



Reformation Sunday † November 1, 2026

THE OPENING

*Today's service follows a special Reformation liturgy in combination
with Setting 1 from the Worship Supplement 2000 p. 1ff.*

Greeting and Prayer

Hymn LSB 578:1-4 *Thy Strong Word*

The Invocation and Luther's Morning Prayer

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept all harm and danger away from me last night; and I pray that You would also protect me today from sin and every evil, that my life and all my behavior may please You. Into Your hands I entrust my body and soul and everything else. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the devil may have no power over me. Amen.

Reformation Confession and Absolution of Sins

We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.

P God our Father, has preserved His Word for us. It is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path.

C Our Lord Jesus has made His power known. He is sitting at the right hand of the Father and will come to judge the world.

P God the Spirit has extended God's grace to us in Word and Sacrament.

C But we have not kept the Word of our Lord.

P I now ask you, therefore, before God who searches the heart: Do you confess the sins you have committed in thought, word, and deed; do you repent of them, believe on the Lord Jesus for forgiveness, and sincerely intend,

with the help of God's Holy Spirit, to lead a godly life from now on? If so, then answer "yes."

C Yes.

P Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of God's Word, announce the grace of God unto you. In the stead of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by His command, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

Glory to God in the Highest (Hymn 578:5-6)

Gloria in Excelsis – Latin for "Glory in the Highest (to God)." A hymn glorifying and praising our God.

**5 Give us lips to sing thy glory, Tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats to shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia! May the light which thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!**

**6 God the Father, light-creator, To thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light from Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!**

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

P Let us pray... through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



THE SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Reading: *Daniel 6:10-12,16-23*

When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously. ¹¹ Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and plea before his God. ¹² Then they came near and said before the king, concerning the injunction, "O king! Did you not sign an injunction, that anyone who makes petition to any god or man within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?" The king answered and said, "The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked." . . . ¹⁶ Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!" ¹⁷ And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. ¹⁸ Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him. ¹⁹ Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. ²⁰ As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?" ²¹ Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! ²² My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm." ²³ Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

Antiphonal Psalm: *Psalm 91* *(Worship Supplement p.33)*

Epistle Reading: *Galatians 5:1-6*

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ² Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. ³ I testify

again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. ⁴ You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵ For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

 **C Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
*These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

A Reformation Confession of Faith

We boldly confess what we believe using the words from the Formula Concord – on Justification by Faith.

C We unanimously believe, teach, and confess the following about the righteousness of faith before God:

A poor sinful person is justified before God, that is, absolved and declared free and exempt from all his sins and from the sentence of well-deserved condemnation, and is adopted into sonship and inheritance of eternal life, without any merit or worth of his own.

This happens without any preceding, present, or subsequent works, out of pure grace, because of the sole merit, complete obedience, bitter suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Christ alone. His obedience is credited to us for righteousness. These treasures are brought to us by the Holy Spirit in the promise of the holy Gospel.

Faith alone is the only means through which we lay hold on, accept, apply, and take them for ourselves. This faith is God's gift, by which we truly learn to know Christ, our Redeemer, in the Word of the Gospel and trust in Him. We trust that for the sake of His obedience alone we have the forgiveness of sins by grace, are regarded as godly and righteous by God the Father, and are eternally saved. Amen.

Grace Adult Choir: *Christ is Our Cornerstone*

Hymn WS 774 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

THE SERMON

Sermon Reading: Matthew 10:16-22

"Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹ When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰ For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹ Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²² and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

THEME: HERE WE GO AND HERE WE STAND!

I. We go forth with God's Word as sheep among wolves.

II. We stand firm on God's Truth as the Spirit makes us bold.

Sermon Study Questions

What are some common "here-we-go" moments in life?

What does Jesus mean that His disciples are "sheep among wolves"?

What "here-we-go" moment did Martin Luther face in 1521?

What kinds of persecutions might you face in your Christian life?

In what way and for what purpose is our church a "launching pad"?

How was Martin Luther "wise as serpents and innocent as doves"?

