St·Paul's
Lutheran Church & School

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God's Answer To A Dystopian World

Reformation

October 29, 31, Nov 1, 2026

Our culture foresees a dystopian future. Consider the movies:
Wally, The Hunger Games, Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes

A dystopian future is a frightening vision of an unfair, grim society where people suffer.

During November, our End Times Message series will see Jesus is God's answer to our fears about a dystopian future.

November 1 – Jesus is King of My Heart
November 8 – Jesus is King of the World
November 15 – Jesus is King over Death
November 22 – Jesus is King over All Kings

On this Reformation Sunday, we will see how Daniel, 2500 years ago, and Martin Luther, 500 years ago, survived in their dystopian worlds.

Welcome to St. Paul's – Connection Card
Thank you for joining us in worship. Please complete a Connection Card, sharing any questions or prayer requests you might have. You can fill out the card online and find other resources by scanning the QR Code.

Kids Busy Bags *designed for ages 1-3 are available for use at the Welcome Center in the commons.*

Childcare Every Sunday *8:45 – 11:45 am in the Kids hallway to your left as you enter the Commons.*

Sunday Kids Club for 3K – Grade 5 *9:00 and 10:30 am. Learn more or register at stpaulmuskego.org/kidsclub.*

Accessibility *A hearing loop system and large-print worship folders are available. Ask and usher for assistance.*

Questions or Need Assistance? *Visit the Welcome Center in the Commons and a greeter will be happy to help.*

Thank You for Supporting Our Gospel Ministry *Every week we hear of stories of how the gospel ministry you support is making an eternal difference. If you have brought an offering, you may place it in the box in the lobby or you can scan the QR code to give using Venmo. Thank you!*

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN SING
PRE-SERVICE MUSIC MEDITATION **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**
By. M. Luther, Arr. T. Ramsey
St. Paul's Brass Ensemble

BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING – RED HYMNAL 200, **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That has 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.

With might of ours can naught be done;
Soon were our loss effected.
But for us fights the valiant one
Whom God himself elected.
You ask, "Who is this?" Jesus Christ it is,
The almighty Lord. And there's no other God;
He holds the field forever.

Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill;
They shall not overpow'r 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.

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 do what they will -- Hate, steal, hurt, or kill --
Though all may be gone, Our victory is won;
The kingdom's ours forever!

Baptisms *(Sunday 9:00am)* *Indi, Jetson, Fox, and Archer, Sagala*

M The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
C And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M Brothers and sisters in Christ, we live in a world broken by sin—a world where sinful natures rule.

C But we also live in a world redeemed by grace. We all have sinned. But we are also justified freely by God's grace.

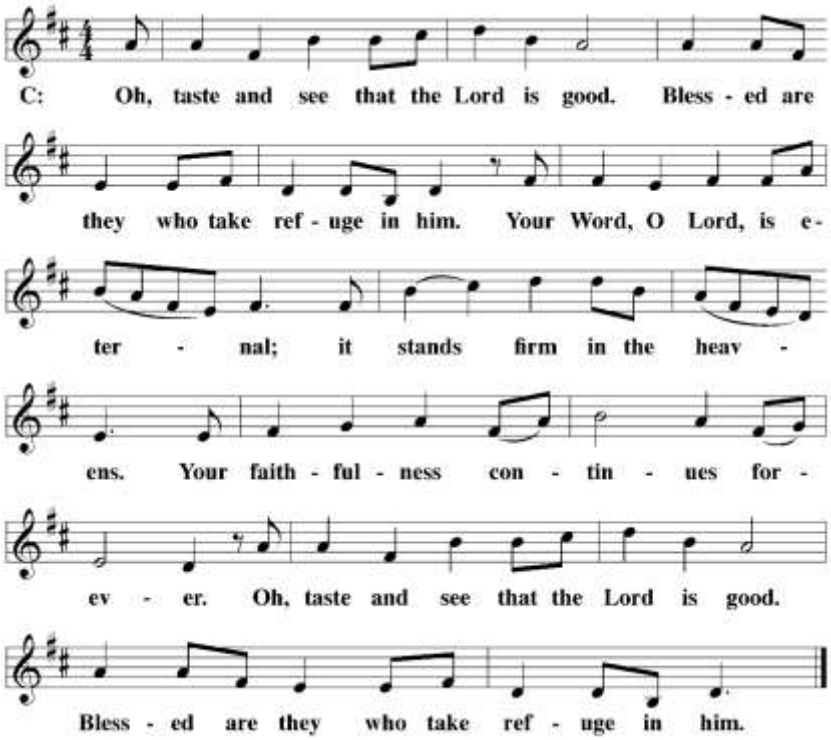
M So let us confess our sins and hear of the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C Amen.

