



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Community Transformed By Christ To Be Christ In The World

+Reformation Sunday

October 27, 2024

Prayer request and visitor cards can be found in the pew rack.

(*) Denotes when to stand, if you are able. **Boldface** readings are spoken together.

Prelude *Rock of Ages* arr. by Donna Kreiger Nadine Berg

Temple Talk Stewardship for All Seasons Heather Pinkoski

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

#504 (vs 1, 2, 4 ELW)

***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**

p. 147 (ELW)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

Amen.

***Hymn of Praise**

Glory to God

p. 148 (ELW)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

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.**

Reading

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

How Great Thou Art

arr. by Brent Olstad

Handbells

***Gospel Acclamation**

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

***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.

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Rich in Christ: Reformation Edition

Pastor Kevin Olson

***Hymn of the Day** *O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate* #722 (vs 1, 3, 4 ELW)

***Apostles' Creed**

Along with the church, we confess our faith.

**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**

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

Eternal Counselor, guide the church along your paths of mercy. Direct it to be a refuge where all are genuinely welcomed and their gifts are celebrated.

God of grace, **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. **Amen.**

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Reception of Offering

In Peace and Joy

Martin Luther

Nadine Berg

***Offertory** *Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring*

#691 (vs. 1 & 3 ELW)

***Offering Prayer**

Blessed are you, **O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***Lord's Prayer**

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***Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn** *The Church of Christ, in Every Age* #729 (vs 1, 3, 5 ELW)

***Dismissal**
Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Postlude *Sunshine in My Soul* Sweney/Osman Nadine Berg

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NEWS & NOTES



Our radio broadcast is sponsored by Helga Nelson in loving memory of her son, Brian Nelson.
Thank you and God bless.

Best wishes to Jerome Seppala, Marietta Alan, and Elaine Anderson who will be celebrating their birthday's this week. Jerome on Tuesday, Marietta and Elaine on Saturday.
Happy Birthday!!!

We extend our sympathy to the Cathryn Dahlen and family on the death her mother, Beverly Dahlen. Beverly died on October 20, 2024. *God bless+*

We extend our sympathy to Amy & Todd Rice and family on the death of Amy's mother, Carol Ann Maciej. Carol died on Sunday, October 20, 2024. *God bless+*

We extend God's Richest Blessings to the following young men who will affirm their faith later this morning at the Rite of Confirmation Service:



Leevi Miller Lease
Spencer Aiden Ruzich
Elijah Nolee Teske
Jonah Ernest Teske

Please keep them in prayer. *God bless+*

All Saints Sunday is November 3rd

All Saints Sunday celebrates ALL the baptized people of God who make up the body of Christ, with a particular emphasis on the faithful who have died the last calendar year.

As part of our 9 am worship service we will remember by name, prayer, and tolling of a bell, our loved ones from Our Savior's who have faithfully taken their heavenly reward. Please note the option to view our worship service virtually. If you choose to worship from home, we encourage you to light a candle there as well.

In addition, as part of the worship service, there will be time for worshippers to have a candle lit in memory of any one whom they so choose. Tears may flow, but even in the midst of grief and loss, God wipes away all tears and makes all things new.



LEFSE, LEFSE order your Lefse!! Three large pieces per bag for \$5.00, with limit of five bags. Place your order by filling out the form or calling the church office at 218-263-7422. Pick-up will be Sunday November 17, 2024, after the church service.

Volunteers are needed on Thursday, November 14th starting as 3:00 PM. Please bring any Lefse equipment that you have and join the fun. No experience or equipment necessary! If you have questions call or text Nancy Davidson 218-969-7226. Thank you!!



Our Pilgrim's Chapel will be open from 9am-4pm on November 5th for all who would like to pray for our country on Election Day.

**OPPORTUNITIES
OF THE WEEK**

Assisting with Worship

Pastor: Kevin Olson
Acolytes: Aubry Kangas/Eli Kangas
Lector: Corey Schleosser
Cantor: Sue Rudberg
Choir Director: Roy Berg
Organist: Nadine Berg
Ushers: Al Lipke/Greg & Carmen Solberg
Tellers: Donna Hoag/Heather Lubben
Videographer: Dustin Davidson/John Law
Altar Guild: Suzanne Clark/Patty Sterle

Today, 27th

9am Worship/
Sunday School
10am Coffee & Fellowship
10:30am Radio Broadcast
1240 AM WMFG
11am Confirmation Service

Monday, 28th

9am Quilting
5pm Personnel Cmte

Tuesday, 29th

6:30 Organ Steering Cmte

Wednesday, 30th

8:30am Bible Study
11am Staff
1pm Food shelf
6pm Handbells
7pm Confirmation
Choir

Friday Nov 1st

1pm Food shelf

Sunday, Nov 3rd

All Saints

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Sunday School
10am Coffee & Fellowship
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