Reformation



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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We are glad you are with us today.

We are a family of faith living and growing together in Christ.

This bulletin is filled with information about the life of the church. You are invited to take it home for reference and further reflection during the week. Various updates and additional church information, along with the Pastor Tim's sermons, are posted each week on our website — www.holyspirit-elca.org. Welcome cards/envelopes are located in the pew rack. Please take a moment to fill out the information and return it to the offering plate.

Our sound system includes a T-system hearing loop, which allows worshipers with T-system compatible hearing aids to tune in directly to the worship leaders' microphones for clearer sound. There are two hearing unit headsets available in the narthex for use. Additionally, large print bulletins are available at the sanctuary door.

As we worship and celebrate communion this morning we remind you that this is the Lord's table. Jesus is the host. We are his guests. God welcomes everyone to come and eat and be nourished, fed and forgiven. Come and eat and live! Please extend your hand to receive the bread, then take a cup from the tray. Please indicate if you prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer. Those not receiving communion are welcome to receive a blessing.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Holy Spirit, please see Pastor Tim. Membership comes through baptism or affirmation of faith. Please let us know if we can be of service to you in any way!

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REFORMATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 26, 2025

THE CHORALE SERVICE FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(based on the format used by Martin Luther in his German Mass)

Reformation Sunday is not just a special day to celebrate our history by remembering the story of Martin Luther; it is a perfect opportunity to rejoice in the freedom we have been given from sin and death through Jesus Christ alone. By gathering to receive His Word and to share in His Supper, we come to know yet again the eternal Gospel that is being proclaimed to all who dwell on earth. This good news not only sets us free from our captivity to sin and death, but it also enables us to live a life of freedom in Christ and boldly share with others how they, too, may be set free. The same Savior who speaks His Word to us says to all who will listen: "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36).

The Chorale Service follows the tradition of Martin Luther's Deutsche Messe. In this service, the various parts of the liturgy (e.g. Kyrie, Gloria, etc.) are replaced with hymns.

PRELUDE "Reformation Suite" S.D. Wolff

Holy Spirit Brass

(please stand)

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

Sola Gratia - Grace Alone

INVOCATION

- $lap{P}$ In the name of the Father and (\pm) of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P 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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- Let us confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- Almighty God, we open our hearts to You in sorrow for our sins. We have not loved You as we know we should. We have not always treated others in a kindly and loving way. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. For the sake of Jesus, Your Son, forgive our sins. Grant us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen our resolve to live a life more pleasing to You. Amen.
- P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ∓ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

ELW 504

Arrangement by Michael Burkhardt



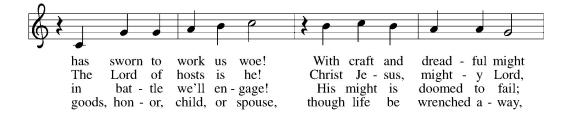
- 1 A might y for tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re
- 3 Though hordes of dev ils fill the land all threat 'ning to de -
- 4 God's Word for ev er shall a bide, no thanks to foes, who





wins sal - va - tion glo - rious.
God him - self e - lect - ed.
can - not o - ver - pow'r us.
weap-ons of the Spir - it.

The old sa - tan - ic foe You ask who this may be? Let this world's ty - rant rage; Were they to take our house,





Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress

- P The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- Thanks be to God!



SERVICE OF THE WORD

Sola Scriptura — Scripture Alone

GLORIA

"All Glory Be to God High"

ELW 410

stanzas 1& 2

Arrangement by Michael Burkhardt



PRAYER OF THE DAY Luther's Morning Prayer

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.

ALL: I give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that You have protected me through the night from all harm and danger. I ask that You would also protect me today from sin and all evil, so that my life and actions may please You. Into Your hands I commend myself: my body, my soul, and all that is mine. Let Your holy angel be with me, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

(please sit)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Timothy Linstrom

SPECIAL MUSIC "Martin Nailed It!" LYFE Choir

If I had a hammer
And if I had a nail
And if I had the grit
Of Martin Luther I'd prevail!
If I had ideas
And a paper and a pen
I'd make a list
Of Martin's great ideas once again.