How can we apply this directive to ourselves?

In what way did Jesus stand firm for you? How is that an encouragement to you when you face persecution?

THE RESPONSE

The Offertory

Having heard God's Word, we ask Him to spiritually heal us, giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

♪ **☒ Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.
Uphold me with Your free Spirit.**

Hymn LSB 728 *How Firm a Foundation*

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. If you wish to give your offering electronically, please scan the QR code on the announcement page.

Prayer of the Church † The Lord's Prayer

We boldly approach God's throne of grace, that we may find grace to help in time of need.

☒ 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.



THE SACRAMENT

We approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

P It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for You have proclaimed an eternal Gospel to all who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. For this Gospel, centered in Jesus Christ, we give You glory, and we worship You, who made heaven and earth; Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying...

Holy, Holy, Holy

The Sanctus – Latin for “Holy.” We join our voices to the angels who sing, “Holy, Holy, Holy” (Isaiah 6:3)

♪ **C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heav’n and earth are full of Your Glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blest is He who comes in the names of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

Words of Institution

The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord’s Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time.

Lamb of God

The Agnus Dei – Latin for “Lamb of God.” As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to be thinking about the Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary’s cross.

♪ **C** *Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*

Distribution of the Sacrament

Communicant members of Grace Lutheran Church or a sister CLC congregation may now come forward at the direction of the ushers.

Distribution Hymn 627 *Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior*

Close Communion Announcement

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon the Bible passages listed below. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

1 Cor. 1:10 *"Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."*

1 Cor. 11:26-30 *"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."*



Thanksgiving

We give thanks and praise the LORD for the forgiveness of sins received in the Sacrament.

☪ ☐ Thank the Lord; sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done.

Let all who see the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.

Thank the Lord; sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done.

Send us with Your promises, Lord;

lead Your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.

Thank the Lord; sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

☪ ☐ Amen, Amen, Amen!

Closing Hymn LSB 582 *God's Word is Our Great Heritage*

(sung to the tune of "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God")

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hospitality today is being hosted by Team A. All are invited after service for light refreshments and fellowship! (Hospitality is held on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month; next up is Team B on November 15).

Joint-Reformation Service Today: Faith Lutheran Church in New Ulm is hosting a CLC Minnesota Joint-Reformation Service today at 4:00pm. All are invited and encouraged to attend! Following the service, all are welcomed to gather for a fellowship meal. Please bring a dessert or salad to share.

CLC Midwest Women's Retreat: Grace Lutheran Church is pleased to host the 2027 Midwest Women's Retreat, April 23–25, at Banquets of Minnesota in Fridley. Annette Kuehne is serving as one of this year's planners. Register at: www.womensretreat.clclutheran.net/midwest-womens-retreat. Theme: "Planted in the House of the Lord" (Psalm 92:12-14). Cost: \$100 before February 15. If cost is a concern, please contact Annette. Financial assistance is available through the Dorcas Guild and the Midwest Women's Retreat. We hope all the ladies of Grace will join us for a wonderful time of growing in God's Word and enjoying fellowship with our sisters in Christ!

2027 CLC Mission Helper Trip to Nepal Postponed: Due to increased government scrutiny and restrictions on Christian activities and the recent arrest and deportation of several foreign Christians in Nepal, the 2027 Mission Helper Trip has been postponed until further notice. This decision was made with the advice of HCLC-Nepal church leaders to protect their ongoing Gospel ministry from government interference. Please keep our Nepali brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers. While no international Mission Helper Trips are planned for 2027, stateside TVBS opportunities will be available. A Mission Helper Trip to Mexico is also being planned as a trial run for future opportunities. Future trips, such as Bangladesh and the Philippines are also being considered as the Lord opens doors.

Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors' Day is Friday, November 13 on the ILC campus in Eau Claire, WI. Activities begin with chapel at 10:05am in the Field House, followed by presentations and classroom visits until 2:50pm. Come and learn more about your church's college and consider continuing your education in a solidly Christian setting! Speak with Pastor for more info.

