

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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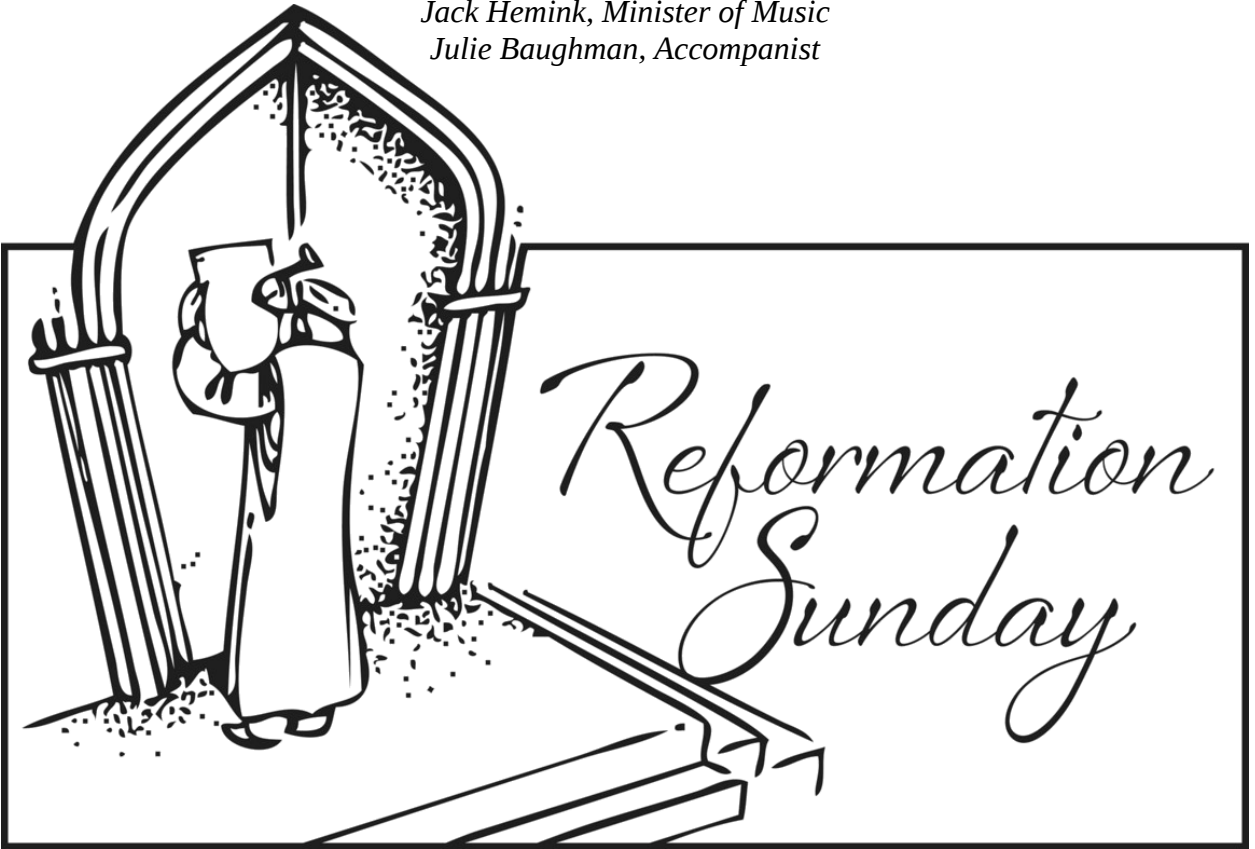
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October 26, 2025

ELW Setting 10

****Indicates the congregation is invited to stand as you are able.***

"Welcome to First Lutheran Church! All are accepted and affirmed just as we are, with all our differences and gifts – unique children of God. No matter your race, ethnicity, gender expression or identity, sexual orientation, physical or mental abilities, social or economic status, we have a place for you. As part of the whole complex, colorful spectrum of God's creation in all its diversity we are all one in Christ!"



