauce	1 small can
Tomato soup	1 can
Tuna	2 small cans
Vegetable soup	1 can
Mac and Cheese	2 boxes
Reusable Kroger bags	2
Dessert (cake mix and frosting, or cookie mix)	

We will use donated cash to purchase dry milk and gift cards for turkeys. Please bring donated items to the church by **Sunday, November 17th**.

Please use the envelopes in the pews for donations. On checks, write “food baskets” in the memo line.

We will shop on Nov. 22nd or 23rd, assemble the baskets on Sunday, Nov. 24th, and deliver on Monday, Nov. 25th. **Please let us know if you are able to assist with shopping or delivery.** Contact the church office with questions.