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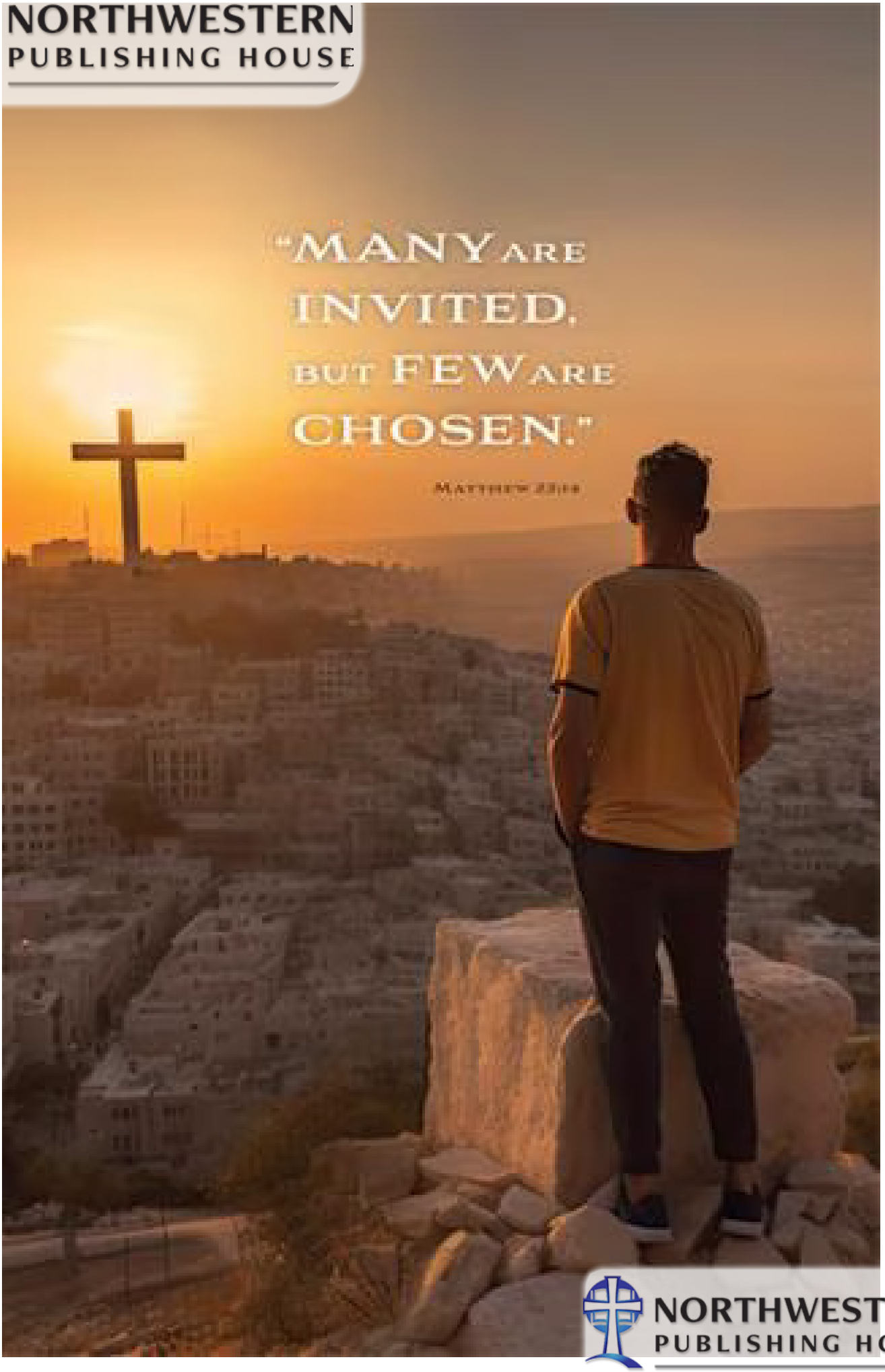

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Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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Worship Service

Sunday, October 11, 2026 10:00 a.m.

