

Reformation Day

October 25, 2026

Prelude - The prelude is an introductory part of our worship service. Worshipers are encouraged to use these few moments for prayer and/or reflection on a scripture passage or hymn.

Processional Hymn #141 A Mighty Fortress

Opening Prayer

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I ask you to protect me this day also from sin and every evil, that in all I do today I may please you. For into your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy angel watch over me, that the wicked foe have no power over me. Amen.

Invocation

Confession of Sin (Luther's Small Catechism)

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

C: We pray that our heavenly Father would not regard our sins or deny our prayers because of them—for we have not earned nor do we deserve those things for which we pray—but that he would grant us all things through grace, even though we sin every day and deserve nothing but punishment. And certainly we, too, will heartily forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on you, and has given Jesus, his only Son, to die for you, and for his sake has forgiven you all your sins. Scripture declares: Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not, shall not see life. God continues to call the unbelieving to turn from their impenitence before the day of grace is over, and come to true repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.

P: All who believe and are baptized will be saved.

C: Amen.

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

C: And also with you.

P: Climb to the highest mountain, you who will bring good news to Zion.

C: Lift up your voices and loudly proclaim, "See the Lord God. He comes in power."

P: Write down the vision, inscribe it on tablets ready for a herald to carry it swiftly.

C: Soon, very soon, he will come to you. Live by faith, my righteous ones.

P: Let us pray -

Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all enemies of your Word, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Proclamation of the Word of God

First Lesson: Revelation 14:6-7 (pp. 1320, 1227)

Choir ~ How Firm a Foundation

Second Lesson: Romans 3:19-28 (pp. 1197, 1118)

Hymn #260 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word

Gospel: John 8:31-36 (pp. 1138, 1063)

The Apostles' Creed (see front cover of hymnal)

Sermon

Hymn #261 We Have a Sure, Prophetic Word

Announcements

The Offering

The Offertory "We give Thee..." stanza 1, #391

P/ The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

C/ And with you also.

The Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Responsive reading from Luther's Small Catechism (pp. 98-100)

Benediction

Hymn #600 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

Postlude



-Reminder to move your clocks back one hour next Sunday or you may be here by yourself.

-Everyone is invited back each week after the service for a brief time of fellowship and goodies. Thank you to Pat Pawlak for serving last Sunday.

This Week:

Mon.	Oct. 26	6:30 a.m.	Men's Morning Study
		1:00 p.m.	Men's Afternoon Study
Tues.	Oct. 27	9:00 a.m.	Women's Study
Wed.	Oct. 28	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		6:00 p.m.	Bible Study at St. John's
		7:30 p.m.	Bible Study at Christ Lutheran
Thurs.	Oct. 29	9:00 a.m.	Classical Enrichment
Sun.	Nov. 1	9:00 a.m.	Divine Worship
		10:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Fellowship

Last Sunday – attendance 70; offering \$1912.00

Lessons for 11/1 – Rev. 7:2-17; 1 John 3:1-3; Matt. 5:1-12

