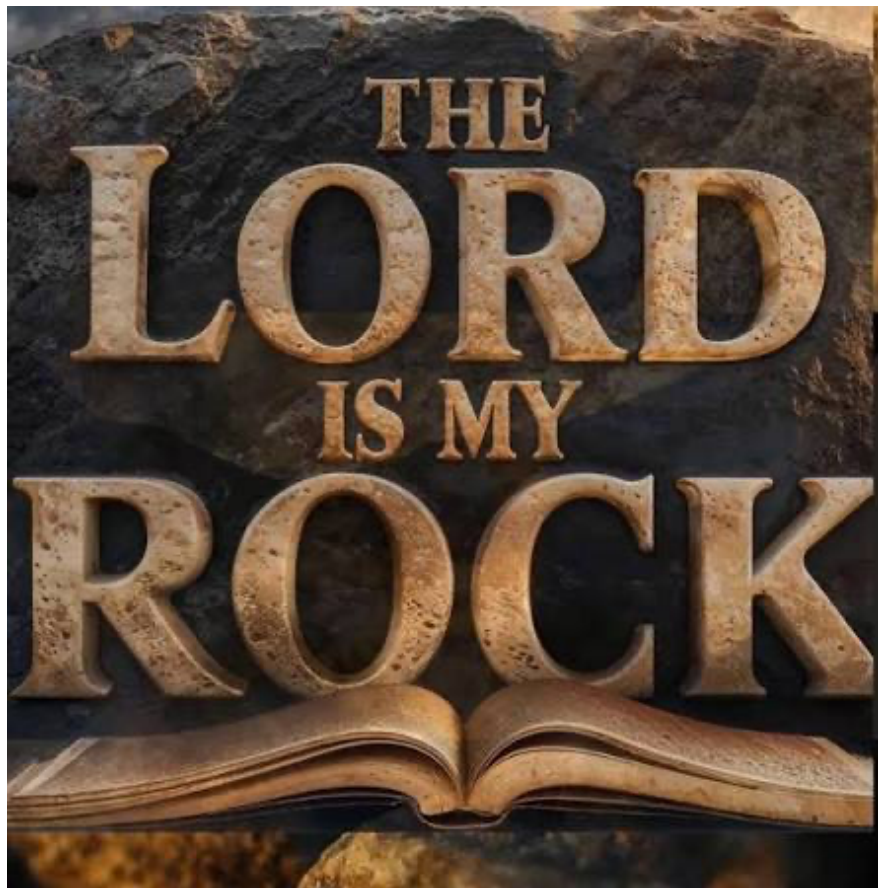




St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
10th Sunday after Trinity
August 16, 2026

Pastor: David Reim - 549-5250

Organist: Julie Reim

Ushers: Willy and Roman

Preparation for Worship: Psalm 62 – Hymnal pg. 136

Opening Prayer: O LORD, in this world of multiple beliefs and philosophies, we need something solid to base our faith on. In this world of constant and often sudden change, we need a solid rock to stand on. O LORD, you are our rock and our fortress and our Salvation. May you keep our hearts firmly grounded on the rock of your truth and our feet secure in your Word and Promises. Guide us and strengthen us in Your Truth, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Invocation:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



Opening Hymn: 465 Christ Is Our Corner-Stone

1. Christ is our Corner-stone,
On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone
The courts of heaven are filled.
On His great love
Our hopes we place
Of present grace
And joys above.
2. Oh, then, with hymns of praise
These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise
The three in One to sing
And thus proclaim
In joyful song,
Both loud and long.
That glorious name.
3. Here, gracious God, do Thou
Forevermore draw nigh;
Accept each faithful vow
And mark each suppliant sigh.
In copious shower
On all who pray
Each holy day,
Thy blessing pour.

4. Here may we gain from heaven
The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once given,
Be with us evermore
Until that day
When all the blest
To endless rest
Are called away!

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 23:27 - 24:12

27 But a messenger came to Saul, saying, "Hurry and come, for the Philistines have invaded the land!" 28 Therefore Saul returned from pursuing David, and went against the Philistines; so they called that place the Rock of Escape. 29 Then David went up from there and dwelt in strongholds at En Gedi.