Twentieth Sunday after PENTECOST

Theme of the day: The Lord has prepared a festive banquet and has offered it free of charge to all people. Our God has gone to great lengths to bring lasting joy into our lives. He spared no expense in preparing the feast of our salvation, not even the life of his one and only Son. How we live in this world shows our appreciation for that.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to our friends and visitors! Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church is eager to share with you the blessings of its Christ-centered ministry. If you are a new or long-time resident of the Central Coast looking for a church home, we invite you to meet with us at the close of this worship service or at your convenience. All are welcome to stay for refreshments in the fellowship hall.

Families are encouraged to worship together. If you need to step out with your children, the service can be seen and heard in the fellowship hall or narthex area. Feel free to enter and return at any time.

OUR MISSION

Our congregation exists for the purpose of "HOLDING OUT THE WORD OF LIFE." This is accomplished by faithfully preserving and proclaiming all of God's inerrant word, and administering the Sacraments as they were instituted by Christ.

BAPTISM HYMN: # 646 **"See This Wonder in the Making"**

♫ **See this wonder in the making:**
God himself this child is taking
as a lamb safe in his keeping,
his to be, awake or sleeping.

Miracle each time it happens
as the door of heaven opens
and the Father beams, "Beloved,
heir of gifts a king would covet!"

Far more tender than a mother,
far more caring than a father,
God, into your arms we place him,
with your love and peace embrace him.

Please remain seated.

Here we bring a child of nature;
home we take a newborn creature,
now God's precious son or daughter,
born again by Word and water.

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION

M: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of righteousness and gives us a new life.

M: We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should
be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance,
and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death.
It also means that a new person should daily arise
to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

C: Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen.

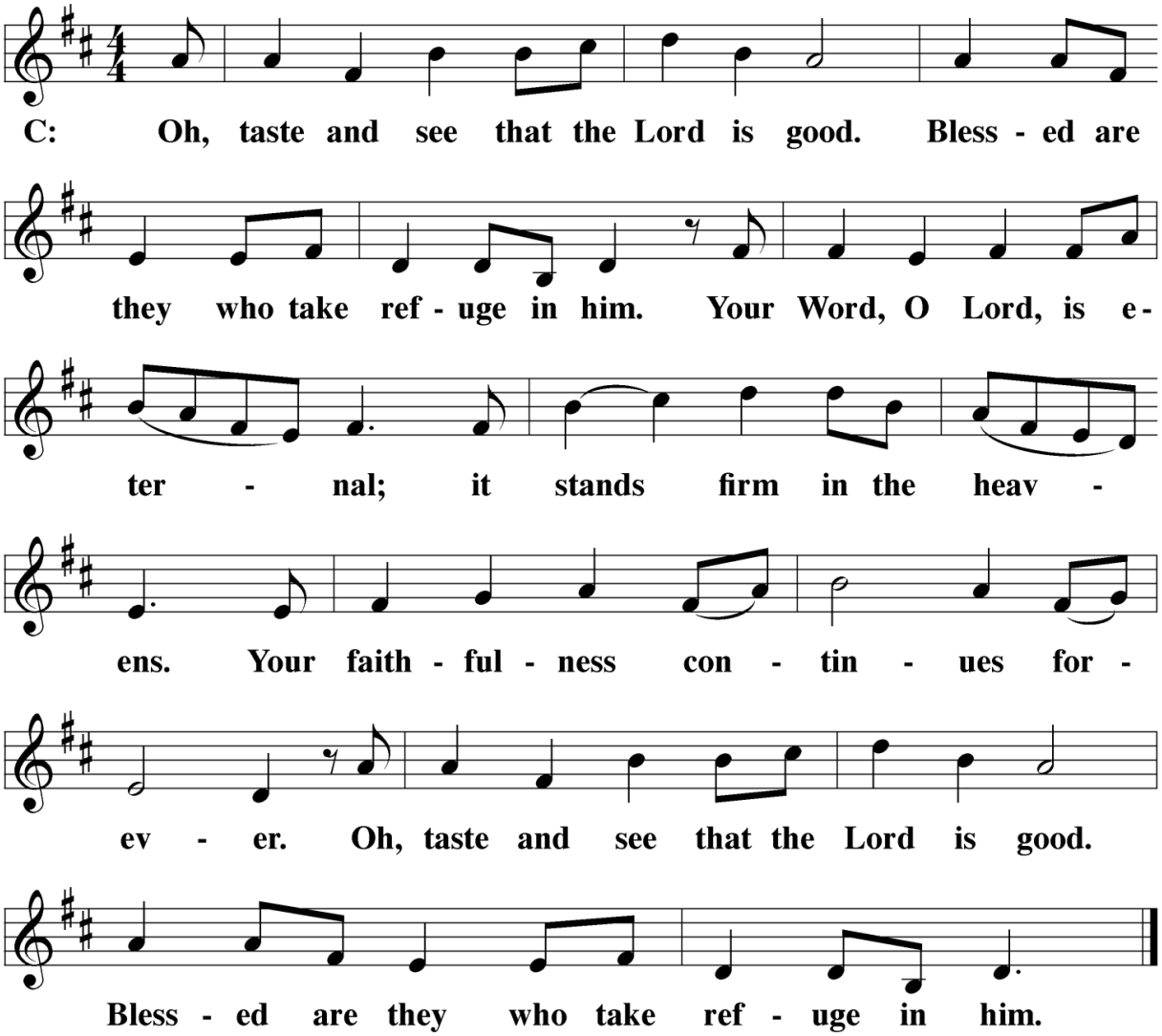
SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Baptism of Ethan James Foley