Please let the lighting of the altar candles signal our time to quietly prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Hayes

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (KNEEL AS ABLE)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

#504

*GREETING

Response: And also with you.

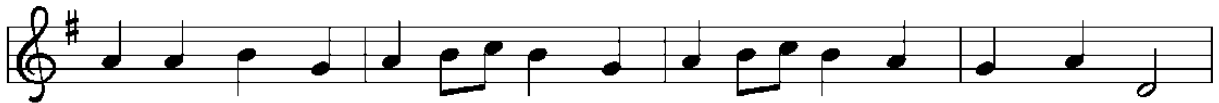
*HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34

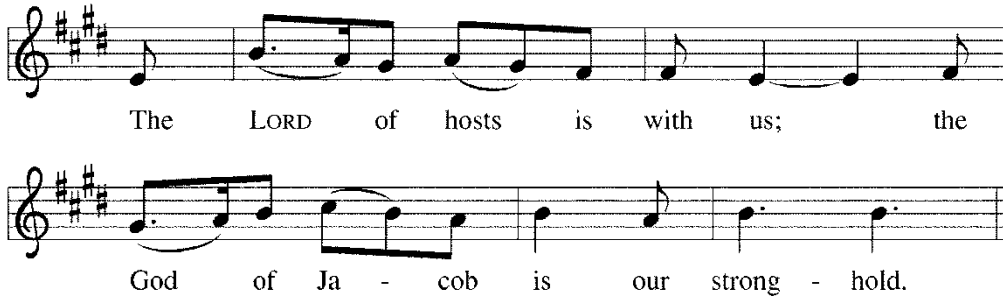
The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

³¹ 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. ³² 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. ³³ 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. ³⁴ 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.

.A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

PSALM 46 *The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)*



Psalms 46:11

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- ¹ God is our ref-¹uge and strength,
a very present¹ help in trouble.
- ² **Therefore we will not fear, though the¹ earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths¹ of the sea;**
- ³ though its waters¹ rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble¹ with its tumult.
- ⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-¹y of God,
the holy habitation of¹ the Most High.**
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall¹ not be shaken;
God shall help it at the¹ break of day.
- ⁶ **The nations rage, and the¹ kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth¹ melts away. R**

⁷ The Lord of ¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob ¹ is our stronghold.
⁸ **Come now, regard the works ¹ of the Lord,**
what desolations God has brought up- ¹ on the earth;
⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in ¹ all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the ¹ shields with fire.
¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that ¹ I am God;**
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted ¹ in the earth.”
¹¹ The Lord of ¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob ¹ is our stronghold. **R**

SECOND LESSON Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law..

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to ...

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*GOSPEL LESSON: John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ 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’?”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

#597

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

***APOSTLES' CREED**

Assistant: Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

Congregation:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

***SHARING THE PEACE**

A: The peace of the Lord is with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING *The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC [8AM] *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*
[11AM] *Be Strong*

Senior Choir
Denise Pearson, conductor

arr. Berry
Tom Fettke

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

We Give Thee but Thine Own

#686

Verse 1 & 2

**1. 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.**

**2. May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A: Lord of the harvest,

C: we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,

but on you, who richly provide for us.

Multiply what we have gathered

to bless all who are suffering and in need,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