24:1 Now it happened, when Saul had returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, "Take note! David is in the Wilderness of En Gedi." 2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men from all Israel, and went to seek David and his men on the Rocks of the Wild Goats. 3 So he came to the sheepfolds by the road, where there was a cave; and Saul went in to attend to his needs. (David and his men were staying in the recesses of the cave.) 4 Then the men of David said to him, "This is the day of which the Lord said to you, 'Behold, I will deliver your enemy into your hand, that you may do to him as it seems good to you.'" And David arose and secretly cut off a corner of Saul's robe. 5 Now it happened afterward that David's heart troubled him because he had cut Saul's robe. 6 And he said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do this thing to my master, the Lord's anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the Lord." 7 So David restrained his servants with these words, and did not allow them to rise against Saul. And Saul got up from the cave and went on his way.

8 David also arose afterward, went out of the cave, and called out to Saul, saying, "My lord the king!" And when Saul looked behind him,

David stooped with his face to the earth, and bowed down. 9 And David said to Saul: “Why do you listen to the words of men who say, ‘Indeed David seeks your harm’? 10 Look, this day your eyes have seen that the Lord delivered you today into my hand in the cave, and someone urged me to kill you. But my eye spared you, and I said, ‘I will not stretch out my hand against my lord, for he is the Lord’s anointed.’ 11 Moreover, my father, see! Yes, see the corner of your robe in my hand! For in that I cut off the corner of your robe, and did not kill you, know and see that there is neither evil nor rebellion in my hand, and I have not sinned against you. Yet you hunt my life to take it. 12 Let the Lord judge between you and me, and let the Lord avenge me on you. But my hand shall not be against you.

Behold Your God - He Is Your Strong ROCK!

Part 1 - Psalm 18:2

“The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”

-I- HE IS A ROCK OF DEFENCE.

Hymn 774 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1. A mighty Fortress is our God,
A trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from every need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil Foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On Earth is not his equal.

2. With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is.
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.

3. Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us.
We tremble not, we fear no ill,
They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none,
He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

4. The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child and wife,
Let these all be gone,
They yet have nothing won;
The Kingdom our remaineth.

Part 2 - Isaiah 26:3-4:

“You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.”

-II- HE IS A ROCK OF STABILITY.

Confession of Sins: P: God’s wrath against sin is truly fierce and His punishment is fearful. Yet Jesus invites us saying, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” May we come to Him confessing our sins to receive His grace and forgiveness.

C: We come to you Lord, with the heavy burden of our sins. We know that You bore our sins in Your body on the cross. Therefore we are confident to confess our sins trusting in You for forgiveness.

C & P: Almighty and most merciful God, I confess that I am a sinner by my very nature, I was born in the sin of Adam. Because of my corrupt nature, I sin against you daily in my thoughts, in my words and actions. I have done the things you forbid, and I fail to do the things you command. Lord, I know I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. Yet, I come before you in repentance, because you are merciful and gracious and have given Your Son to die for me. Oh God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Forgive me, I pray, for Jesus sake.

P: God, our heavenly Father, is truly merciful and gracious, He has given His own Son into death for our sins, and raised Jesus to life for our justification. By His unfailing word of promise, I assure you that all your sins are forgiven for Jesus’ sake.



Hymn 376 Rock of Ages

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;

Let the water and the blood
From Thy riven side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

2. Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfil Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3. Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly,--
Wash me, Savior, or I die!

4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment-throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee

Part 3 - Psalm 40:1-4

*"I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
2 He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set
my feet upon a rock, and gave me a firm place to stand. 3 He put a new
song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and
fear, and put their trust in the Lord. 4 Blessed is the man who makes the
Lord his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray
after a lie!"*

-III- HE IS A ROCK TO STAND ON.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Confession of Faith: The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 370 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,

But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

3. His oath, His covenant, and blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When every earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne!
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

Part 4 - Matthew 16:13-19

13 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" 14 So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

-IV- HE IS THE SOLID FOUNDATION OF HIS CHURCH AND OUR LIFE.

Hymn: 467 st. 1-4 Built On the Rock the Church doth Stand

1. Built on the Rock the Church doth stand

Even when steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in every land,
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the soul distrest,
Longing for rest everlasting.