EXHORTATION

PRAYER

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



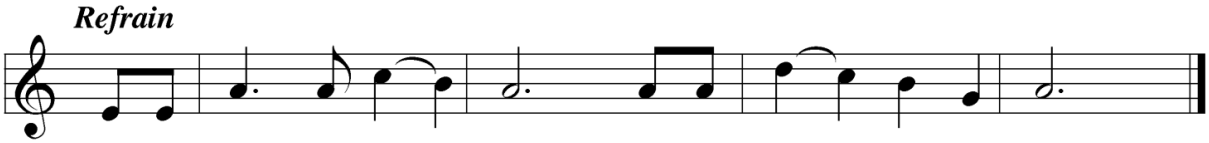
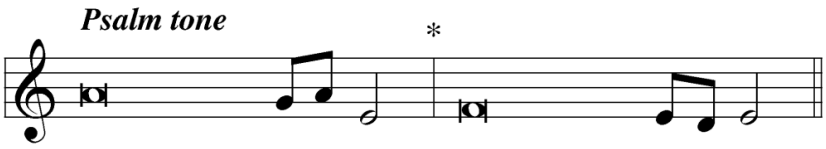
M: Almighty God, you invite us to trust in you for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of your judgment but by the greatness of your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♫ Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 25:6-9

6 On this mountain
the LORD of Armies will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of aged wines,
with the best cuts of meat, and with the finest wines.
7 On this mountain
he will destroy the shroud that covers all peoples,
the burial cloth stretched over all nations.

[8]He has swallowed up death forever!
The LORD God will wipe away the tears from every face.
He will take away the shame of his people throughout the earth.
For the LORD has spoken.
[9]On that day it will be said, "Look, here is our God!
We waited for him, and he saved us!
This is the LORD! We waited for him.
Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!"

PSALM of the Day: Psalm 84



How lovely is your dwelling place,*
O LORD Almighty!

My soul yearns, even faints,*
for the courts of the LORD.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house;*
they are ever praising you.

Refrain

Better is one day in your courts*
than a thousand elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God*
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

O LORD Almighty,*
blessed are they who trust in you.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

M: Alleluia. On this mountain the LORD of Armies will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. Alleluia. *(Isaiah 25:6)*

C: ♫ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SECOND LESSON: Romans 1:16,17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes—to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed by faith, for faith, just as it is written, "The righteous will live by faith."

