

Reformation Sunday
October 26, 2025



Confirmation — Sunday —

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UNITED by Christ, God call 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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 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

ELW page 138

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Give to Our God Immortal Praise! ELW #848
(Vs. 1)

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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.

GUIDE SHARING—Marci Greisen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST CHOIR

Do Not Be Afraid for You Are Mine, arr. Larson

One License #94343

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!

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

Here I Am, Lord ELW #574
(Vs. 1 & 3)
One License #80670

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM
PRESENTATION**

ELW page 234

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

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, **receive 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, **receive our prayer.**

Bring peace among the nations, O God, so violence and terror are not the norm on your earth. Inspire leaders of communities to work for peace and justice. Unite our politicians with a common mission and purpose.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Heal all who suffer, O God, and bring them peace. Draw near to people who are incarcerated. Give hope to people experiencing housing or employment insecurity, oppression, or discrimination. Heal those who are ill especially those on our prayer list and in our hearts. Be our stronghold at all times.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Forgive us our sins, O God, and grant us your grace. Move us to understanding and reconciliation between people of other faiths and other Christian traditions in our community. Mend hurt feelings and heal wounds we have caused one another.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We give you thanks, O God, for the life and witness of all your saints. Give us hope in your son's victory through the cross.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY HYMN

Lord, Be Glorified ELW #744

(Vs. 1)

CCLI #26368

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord of the harvest,
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 provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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

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

Lamb of God ELW page 146

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God,
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.

SENDING

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

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.

CLOSING HYMN

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

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
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.*

CONFIRMATION CLASS

2025

Sophie Clara Tews

Parents: Jason & Mary Tews

Date of Birth: March 31, 2011

Date of Baptism: August 7, 2011

Favorite Bible Verse: Matthew 7:13-14—*“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.”*



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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

October Ministry Focus:

The Prayer Shawl Ministry uses the talents of knitting or crocheting, to form a prayerful ministry that reaches out to those in need of comfort, solace and prayer. If you would like to receive a prayer shawl or would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Brenda Liebhard-Johnson.

Indigenous People—In October we pause to honor Indigenous Peoples Day, recognizing and giving thanks for the Native nations who have long cared for the lands and waters we now call home. With humility, we acknowledge the Dakota and other Native peoples whose ancestral lands surround us. We commit ourselves to listen, learn, and walk alongside our Indigenous siblings, seeking reconciliation, healing, and justice. On Monday, Oct. 13, may we be reminded of our call to repentance, renewal, and faithful stewardship of the land, as we join with Indigenous communities in hope for a future rooted in respect and peace.

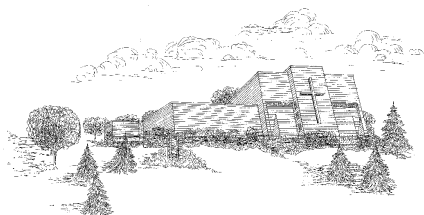
Congratulations to Sophie on her confirmation!



*On Reformation Sunday,
we pray that our church and our lives
may be always open to the movement of the Holy Spirit.*

Financial Update		
Week of	Amount Received	Budget Amount Needed
10-19-25	\$9,617	\$4,542
YTD	\$180,761	\$195,289

Year to Date Financial Results			
Month Ending	Actual Received	Actual Expense	Net Gain/(Loss)
8-31-2025	\$153,849	\$152,167	\$1,682



Weekly Schedule

Sunday, October 26	9:00a	Worship w/Holy Communion
		Confirmation
	10:15a	First Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, October 28	9a-12p	Quilting
Wednesday, October 29	9:00a	Staff Meeting
	6:00p	Meal @ FLC
	6:30-7:30p	RISE
	6:30-8:00p	RISE UP
	6:30-8:00p	FLY
Sunday, November 2	9:00a	Worship w/Holy Communion
		All Saints
	10:15a	First Choir Rehearsal

Worship Assistants

October 26, 2025

Organist/Pianist:	Virginia Miller
First Choir Director:	Jennifer Weick
Acolytes:	Reece St. Pierre
Reader:	Ian Mailleue
Usher:	John Miller
Greeters:	LeRoy & Joan May
Communion Asst:	Sophie Tews
	Edrie Barton
Council Member:	Callie Greisen
Fellowship:	8th Grade Class
Projection:	Tech Team
Audio:	Tech Team
Videographer:	Becky Pollack
Offering Counters:	Bob Patrias
	Bob Bartle
Altar Guild:	Connie Baum

November 2, 2025

Organist/Pianist:	Virginia Miller
First Choir Director:	Jennifer Weick
Acolytes:	Vance Vanden Einde
Reader:	Gene Dwyer
Usher:	Chuck Frauendienst
Greeters:	
Communion Asst:	Steve & Kim Alinder
Council Member:	Megan Schwarz
Fellowship:	
Projection:	Tech Team
Audio:	Tech Team
Videographer:	Becky Pollack
Offering Counters:	Bob Patrias
	Dave Johnson
Altar Guild:	Marie Walker