

## Gospel Reading: John 8:31-36

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in 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.”

## 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; I will be exalted in the earth.” <sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

### Pray for these we know to be in need of resolution, healing, support and comfort:



The Cisneros family; Ivy & John Conklin; Austin Marsh; Ewalani Odachi; Brian Kurihara; George Aspeitia; Jim Gagne; Shanna Childers; Ed Sais; Celia Torres; Carol & Larry Sullivan; Bjorn Landberg; Maxine Miller & her son, Leonard; Pastor David Berkedal & Rev. Sally Welch; Tim Sang; Aki Fukui; Lilly Fukui; Susan & Gene Ramirez; Margarete Schwall; Millie Powell; Seth, who is living on the streets of LA; Meher Montessori School; for churches, may our hearts and doors remain open for those who wish to share the Good News; for our country, our military and first responders; watch over those who are affected by the war in Ukraine; for those struggling with anxiety and mental illness.



### Birthdays in October:

- Valentin Cortez (October 31)



### Birthdays in November

- Mai Madrigal (November 11)
- Linda Wilson (November 17)
- Rev. Sally Welch (November 30)

Next—All Saints Day: Daniel 7:1-3,15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31  
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# Reformation Sunday October 30, 2022



Martin Luther's Thesis by Ferdinand Pauwels (1830-1904)

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church Sunday Service at 9:30 AM

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## Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

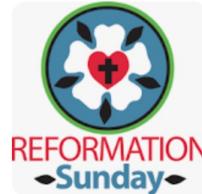
Join us for worship on Sundays at 9:30 am

While LA County has formally rescinded the masking order as of 3/4/22, masks are still being recommended for use in public settings, such as our worship space. For the safety of our at-risk members and our current visiting pastor, we ask that you consider wearing a mask and maintain social distancing for the time being.

If you have forgotten a mask, we do have extras, in both adult and kid sizes, in the Narthex.

### News and Needs

- **The Lord's Supper**, our sharing of the bread and wine as Jesus invites us to do, is open to all who accept the presence of Jesus in this simple meal. We continue to use pre-filled communion chalices for a sanitary, safe, and traditional communion experience. We rejoice in our opportunity to join together in praise and thanksgiving to God. Newcomers among us are invited to participate in every aspect of our worship. Any questions? Please ask.
- **We welcome back Pastor David Berkedal and his family.** We thank God for his successful surgery and for all his dedicated doctors. As pastor is still recovering, we have prepared the communion table on the lower level at the front of the sanctuary, so pastor will not have to navigate the stairs to the altar. He will not be coming to church on Thursdays until he is cleared to drive. If you have any needs or concerns, please leave a message with Elizabeth in the Church Office or give Ed Sais a call.
- **Today is Reformation Sunday!** Reformation Day celebrates the joyful beauty of the liberating gospel of Jesus Christ. Martin Luther, a scholar, took quill in hand, dipped it in his inkwell and penned his Ninety-Five Theses on October 31, 1517. Red is the liturgical color of Reformation Sunday because **it represents the Holy Spirit**. It also reminds us of those who have been martyred for their faith in Jesus. And all of us have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We once again begin using paraments on our altar today, to signify special events on the liturgical calendar.
- **Coffee Hour & Fellowship will be held in the lounge following today's service.** To get to the lounge from the sanctuary, please exit the glass doors at the back, go through the glass doors on the right and straight ahead to the open door of the lounge. Today's refreshments are provided by Susan and Gene Ramirez.
- **We are thankful to Lilly Fukui** for stepping up to help Linda Wilson with the Altar Guild duties on Sunday mornings for this month. We are still in need of at least one additional person to fill our teams. Please let Susan Ramirez know if you are able to assist with this important work.
- **Bible Story Time with Meher Students** - Once again, we are providing Bible Story Time for students attending Meher Montessori School on Thursday afternoons. The Primary Group (12 students) meets from 2:20-3:00 pm; the Elementary Group (5 Students) meets from 3:00-3:30 pm. The teacher for these groups is Jean Sais. A Meher teacher attends with the younger group for support. Anyone interested in assisting with this outreach to school families, please contact Jean.



### First Reading: 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.

### Second Reading: 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.

### 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.

- **Next week is All Saints Sunday, so if you know anyone who has passed away that you would like us to remember with you, please fill out the insert and place it in the offering plate today.**
- **Thanksgiving is just around the corner!** Please consider donating this holiday season as we are once again working with Catalyst SGV, providing meals for students during the holiday break, and American Legion Post 397 for providing food for over 50 families for Thanksgiving. We will start collecting for both drives on November 6th. Please take a look at our bulletin board for a complete list of donations from American Legion. For Catalyst we will be accepting non-perishable breakfast and snack items. We have pledged to donate 10 HOPE Meals for a local school.