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord. *(All services except Sunday 9:00am)*



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray. Gracious Father, you are our refuge and strength.

C Pour out your Holy Spirit on us. Keep us firm in Your Word.

M Protect us when temptations come our way. Defend us against our enemies.

C And give us your saving peace, that peace that can only come through Jesus Christ,

M Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON **Romans 3:19-28** Bible page 1129

Paul reminds believers that no one is justified by personal goodness or effort, but only through faith in Jesus Christ, whose grace secures our standing before God

PSALM OF THE DAY *(Saturday)* **Psalm 46,** Red Hymnal page 84

The Lord is our fortress.

GOSPEL LESSON **Matthew 10:16-23,** Bible page 975

Jesus prepares his disciples for opposition and persecution, reminding them that faithfulness to him will bring challenges, yet the Holy Spirit will strengthen and sustain them in every trial.

CONFESSION OF FAITH **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 OF THE DAY – RED HYMNAL 457 *(Thursday & Saturday)* **Fight the Good Fight**

1 Fight the good fight With all your might;
Christ is your strength and Christ your light.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Your joy and crown eternally.

2 Run the straight race Through God's good grace;
Lift up your eyes and seek his face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

3 Cast care aside, Lean on your guide;
His boundless mercy will provide.
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life and Christ its love.

4 Faint not nor fear; His arms are near.
He changes not, and you are dear.
Only believe, and you will see
That Christ is Lord eternally.

ANTHEM *(Sunday 9:00 & 10:30am)* **Our Hope, Alone Is You**

Words & Music: J.M. Martin (BMI)

St. Paul's Adult Choir & Brass Ensemble

SERMON **Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23,** Bible page 889

Pastor Nate Strobel

After the sermon the congregation sings:

HYMN – RED HYMNAL 341 **CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS**

Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Lord, our refuge and strength, we have gathered to worship and praise you for your work of redemption through your son.

C Lord, to you alone be the glory.

M God of grace, in amazing love you pitied us sinners and sent your Son as our substitute to deliver us from sin, guilt, death, darkness, and despair.

C For your grace, Lord, to you alone be the glory.

M By your grace you sent your Holy Spirit to call us to repentance. Your powerful gospel news rescued us from rebellion and fills us with faith in you, the true and living God.

C For saving faith, Lord, to you alone be the glory.

M Help us every day when we face hardship because of our trust in you. Like Daniel, give us confidence and boldness.

C May we never deny you or abandon you, but rather help us to confess you every day that you give us.

M Use us to point anyone within our area of influence to you and your salvation.

C So that the glory is given to you and only you.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M Finally, when we see how this world is filled with sin and corruption, make us yearn for the day that Christ returns.

C Until that day, help us to walk in love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING – RED HYMNAL 469, VS 1-5 **Take My Life and Let it Be**

1 Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose

4 Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart - it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.

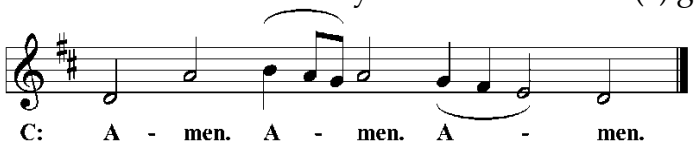
5 Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee

CLOSING PRAYER

M O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and give us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

BLESSING

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace, Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILY WORSHIP WEEKEND - NOVEMBER 8

Our Kids Club team is working with our Worship team to make a special "kid-friendly" worship service the weekend of November 8. Instead of the traditional Kids Club at 9:00 and 10:30 this Sunday, our Kids Club team will be handing out materials to help kids, young and old, find meaning in our worship.

We are planning moments in the services where kids have specific opportunities to lean in. Our goal is to help moms and dads teach their kids the importance of worship. Some things to look for are - special instruments, kid-friendly slides for the Lord's Prayer, Children's Devotion, and a special children's worship folder. Our new busy bags are also a great addition for every Sunday!