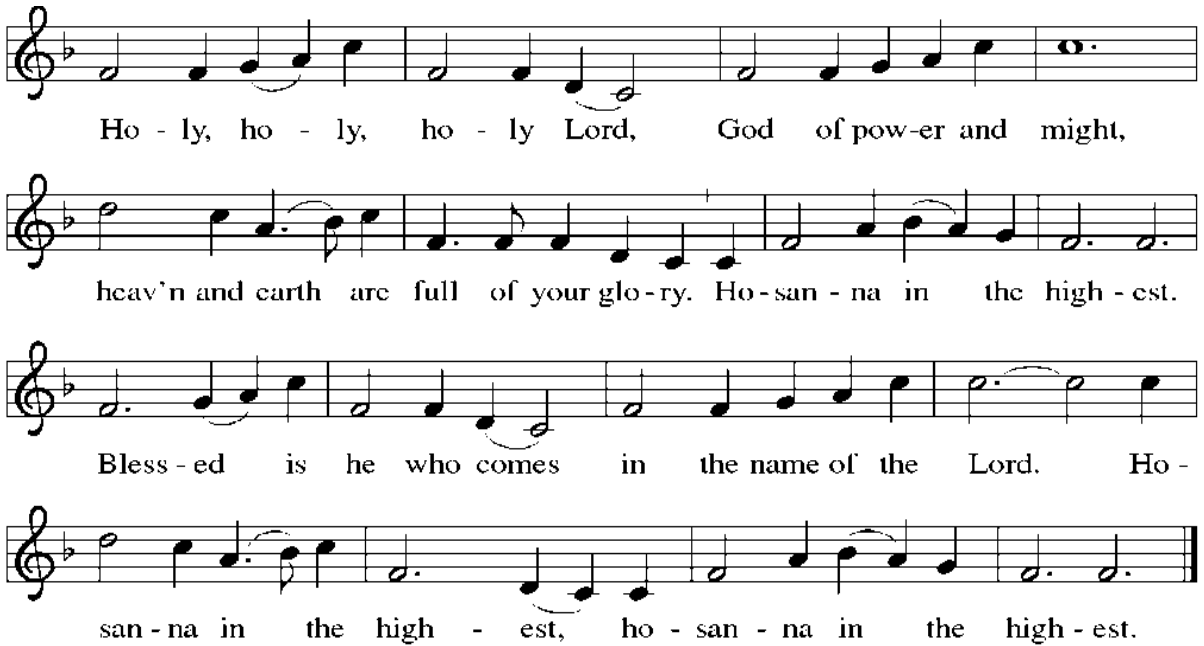
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS *Congregation:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

C: Thanks be to God!

As Lutherans we believe that Jesus is present in the elements of communion, bringing forgiveness and new life to all who receive it. The table is open to everyone, and the gift is always given, never taken. Simply make a cradle with your hand(s) as you receive the bread.

Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available from the ushers.

Bring them forward to be blessed by the pastor.

The response after receiving both the gift of bread and wine is ***“Amen.”***

For those who would like to continue to celebrate in the pews, please let the usher know. For our friends who are not celebrating communion, simply fold your arms across your chest and receive a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION MUSIC

I Love to Tell the Story
We All Are One in Mission

#661

#576

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

I'm So Glad

#860

**1. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah!
Jesus lifted me.**

**2. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah!
Jesus lifted me.**

**3. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah!
Jesus lifted me.**

*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Holy God,

**C: through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.**

**We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

BLESSING

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING_____

***SENDING HYMN**

Built on a Rock

#652

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Please feel free to exit during the postlude

arr. Berry

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Today's Altar Flowers
Given by John, Barb & Jennifer Kersey
in honor of our wonderful church family.

Given by Southwell Family in loving memory of Paula Southwell.

Serving Today
Assisting Minister

October 26
(8AM) Aaron Gausman
(11AM) Aaron Gausman

November 2
Randy Britton
Keith Hedges
Anne Benson
Colleen Witmer
Randy & Sandy Britton

Cantor

(8AM) John Beard
(11AM) Tom Pierotti
(8AM) Andy Beardsley
(11AM) Jen Check
(8AM) Jen Kersey
(11AM) Allison Kellogg

Heidi & Joe Colosimo
Jen Kersey

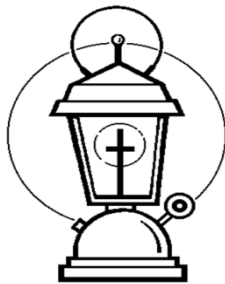
Greeters

Acolyte

Children's Message
Digital Deacon
Counters

Adri Hunt
Heidi Colosimo
Sandy Wachter
Mary Worley

Justin Klenowski
Anna Bielawski
Denise Pearson
Mary Worley
Jane Beardsley



LANTERN NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY
We will be assembling the November Lantern this Tuesday, October 28 at 10AM. All are welcome to join us for fun, fellowship, and service.