Five hundred years ago
He started on his quest
His ninety-five demands
Would put him to the test!
In fifteen seventeen
On the date of Halloween
Young Martin tapped the greatest tap
The world has ever seen!!!



He tap-tap-tap it to the door.

Martin nailed it!

His words will last forevermore.



He didn't like Indulgences
Paying cash for all our sins
He felt that faith alone
Is where eternal life begins.
He felt that we should have
Direct relationships with God
For all the saints, a few complaints
From Martin we applaud!

(Repeat Chorus)



Five hundred years ago
He labored and he toiled
For months and months he wrote his words
And burned the midnight oil
He gave the world a jolt
"Reformation, not revolt!"
And when his words were finally heard
"Twas a mighty fortress lightning bolt!

(Repeat Chorus 2 times)

We Were All Meant To Sing

We were all meant to sing in the congregation! We were all meant to sing with our family! The Lord gave you a voice So you really don't have a choice 'Cause we were all meant to sing together That's you and me!

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
That's what Martin Luther said
So let's fill that fortress with the sound of singing!
You can tack it to the door
And be backed up by the Lord!
You feel the love of Jesus Christ
When they play that mighty chord!



We were all meant to sing in the congregation! We were all meant to sing with our family! The Lord gave you a voice So you really don't have a choice 'Cause we were all meant to sing together That's you and me!

We're gonna justify our faith Singing together, you and me! "Sing it out for the Lord! Yeah!"



Words and music by Bill Vaananen Oct. 2024

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

God promises a new covenant between Himself and His people, a covenant based on His love and forgiveness

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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.
- Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 3:19-28

We are set right with God by His grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹Now 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. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For 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.

(please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

Jesus sets us free from sin and death.

- P The Gospel according to John.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

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

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

- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

(please sit)

SERMON

Pastor Timothy Linstrom

(please stand)

stanzas 1, 2 & 4 Arrangement by Robert Powell



Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt. Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876



CONFESSION OF FAITH

(explanation of the 3rd Article from Luther's Small Catechism)

- ALL 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.
- **P** What does this mean?
- ALL I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith; just as He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives me and all believers all our sins; and at the last day He will raise up me and all the dead, and will grant me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

(please sit)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

Free your church, O God, with grace, mercy, and love to be transformed by your word. Direct your church to be united in word and deed so that all creation knows the uniting and transforming power of the gospel. God of grace,

- **G** hear our prayer.
- Renew creation, O God, so that all living creatures thrive together. Guide those who work to restore and renew creation. Preserve and care for endangered species throughout the world. God of grace,
- **G** hear our prayer.
- Gracious God, in the spirit of reformation we pray for all who cry out for relief from systemic oppression. May the hearts of those who occupy seats of power be reformed so that peace becomes the center of our life together. We pray for those serving in the military and their families, especially Amelia Eastman, Thomas Menter (grandson of Louise), Dylan Utterback (son of Julie & Joel), Jim Detjen (brother of Mary), Dylan Glenner, Hannah Best (son and daughter of Anne-Marie Glenner). God of grace,
- **G** hear our prayer.
- Comforting God, be with all who are sick, suffering, or grieving in our own community and beyond. We especially pray for Carol Bertrand, Ruth Berman, Ethan Cloonan, Gordy Duprey, Jane Ernst, Elizabeth Falato, Marian McBride, Cathy Nathan, Darlene