HYMN: # 886 **"Blessed Are They"**

♫ Blessed are they which are called,
blessed are they which are called,
blessed are they which are called
to the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Multitudes, clothed in white robes,
from ev'ry nation and tongue,
stood before God and the Lamb
at the marriage feast of the Lamb.

They'll neither hunger nor thirst,
death, sorrow, pain vanquished now,
God wipes all tears from their eyes
by the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Blessing and honor, they cry,
unto the Lamb that was slain,
redeeming us with his blood
in the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Blessed are they which are called,
blessed are they which are called,
blessed are they which are called
to the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Servant, saint, martyr at rest,
sanctified, ransomed, restored,
thund'rously sing a new song
of the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Worthy are you, Lamb of God,
to receive glory and praise.
Alleluia and amen
for the marriage feast of the Lamb!

Blessed are they which are called,
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blessed are they which are called
to the marriage feast of the Lamb.

SERMON: Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus spoke to them again in parables. He said, [2]"The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. [3]He sent out his servants to summon those who were invited to the wedding banquet, but they did not want to come.
[4]"Then he sent out other servants and said, 'Tell those who are invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner. My oxen and my fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet!'
[5]"But those who were invited paid no attention and went off, one to his own farm, another to his business. [6]The rest seized the king's servants, mistreated them, and killed them. [7]As a result, the king was very angry. He sent his army and killed those murderers and burned their town.
[8]"Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. [9]So go to the main crossroads and invite as many as you find to the wedding banquet.'

[10]Those servants went out to the roads and gathered together everyone they found, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. [11]But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. [12]He said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without wearing wedding clothes?' The man was speechless. [13]Then the king told the servants, 'Tie him hand and foot and throw him into the outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' [14]For many are called, but few are chosen."

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: # 902 **"Spread Abroad, O Mighty Word"**

♫ **Spread abroad, O mighty Word,**
telling of a gracious Lord
whose all-pow'rful gospel call
fills his heav'nly banquet hall.

Tell how God the Father's will
made the world, upholds it still,
how his only Son he gave
all from sin and death to save.

Tell of our Redeemer's love,
who forever does remove
by his holy sacrifice
all the guilt that on us lies.

Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
now to guide us on to heav'n,
strong and holy, just and true,
working both to will and do.

Spread abroad! Ripe fields of grain
all throughout the world remain,
but the reapers still are few;
great the work they have to do.

Lord of harvest, great and kind,
rouse to action heart and mind;
let the gath'ring nations all
see your light and heed your call.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

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.

C: ♫ Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: # 884 **"Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See"**

♫ Lord, when your glory I shall see
and taste your kingdom's pleasure,
your blood my royal robe shall be,
my joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before your throne,
your righteousness shall be my crown;
with these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought,
as your own bride I shall be brought
to stand in joy beside you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Sarah Evers in celebration of Harlynd's birthday.

PRAYERS: Remember to pray for: little Elias, Dennis Douglas, George Caravana, Molly Webb, Kathy Jones, Art Amarillas, Melinda Brown, Alice Taubman, Monica, Rylan Downs, Jeff Brown, Aaron Taubman, Marlene Washburn, Helen Cummings, Delores Bass, Rick Stovall, Suzy Garvin, Linda Wilkinson, Kathie Stillwater, Louise Perry, Phil Schaaf, and Ilene Trevarrow.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday	**ESL** (English as a Second Language), **6:00 p.m.**
Thursday	**Bible Class, 10:00 a.m.**
	ESL, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Sunday	**Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.**
	Worship with Holy Communion, 10:00 a.m.

Joint Reformation Service

St Paul's First Lutheran Church
5244 Tujunga Ave
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Sunday, October 25 - 4:00 p.m.

Speaker: MLC Professor Paul Koelpin

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