2. Surely in temples made with hands,
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands,
All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He whom heavens cannot contain
Chose to abide on earth with men,
Built in our bodies His temple.

3. We are God's house of living stones,
Builded for His habitation;
He through baptismal grace us owns
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell,
With all His grace and His favor.

4. Now we may gather with our King
E'en in the lowliest dwelling;
Praises to Him we there may bring,
His wondrous mercy forthtelling.

Jesus His grace to us accords;
Spirit and life are all His words;
His truth doth hallow the temple.

Offering of Thankful Hearts:

Sing - while offering is brought forward Hymn 441 st. 1-2

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

Prayers of the Church:

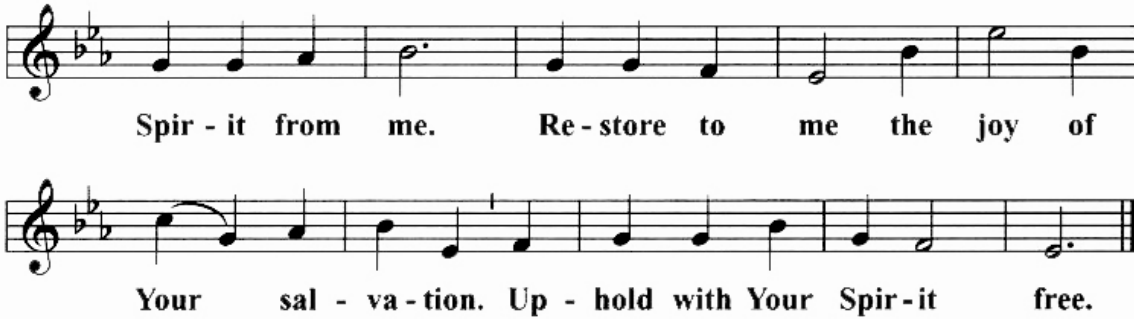
The Lord's Prayer: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

P: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

OFFERTORY



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly



Benediction: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



Closing Hymn: 467 st. 7 Built On the Rock the Church doth Stand
7. Grant then, O God, where'er men roam,
That, when the church-bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know Mine own, Mine own know Me;
Ye, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you." Amen.



Scripture Treasure to Remember:

Psalm 62:5-7

*"For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.
He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be*

shaken. On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday - Instruction Class with Andrey at 9:00 am.

PCPC Planning Meeting at 3:30

Wednesday - Online Bible Study with Kenneth in Sweden at 9:30.

Friday - Shut-in visit with George at 1:30.

Next Sunday - Worship Service at 10:00

Praying for our Family

We continue pray for Barb Pfeiffer who had another stroke and is being treated at Mayo Clinic in Rochester.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for a volunteer to manage our FaceBook page and Website. It would primarily involve posting the weekly bulletin and sermons.

We would also like another volunteer to help Roman with the streaming of our services and give him a break occasionally.

Planning for Outreach

The voters agreed that in order to make every effort to carry out Christ's command to "make disciples of all nations," that the Lord may build up His Church with His Word, we need to do more advertising and plan community events and messages. They also agreed that we should use some of the money from Resurrection congregation in Calgary to fund advertising and events.

Let's put our heads together and Discuss:

The best avenues for advertising.

Topics of concern that will draw people's attention. (Why all the fires? A Need for Hope! Dealing with Uncertainties of Life! Addressing the real problem and solution of Climate Change). What are the things that concern your friends and Neighbours? Another idea is to invite friends and neighbours to an open discussion of life's questions. Many people are searching for answers, let us be prepared to give them the true answers from the One who created life.

CLC Call News

Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity in West Columbia, SC, has **returned** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

Pastor David Reim of St. Paul in Vernon, BC, has **returned** the calls to St. Luke's in Lemmon, SD and Messiah in Eau Claire, WI.

Pastor Michael Roehl of St. Paul Lutheran in Bismarck, ND, has **returned** the call to St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran in Austin, MN.

Pastor Luke Willitz of Living Savior in Eden Prairie, MN, has **returned** the call to Gift of God in Mapleton, ND, and St. Paul's in Ponsford, MN.

Pastor Emeritus Paul Tiefel has **returned** the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church in Appleton, WI.

Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel in Mankato, MN, has received the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Madison, Heights, MI.