Neumann, Tom Weglarz, Allison Wittich, Chris Wittich, Denyse Baker (sister of Daaron Dohler), Jacob Gombar (uncle of Jeanne Nelson), Jean Goodale (friend of Joan Roehl), Laura Hansel (sister of Mary Detjen), Jim Hanzel (uncle of Patrick Cantagallo), Tobey Lannert (sister-in-law of Carol Duprey), Cierra Mason (granddaughter of Jerry Mason), the Chase Petersen family (friends of Amy Dohler), Kari, Sydney, and Luke Stocks (daughter in-law and grandchildren of Dorothy and Ron Stocks), Michael Ungari, Lenita Spears, (relative & friend of the Labellarte family), Coco & Lukas (grandchildren of JoAnne Schwarcz), Jim Wahlund (brother in-law of Chris Miller). Surround them with the promise of your love, comfort, and grace that never ends. God of grace,

- **G** hear our prayer.
- Divine Guide, continue to challenge this community to be ever reforming in our ministries and outreach efforts. Inspire creative ideas among us so that the communal, grace-filled word of God remains at the heart of our ministry. God of grace,
- **G** hear our prayer.
- Almighty God, in Christ's resurrection you ensure that though life be wrenched away, death cannot win the day. May the truth of your saving grace through faith sustain our hope for life in you. God of grace,
- **G** hear our prayer.
- Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.
- C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



All the people greet one another through the sharing of the peace.

MUSICAL OFFERING

"The Truth Will Make You Free"

Anne Krentz Organ

(please stand)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- Everything that we have, gracious Lord, is a gift from You. Receive these tokens of our gratitude; use them and all that we are to extend Your kingdom of grace, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sola Fidei — Faith Alone

PREFACE

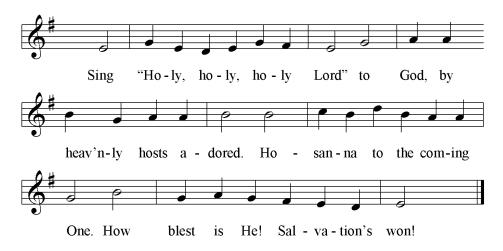
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give our thanks and praise.



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; Through Him Your majesty is praised by all the holy angels and celebrated with one accord by the heavens and all the powers therein. The cherubim and seraphim sing Your praise, and with them we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

"Sing Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"



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P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

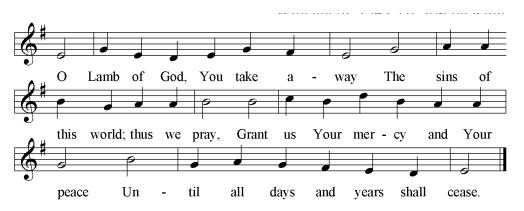
THE LORD'S PRAYER

- All who believe in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, are welcome at the table of the Lord. Let us pray together as our Lord taught us:
- 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

(please sit)



"Lamb of God"



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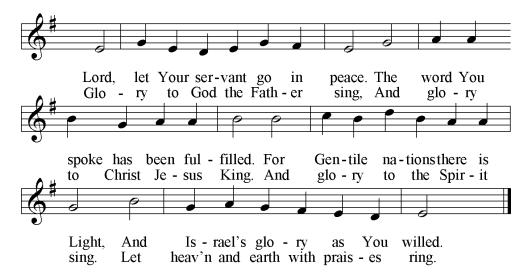
Please come forward by the center aisle and kneel at the altar Extend your hand(s) to receive the bread, then take a cup of wine from the tray. The darker liquid is grape juice, the lighter liquid is wine. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Those desiring to receive a blessing should fold their hand. Discard your empty cup in the baskets in the front pews. Please return to your seats down the side aisles.



Stand after all have been communed.

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.
- **C** Amen

POST-COMMUNION SONG



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- **G** Amen.

BENEDICTION

- P Go out into the world in peace, have courage; hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may almighty God, the Father, (+) the Son and the Holy Spirit bless you.
- C Amen.

stanzas 1, 3, 5 & 6 Arrangement by Carl Schalk



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

- **A** Go in peace and serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"A Mighty Fortress"

Jeffrey Blersch

Soli Deo Gloria





WEEKLY FOOD COLLECTION — This week's featured donation item is PEANUT BUTTER. Join us in the gift of giving and the miracle of multiplying our efforts to the glory of God. Each week we are collecting a nonperishable food item. Please bring your donation to church by Sunday. All collected items will be delivered to the COOL food pantry. Next week's donation item is canned fruit. We also are in need of new men's socks for Veterans. Please continue to support our weekly food collection and help us serve our community.

