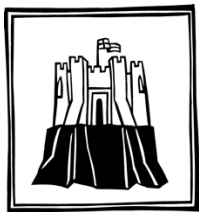


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Reformation Sunday – October 26, 2025 – 8:30 A.M.



We rejoice in your presence with us today at this service of Holy Communion.

*ELW = red EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP hymnal
Hymn numbers (#) refer to the main hymn section
The congregation's response is printed in **BOLD type**
* = Please stand at your discretion*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

arr. by Mark Hayes

WELCOME

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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 Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

*HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"
Verse 3: Choir only

ELW #504

*GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

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.

WORD

READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Cindy Ververs

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46 (*read responsively with leader*) [NEW LIVING translation]

Meg Spencer

¹ God is our refuge and strength,
always ready to help in times of trouble.
² **So we will not fear when earthquakes come
and the mountains crumble into the sea.**
³ Let the oceans roar and foam.
Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!
⁴ **A river brings joy to the city of our God,
the sacred home of the Most High.**
⁵ God dwells in that city; it cannot be destroyed.
From the very break of day, God will protect it.
⁶ **The nations are in chaos,
and their kingdoms crumble!
God’s voice thunders,**

and the earth melts!
⁷ The Lord of Heaven’s Armies is here among us;
the God of Israel is our fortress.
⁸ **Come, see the glorious works of the Lord:
See how he brings destruction upon the world.**
⁹ He causes wars to end throughout the earth.
He breaks the bow and snaps the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
¹⁰ **“Be still, and know that I am God!
I will be honored by every nation.
I will be honored throughout the world.”**
¹¹ The Lord of Heaven’s Armies is here among us;
the God of Israel is our fortress.

ANTHEM

“God is Our Refuge”
Sanctuary Choir

Allen Pote

*GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

Response after the announcement: **“Glory to you, O Lord!”**

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.”

Response after the reading: **“Praise to you, O Christ!”**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

“I Do, And I Ask God To Help Guide Me”

Pastor Cindy Wolf

Silence for reflection

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“Built on a Rock”
Verse 3: Women only, Verse 4: Men only

ELW #652 (Verse 1, 3, 4, 5)

***APOSTLES' CREED**

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 again 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 *(each petition concludes:)*

... God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Prayers for healing and strength for: Les Kato, Brayden Pearson

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

"MAKING A DIFFERENCE" MOMENT

MEAL

***OFFERING / PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.

**By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*You may text your
offerings to
833-931-1874 or through
this link. Thanks for your
generosity.*



***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**

***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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Communion is open to all who receive it as the presence of Christ. Come forward by the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles. For those who wish, white grape juice is available in the center cups. Gluten-free wafers are available by mentioning your preference to the pastor or server. Adults and children who are not communing may come forward for a blessing.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC:

"Lamb of God"

"Baptized and Set Free"

ELW #195

ELW #453

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

SENDING

*BLESSING (response: “**Amen!**”)

*SENDING HYMN

“A Sending Song for Reformation”

Tune: EIN’ FESTE BERG

O Christ, your church stands firm in you,
your living Word our mission.
By grace we walk, by faith we serve,
proclaiming your salvation.
Send us to share your light,
to scatter fear and night;
your truth shall be our song,
your love shall make us strong—
your reign, O Lord, forever!

*ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL (response: “**Thanks be to God!**”)

*POSTLUDE

“Christ is the Sure Foundation”

Arr. by Daniel Burton

***Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for complimentary
coffee and cookies following worship.***

***You may contact the church office at 970-352-4816 if you have specific needs or
prayer requests, or if you can help in any way.***

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Scripture readings next Sunday: DANIEL 7:1-3, 15-18, PSALM 149, EPHESIANS 1:11-23, LUKE 6:20-31

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