

Reformation Sunday
Confirmation Sunday
October 25, 2026



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UNITED by Christ, God calls us to LOVE one another
As we RECEIVE, DISCOVER and PROCLAIM God's Word.

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.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING REFLECTION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

**Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God ELW #504
(Vs. 1, 2 & 4)
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GREETING

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

KYRIE- *spoken*

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CANTICLE

How Great Thou Art ELW #856
(Refrain Only)
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHOIR ANTHEM

Everlasting Love

Arr. Larson

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WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST READING— 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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM— Psalm 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³ though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶ **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸ **Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with
fire.

¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING— 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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION—*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

ELW #172

The Holy Gospel according to the eighth chapter of John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL— 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

MESSAGE

Rev. Sam Mailleue

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light **ELW #815**
(Vs. 1 & 2)

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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

ELW page 234

PRESENTATION

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism.

I present name/s, who *desire* to make public affirmation of *their* baptism.

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for *these brothers and sisters*, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called *them* to yourself, enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished *them* in the community of faith. Uphold your *servants* in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: Amen.

CONFIRMATION GREETING

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism. The assembly may stand and join in the responses.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
Response by each confirmand: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
Response by each confirmand: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
Response by each confirmand: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father? (in unison)
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

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

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**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.**

AFFIRMATION

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

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 the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each confirmand responds:

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

The minister addresses the assembly.

P: People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brothers* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Parents and Sponsors place their hands upon the confirmand, The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

The blessing may be repeated for each person. The minister may lay both hands on the head of the person and say:

Stir up in name the gift of your Holy Spirit: 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, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Parents, I now ask you to place your sons/daughters stole around their neck. The stole is a reminder of the towel Jesus used when he washed his disciples feet. It reminds us of his call to his servants. (John 13:14)

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the gift of affirmation of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God

and proclaim the good news to all the world. Amen.

P: Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. **Amen.** (Matthew 5:16)

THE PRAYERS

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

As we celebrate Reformation Sunday, we remember the witness of Martin Luther and the reformers of the church in every generation. Empower us to continue the work of reform and renewal in our own day.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the healing of natural places despoiled by pollution and human greed. Give all living creatures access to safe land, water, and air.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for our criminal justice systems and all those whose lives are affected by them. Give wisdom and discernment to police, probation officers, judges, and attorneys; give courage and peace to prisoners and the formerly incarcerated.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We ask your blessing upon all people who have been harmed by the church and its leaders, that the truth may make them free. We pray for the relief of all those who are sick or suffering especially on our prayer list and in our hearts.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for those exploring or returning to a life of faith. Encourage and guide them, that they may find their hope in you.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

With gratitude, we remember those disciples who paved the way for us and all of our beloved dead.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OFFERING

Gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY HYMN

Change My Heart, O God **ELW #801**

CCLI #1565

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of creation,

you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.

All blessings are from you;

make us generous with what we have.

Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts

in service to you and in love to our neighbors,

today and always.

Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW page 144

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Holy, holy, holy **ELW page 144**

THE 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.
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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!**

***Lamb of God* ELW page 146**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.****

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing ELW #543
(Vs. 1 & 3)

One License #229102

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Welcome to First Lutheran Church

*Whether you are looking for a place of worship
or are just passing through, we hope our service has blessed you
on your journey as your presence has been a blessing to us.*



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CONFIRMATION CLASS 2026

Ezra Paul Carlen

Parents: Corey & Jennifer Carlen

Date of Birth: July 17, 2012

Date of Baptism: September 2, 2012

Favorite Bible Verse: Ezra 10:4—*"⁴ Rise up, this matter is in your hands. We will support you, so take courage and do it."*

Everett David Greisen

Parents: Dave & Marci Greisen

Date of Birth: May 9, 2012

Date of Baptism: June 17, 2012

Favorite Bible Verse: Deuteronomy 4:29-31—*"²⁹ From there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find him if you search after him with all your heart and soul. ³⁰ In your distress, when all these things have happened to you in time to come, you will return to the LORD your God and heed him. ³¹ Because the LORD your God is a merciful God, he will neither abandon you nor destroy you; he will not forget the covenant with your ancestors that he swore to them."*

LeRoy Joseph Haaland

Parents: William & Heather Haaland

Date of Birth: July 24, 2011

Date of Baptism: August 21, 2011

Favorite Bible Verse: Matthew 5:43-45—*⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be children of your Father in heaven, for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous."*

Marlowe Guiliane Snow

Parents: Jack & Stacia Snow

Date of Birth: April 9, 2012

Date of Baptism: May 2012

Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 23:4- *“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”*