TRUNK OR TREAT — October 28th! Join us for a spooktacular Halloween celebration. This is a community event and all are welcome to Trick or Treat in the church parking lot with us. Tell your neighbors and bring your friends. We need your help with car decorating! This is a major church event for fall and such great fun for our kids and community. If you need info or ideas about car decorating please ask Jennifer.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY — November 2

All Saints Sunday is celebrated on the first Sunday in November. On this day we remember all the faithful who have gone before us into the Church Triumphant, but particularly those who have passed over in the last year. As part of our morning worship, we will give thanks in our prayers for those saints and light a candle in their remembrance. If you would like the name of your loved one, family member, or close friend included, please fill out a form located in our gathering space.

THANKSGIVING DINNERS — In the spirit of giving to a neighbor in need, we're providing

Thanksgiving meal baskets to 10 families. Please consider donating a nonperishable item or money towards a gift card by November 10th. Food items can be dropped off in the church gathering space box labeled "Thanksgiving". For monetary donations, please make a check out to the church with a note that it is for Thanksgiving. Please feel free to reach out to Jill Pink with any questions jill.pink@hotmail.com or 847-533-0490. Thank you!

QUILTERS — The quilting ministry meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m.

from each other. We always close our time together in prayer





PRAYER GROUP_— Our prayer group meets at 9:30a.m. on Thursday mornings in room 3. If you'd like to pray with us, please come! We'd love for you to join us.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY — Weekly 10:15-11:30 a.m. Join us on Thursday mornings for a time of Biblical reflection and spirited conversation . Our new study will explore the miracles of Jesus. Amy-Jill Levine, professor of New Testament studies and author explores selected miracles of Jesus in its historical and theological context. For each miracle, she discusses not only how past witnesses would have understood the events, but also how we can draw meaning for Jesus' words and actions today. We will learn how these old miracle stories speak good news to our lives in this time and place and invite our own healing and transformation along the way. Don't miss this wonderful study! Your thoughts and opinions are valued as we learn from the experts and

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LIVE-STREAM — Our services are live streamed and archived on our Holy Spirit



YouTube channel. www.youtube.com/@churchinthewoods-holyspiri6256 or scan the QR CODE and Click the Subscribe button. Please reach out to Daaron Dohler or Jeanne Nelson if you have any questions.





November 2

HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 9:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion

Reformation Sunday

10:45 a.m. Bell Choir

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28 4:30 p.m. Confirmation

4:30 p.m. Adult Choir (in the Sanctuary)

6:00-7:30pm Trunk or Treat

THURSDAY OCTOBER 31 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group

10:15 a.m. Bible Study

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 9:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion

All Saints Day

10:45 a.m. Brass Choir



PASTOR: Rev. Timothy C. Linstrom

OFFICE MANAGER: Ciara Crews
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR: Jennifer Williams

MUSIC MINISTERS: Karen M. Jirsa, Bill Vaananen

ORGANIST: Karen M. Jirsa

ASSISTING MINISTER: Nila Bilstad

GREETERS: Trudy Bettiker Communion Deacons: Kelly Wittich

USHERS: Al Edwards

LIVE-STREAM RECORDER: Jeanne Nelson

Church office hours: Weekdays 8:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.

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All Saints' Sunday is November 2. On this day, we remember all of the faithful who have gone before us and give thanks in our prayers for saints who have joined the church triumphant in the past year. If you would like the name of your loved one included, please complete and return this form via the offering plate or church office by October 26th.



Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Your name: _____

Name of loved one:	
Relationship to you:	
I would like to light a candle at the 9:30 AM service:	
I would like	to light a candle in my absence.
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