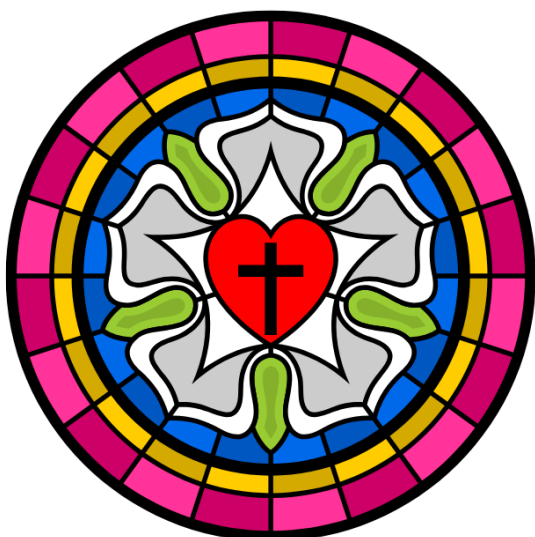




Gathering and Growing in Christ

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Reformation Sunday

Oct 25, 2026

Creative Worship

As We Gather

Do you feel up for fireworks? Our remembrance of Reformation Day has a lot in common with American Independence Day. It is a day of proclaiming daring declarations, remembering the brave and the bold, and basking in the freedoms won for us. Martin Luther's name may come up more today than usual, but Pastor Luther would be quick to steer the attention back to Jesus. There would be no Ninety-

Five Theses without Jesus' declaration "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36). The boldness of the reformers was only fueled by the bravery of Christ, facing the challenge of this world's darkness on their behalf. The freedoms the church celebrates on Reformation Day were not won in the 1500s but at the cross and empty tomb "through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Romans 3:24). So light the fireworks. Celebrate freedom. Christ sets the sinner free!

PREPARATION

Hymn: 575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
Refrain

ref 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 ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
Refrain

3 His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
Refrain

4 When He shall come with trumpet
sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,

Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His
throne! *Refrain*

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the
✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences *Psalm 119:89–90a;*
John 8:36; Hebrews 13:8

P Forever, O LORD, Your word is firmly
fixed in the heavens.

**C Your faithfulness endures to all
generations.**

P If the Son sets you free, you will be free
indeed.

**C Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and
today and forever.**

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 119:90b; John 8:34;
Psalm 119:94a; John 8:31

P Lord, You have established the earth,
and it stands fast.

**C All creation is sustained by Your Word
and made to serve Your holy
purposes.**

P And yet, we can ignore or defy Your
Word and fail to pursue Your purposes.

**C Everyone who commits sin is a slave to
sin, and we seek Your freedom.**

P For our sins of thought, word, and
deed, for our action and inaction, for
our inborn sinfulness and failures of
faith, we beg for mercy for the sake of
Your Son, Jesus Christ.

C I am Yours; save me.

Pause for silent reflection

P Jesus speaks, “If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples.” The blood of Christ is put forward as our propitiation, that repentant sinners might receive the righteousness of God. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

WORD

Introit

P I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.

**C I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

P My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.

**C Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

P The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him
will be condemned.

**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.**

**C I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.**

Kyrie

LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

C 1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
“Amen!” our glad reply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Revelation 14:6–7

The Messages of the Three Angels

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm for Reformation

Psalm 46; antiphon: v. 7

C The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

L God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the
earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved
into the heart of the sea,

though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its
swelling.

There is a river whose streams make
glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her; she shall not
be moved;

God will help her when morning
dawns.

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
He utters His voice, the earth melts.

**☐ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of
Jacob is our fortress.**

℣ Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how He has brought desolations on
the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of
the earth;

He breaks the bow and shatters the
spear;

He burns the chariots with fire.

“Be still, and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”

**☐ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of
Jacob is our fortress.**

**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.**

**The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of
Jacob is our fortress.**

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Epistle*Romans 3:19–28*

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

The Righteousness of God Through Faith

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse*Luke 12:32*

P Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

C Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Truth Will Set You Free

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon:

Hymn: 657 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

sts. 1–4

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor’s rod
And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
Has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might
He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his
might.
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
Whom God Himself elected.

You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is He,
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land
All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;
They cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
In battle we'll engage.
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.
- 4 God's Word forever shall abide,
No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights by our side
With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!

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Sermon: "We Are Not Ashamed of the New Reformation" *Rom. 1:16-17*

Apostles' Creed

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

From thence 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.**

Prayer of the Church*Psalm 119:89–90*

P Forever, O LORD, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

C **Your faithfulness endures to all generations.**

P And so we pray: Almighty and everlasting God, ... Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Offering

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.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and
✝ give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn: 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing Your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

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Voters Assembly, November 8

At this meeting we will vote on the new budget. Members 18 and over can vote.

LUTHERANISM 101: This class has already started, but there is still time to join! Explore Lutheran beliefs and heritage from a fresh perspective. Whether you are a lifelong Lutheran seeking a deeper understanding or are new to the faith and want to learn what we believe, this class is for you. Classes meet Monday evenings from **6:30 pm to 7:30 pm**. To join the class, please speak with Pastor Huner.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Whether you are new to church, a longtime member, or studying independently, discover God's work in your life and see His promises anew. Each lesson includes an easy-to-use, one-page handout.

Join us Tuesdays **at 10:00 a.m.!**

WORSHIP SERVANTS October 25, 2026

Acolyte: Kyptin Gray

Elders: Dennis Sprague

Pastor: Pastor Kenneth Huner

Organist: Liz Mikkelson

Altar: Stacy Sprague and Lynda Minger

Counting: Bryan Bickel and Greg Eppler

Ushers: Brian Moehring and Dennis Sprague

Greeters: Daniel Eppler and Ben Ratliff

MINISTRY CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sun Oct 25

9 am – Adult Bible Study –

9 am – Children's Sunday School

10 am – LWML Sunday – Reformation Sunday

Mon Oct 26

4:30 pm -- Confirmation class

6:30 pm – Lutheranism 101

Tues Oct 27

10 am – Adult bible study

11 am -- Prayer Warriors

Wed Oct 28

Thur Oct 29

7 pm – Christian Ed.

7 pm – Stewardship and Evangelism

Fri Oct 30

Sat Oct 31

Sun Nov 1

9 am – Adult Bible Study –

9 am – Children's Sunday School

10 am – All Saints Day

Chili Dinner

CHARTING OUR COURSE

Attendance week of Oct. 18, 2026

10:00 am Worship in Person: 61/Online plays: 82

Communion: NA

9:00 am Kids Sunday school In Person: 2

9:00 am Adult Bible Class in Person: 12 /Online plays: 404

Sermon Notes:

**"We Are Not Ashamed Of The New
Reformation"
Rom. 1:16-17**

1. _____True or _____False.

Feelings were not evident in Luther's handwriting.

2. _____True or _____False.

The Turmerlebnis or Tower Experience of Martin Luther was when Luther discovered the Grace of God.

3. We are not ashamed of the New Reformation. What does that mean to you?