Reece Jacob St. Pierre

Parents: Adam & Summer St. Pierre

Date of Birth: March 18, 2012

Date of Baptism: March 17, 2013

Favorite Bible Verse: Romans 12:3— *“³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.”*

Vance Martensen Vanden Einde

Parents: Jamison & Tiffany Vanden Einde

Date of Birth: June 20, 2011

Date of Baptism: August 28, 2011

Favorite Bible Verse: 2 Timothy 1:7— *“⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.”*

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

October Ministry Focus: Prayer Shawls and Indigenous People

Prayer Shawl Ministry Purpose: The Prayer Shawl Ministry wishes to combine the wonderful fellowship found within FLC and its community with our talents of knitting or crocheting, to form a prayerful ministry that reaches out to those in need of comfort, solace and prayer.

Qualifications: Ability to do simple knitting and/or crocheting patterns. The team is willing to give lessons to anyone that may be interested in helping knit or crochet. Finished prayer shawls are given a blessing from Pastor before distribution. You do not have to knit or crochet to be part of this ministry. You can be a part by delivering prayer shawls.

The Prayer Shawl Team is in need of more people to join our ministry and monetary donations for the purchase of yarn to complete the prayer shawls. Contact Brenda Liebhard-Johnson at 507-665-2477 or 612-756-1814 for more information.

Indigenous People

Exploring Religious Questions: Fall 2026

As we enter October, **FLC's Social Ministry Committee is focusing on the ELCA's work of Indigenous recognition, relationship, and reconciliation.** One way we can deepen our understanding is through Gustavus Adolphus College's Fall 2026 **Exploring Religious Questions Series, Beyond Land**

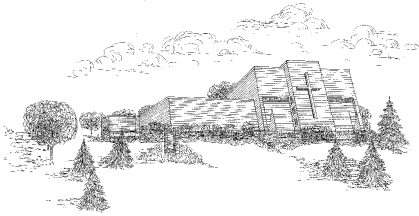
Acknowledgments: Toward Relationship, Healing, and Justice. This four-part series invites participants to learn more about Indigenous history, relationships, and the work of moving beyond land acknowledgments toward healing and justice.

The series is **open to the public** and meets on **Monday evenings from 7:00–9:00 p.m.** at Gustavus Adolphus College. Sessions include: **October 26 – “Building Relationships: Living into the Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery”;** and **November 2 – “Land Acknowledgment and Beyond: Lessons from Anglican and Episcopal Initiatives in North America.”**

Registration is required, and registration for the public is \$35. FLC's **Social Ministry Committee will sponsor up to six congregation members** to attend this series. If you are interested in attending, please let Becky Pollack or Megan Schwarz know. We hope this opportunity will encourage us to listen, learn, and consider how we can continue growing in understanding and building relationships with Indigenous communities.

Congratulations to our 2026 Confirmation Class!

Financial Update		
Week of	Amount Received	Amount Needed
10-18-2026	\$6,172	\$4,523
YTD	\$181,068	\$194,486



Weekly Schedule

Sunday, October 25	9:00a	Worship w/Holy Communion
	10:15a	First Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, October 27	9:00a	Quilting
Wednesday, October 28	9:00a	Staff Meeting
	6:00p	Meal @ First
	6:30p	RISE / RISE UP
Sunday, November 1	9:00a	Worship w/Holy Communion

Worship Assistants

October 25, 2026

Organist/Pianist: Virginia Miller
 First Choir Director: Jennifer Weick
 Acolytes: Garret Handy
 Reader: Vance Vanden Einde
 Usher: Steve Olson
 Greeters: Confirmands
 Communion Asst: Confirmands
 Council Member: Andrew Montag
 Fellowship:
 Projection: Tech Team
 Audio: Tech Team
 Videographer: Becky Pollack
 Offering Counters: Bob Patrias
 Bob Bartle
 Altar Guild: Randy & Connie Baum

November 1, 2026

Organist/Pianist: Virginia Miller
 First Choir Director: Jennifer Weick
 Acolytes: Lyndon Rassmussen
 Reader: Liz Osborne
 Usher: Chuck Frauendienst
 Greeters: Stefanie Eischens
 Communion Asst: Stefanie Eischens

 Council Member: Lynnea Libra
 Fellowship: Alinder Family
 Projection: Tech Team
 Audio: Tech Team
 Videographer: Becky Pollack
 Offering Counters: Bob Patrias
 Dave Johnson
 Altar Guild: Sue Michaelis
 Donnis Wicks