CLC Call News: Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI, has **returned** the call to Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND, and to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN. <> Pastor Neal Radichel of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has **returned** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

Serving Us † Today

A day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. Psalm 84:10

Organist: Steve Kuehne	Church Cleaners: S & A Kuehne
Usher Team 4: Kyle Aymond, Kevin Hulke, Jack Maki, John Maki, Keith Radichel, Al Rosendahl, Grant Wells	Counting Team 3: Gary Gunther, Roger Ochsner, Al Rosendahl, Benno Sydow

Serving Us † Next Sunday

Organist: Maureen Ochsner	Church Cleaners: Naumann
Usher Team 1: Gary Gunther, Daniel Hein, Bob Maki, Bill Rust, David Stifter, Jeff Stifter, Joel Stifter	Counting Team 4: Kyle Aymond, Thomas Graham, Kevin Hulke, Clint Welker

Upcoming † Calendar

If the Lord wills, we will do this or that. James 4:15

Today	11:15am	Hospitality (Team A)
	4:00pm	Joint Reformation Service – Faith, New Ulm
Wed. 11/4	7:00pm	Midweek Bible Study (Galatians)
Sun. 11/8	8:30am	Choir Practice
	9:00am	Bible Class / Sunday School
	10:00am	Reformation Sunday Service
	11:15am	Board and Council Meetings
Wed. 11/25	7:00pm	Thanksgiving Eve Service
Sun. 11/29	11:00am	Outreach Committee Meeting
Wed. 12/2	7:00pm	1 st Midweek Advent Service

In Our Prayers † Encouragement List

Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18

Jan Sandhoefner is in a transitional care facility recovering from a kidney infection. **Barb Sydow** is at home recovering from a heart infection. **Cindy Bruckbauer** remains mostly homebound due to a chronic illness. **Judy Dahlin** remains homebound due to the loss of her sight. **Cindy Degnan** remains mostly homebound due to severe, persistent seizures. **Jean Gunther** remains homebound due to a chronic illness. **Dorothy Hammond** remains mostly homebound due to the loss of her sight. **Bob Rust** is receiving treatment for cancer. **Daniel and Jessica Robin** are expecting their first child in Jan 2027. **Max Milbrandt and Julianna Hein** are engaged to be married in May of 2027. **Need prayer?** Please inform Pastor and your need will be included in the next bulletin.

Our Response † to the Gospel

God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Attendance 10/25: Worship = 102 <> Bible Class = 40 <> Sunday School = 26
Midweek Bible Study (10/28) = 32

Weekly Offering:	Grace:	5,505	CLC:	1,430
Weekly Need (est)	Grace:	5,400	CLC:	1,440
-Under/+Over	Grace:	105	CLC:	-10
Year-to-date Offering	Grace:	230,387	CLC:	70,206
Year-to-date Need	Grace:	232,200	CLC:	61,920
Difference from Budget (+/-)	Grace:	-1813	CLC:	8286

QR Code for Online Giving:



GLC Other:	-	Living Faith:	-	Tuition Aid:	1,050	Sanctuary:	125
SAF Endowment:	-	MDF:	-	Kinship:	147	EduK8:	25
ILC Student Aid:	-	ILC Bldg.:	75	IIF:	-	CEF:	-
CLC Nepal	100.00						
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	1,235	Sanctuary:	23,109		

WELCOME!

We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ.

- † **Restrooms** are located to the right after you exit down the main aisle.
- † **Parent's Room** is located in the northeast corner of the sanctuary.
- † **Amplifying headsets** are available. Please ask an usher.
- † **If you are visiting with us today**, please sign the guest book in the entryway and we invite you to join us again.
- † **If you are looking for a church home**, ask Pastor about a free one-on-one Bible study for new people. Where & when? Your convenience.

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We are dedicated to the proclamation of the gospel of Christ crucified for sinners.



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