PRAYER LIST

Names will remain on the list for a period of three weeks.

Names may be returned to the prayer list by contacting the church office.

Please receive permission before submitting names to be included on the Prayer List.

Prayer Requests: servicemen & women, especially Andrew Shodi, Swede Backhus, Adam & Ben Frederick, Shane Simpson, Curtis Royek, Ty Elmquist, Julie & Joey Gilman, Hunter Feeny, Kohl Feeny, Jon Donaldson, Jordan Curtis

October 26: Christopher Smith, Brooke Benton, Annabelle Hartman, Jeff Granger, Carol Stone, Addie Landrio

October 19: Kim Tome, Rose Troyan, Holly Schubert, Bonnie Gray, Velma Zock, Peggy Nelson, Janet Wilson, Sarah Downey, Jeff Bastow, Elaine Powers, Donna Smith, Kia Lee, Betty Berdine, Vic Wolfe, Cara Smith, Joe Krall, Jerry Johnson, Mariah Nowacki, Barry Seastead, Maryann Long, Denise Cederquist, Jim Rapp, Cathy Morrison, Linda Philhower, Dusty Johnson, Roberta Bobbi Hessley

October 12: Larry Rambish, Alyssa Dennewitz, Ron & Lois Hart, Connie Buerkle, Rita Hawk, Terry Pearson, Val & Nancy Condio, Brent Casey, Kristin Frick, Joel Nowacki, Doug Granger, Sarah Downey, MaryBeth Nawrocki, Ariel Mickle, Dee Schultz, Cory Ristau, Mitch Tabor, Rod Anderson

***Please contact the Church Office if you, a family member or someone from the parish is in the hospital.
Help us help you when pastoral care is needed!***



SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

We are proud to collect food year-round for the Salvation Army. Any and all donations are appreciated and can be made at any time by simply dropping them in the *Salvation Army* donation box in the Narthex, Randy Witmer faithfully delivers them. We have identified some immediate needs which are listed below.

- Cereal
- Pasta Sauces
- “Pop-Top” Can Goods

CHURCH COUNCIL OPPORTUNITIES

As we continue to seek God’s guidance for the life and mission of our church, we are prayerfully inviting members of our congregation to consider serving as representatives on the Church Council.

This is an opportunity to offer your gifts in leadership, wisdom, and service for the growth and unity of the First Lutheran Family.

Please contact Andy Beardsley for more details 814-730-7928



TRUNK-R-TREAT



Scary times ahead as we prepare to host the annual Witness Committee Trunk-r-Treat this Friday, October 31, 2025 from 6-8PM. Most already have the date on their calendars (has been since last Halloween) and are already been planning their “Trunks”! The goblins, ghouls, ghosts, mighty warriors, and pretty princesses also have had the date marked and have somewhat patiently been waiting as well! See you all at the funniest, craziest, happiest, most-magical, two-hour twister that blows through First

Lutheran’s Parking Lot each year! St. John’s is also hosting a trunk or treat in Pleasant Township!

We would love to have trunks from a lot of churches this year, so if you would like to come and give out some candy, let us know (814-723-6450 or email pastor@flcwarren.com). If you are willing and able to donate candy, we would greatly appreciate it. Please deliver all candy donations to the office.

REFORMATION/CONFIRMATION SUNDAY SET FOR THE 26th

From our Sundays and Seasons introduction to Reformation Sunday: Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God’s grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

This week, **Aaron Gausman** is saying “yes” to the faith he has been raised in throughout his life! Claiming the baptism covenant his family and church made with him at the font, he now promises to keep living among God’s faithful people, hearing the word of God and sharing in the Lord’s supper, proclaiming the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serving all people following the example of our Lord and striving for justice and peace in all the world



Church of Reformation Past, Present, and Future

Reformation Sunday celebrates where we've been and where we're going. Here's what a church might have looked like in Martin Luther's Day.



Draw what churches look like today.

Draw what churches might look like in the **FUTURE**.



Refrigerator Schedule

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETS

Monday, Wednesday, & Saturday
at 6:30 PM (YR)

*HP/Hansen Parlor; NH/ Niewoehner Hall; OFH/Old Fellowship Hall,
YR/Youth Room, UC/Upstairs Classroom, SY/Sanctuary, CR/Choir Room
UCC/Upstairs Couch Classroom, N/Narthex, K/Kitchen*

Sunday, October 26

REFORMATION/CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

8:00 AM **Communion Service (SY)**

9:31 AM **Sunday's Cool (NH/OFH)**

11:00 AM **Communion Service (SY)**

Monday, October 27

1:00 PM Mahjongg (NH)

6:00 PM Silver Winds Rehearsal (SY)

7:00 PM **Worship & Music (NH)**

Tuesday, October 28

4:30 PM **Movers (NH)**

5:00 PM Ukrainian Bible Study (OFH)

6:00 PM Book Club (YR)

6:00 PM **ESOL (UC)**

Wednesday, October 29

9:00 AM **Workshop (OFH)**

12:00 PM **Bible Study (NH)**

3:30 PM **TAP (NH/UC)**

5:00 PM Grief Yoga (OFH)

5:15 PM **Handbells (NH)**

7:00PM **Choir (CR)**

Thursday, October 30

10:00 AM **Prayer Shawl (HP)**

Friday, October 31

6:00 PM **Trunk or Treat**

Sunday, November 2

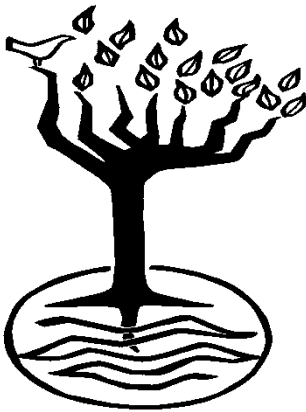
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

8:00 AM **Communion Service (SY)**

9:31 AM **Sunday's Cool (NH/OFH)**

11:00 AM **Communion Service (SY)**

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM



(Confirmation)

Confirmation marks the completion of the congregation's program of confirmation ministry, a period of instruction in the Christian faith as confessed in the teachings of the Lutheran Church. Those who have completed this program were made members of the Church in Baptism. Confirmation includes a public profession of the faith into which the candidates were baptized, thus underscoring God's action in their Baptism.

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PRESENTATION

P These people have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of *his* Baptism.

Aaron Gausman

P We rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P *(addressing those making affirm-*

In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ, *and made you a member of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

R I do.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

R I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

R I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

THE PRAYERS

A Let us pray for those who are affirming their Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere:
That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death:
Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth:
Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church:
Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love:
Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory:
Lord in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Other prayers may be added.

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

Sit

DECLARATION OF INTENT

P *(addressing those making affirmation:)*

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant
God made with you in Holy Baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear his Word and share in his supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person answers in turn:

R I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

PRAYER

P Let us pray.

(Those making affirmation kneel. A brief silence is kept so that prayer may be made for them.)

Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit
you have made these people your own.
You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life.
Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit,
and daily increase in them your gifts of grace:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C **Amen**

The presiding minister lays both hands on the head of each person:

P Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in <Confirmand> the gift of your Holy Spirit;
confirm *his* faith, guide *his* life, empower *his* in *his* serving, give *his* patience in suffering, and
bring *his* to everlasting life.

Each person answers: Amen

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Peace be with you.

R Peace be with you.

The service continues with the Offering.