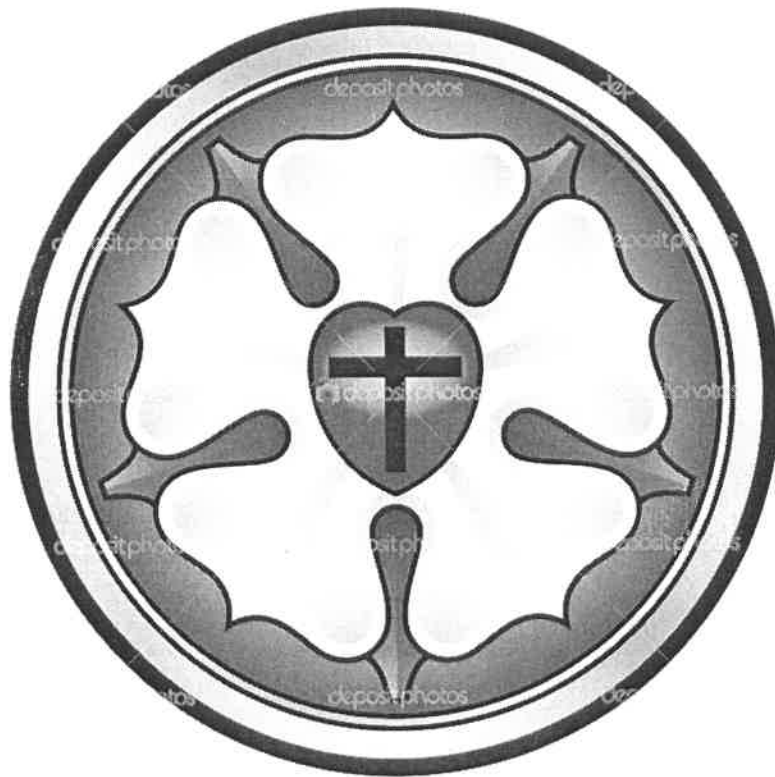


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Welcome



October 26, 2025, 9:30 AM
Reformation Sunday

Welcome

We welcome everyone to worship on this wonderful day. May God bless our time together in Worship with Word and Sacrament.

If you are visiting with us today, we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a *Welcome* card and place it in the offering plate. The reverse of this card can also be used for prayer requests, or other special needs.

Need Directions? Feel free to ask an usher if you need to find a restroom, or another particular room or group meeting here in the church building.

Cell phone off? – We respectfully ask that you silence your cell phone during worship this morning.

For hearing impaired: We now have four hearing receivers and two neck units. If you wish to use one, please see the person at the sound booth in the back of the Sanctuary.

THE LORD INVITES EVERYONE TO HIS TABLE

We Believe

Jesus Christ is present in the bread and wine.

We receive forgiveness of sins and strength for Christian living.

We are renewed in faith with the promise of salvation and eternal life.

We Offer

Wine and grape juice (light colored glasses in center of trays)

Bread (including gluten-free wafers)

Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good!

INTRODUCTION

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
October 26, 2025, 9:30 AM

(Congregation please stand)

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

[P] In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the holy Spirit.

[C] Amen.

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

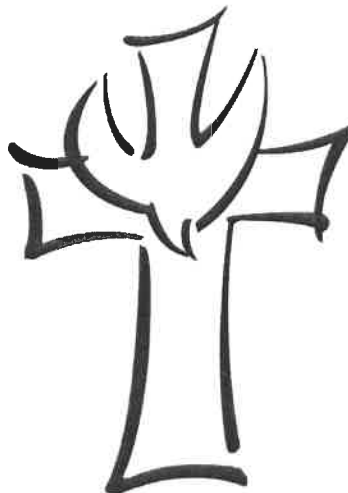
Silence for reflection

[P] Gracious God,

[C] 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 the newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

[P] God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

[C] Amen.



GATHERING HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

#504



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

GREETING

- 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.

KYRIE

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
 Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . .

so - tros. mer - cy. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
 Lord, . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
 us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
 Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . .

so - tros. mer - cy. Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -
 Christ, . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
 us; O . . . Christ, have . . mer - cy.

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
 Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . .

so - tros. mer - cy. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
 Lord, . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
 us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

“GLORY TO GOD”



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
 Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
 Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra-a-que-llos que a-ma-el Se - ñor.
 And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.



Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra-a-que-llos que a-ma-el Se - ñor.
 And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray, Almighty God, gracious Lord,

C **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.

(Congregation please be seated)

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.

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. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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.

P The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 46

RESPONSE *Psalm 46:5*

Cantor/All

The wa-ters of the riv - er glad - den the cit - y of God,

Capo II: D Bm7 Em7 A Dmaj7
E C#m7 F#m7 B Emaj7

the ho - ly dwell - ing of the Most High.

G/B F#m/A G6 G/B C D
A/C# G#m/B A6 A/C# D E

- C** The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High.
- P** God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress. Therefore we fear not, though the earth be shaken and mountains plunge into the depths of the sea.
- C** The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High.
- P** There is a stream whose runlets gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High. God is in its midst; it shall not be disturbed; God will help it at the break of dawn.
- C** The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High.
- P** The LORD of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob. Come! Behold the deeds of the LORD, the astounding things he has wrought on earth.
- C** The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High.

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19–28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and the 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.

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. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

P The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

(Congregation please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Singing, we rise to greet Jesus Christ, present in the gospel reading

¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

a - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE HOLY 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.

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They 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'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

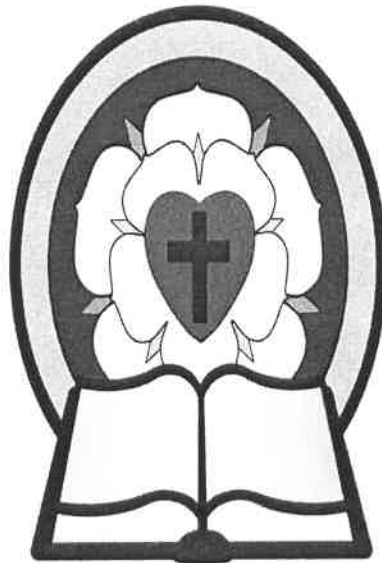
P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

(Congregation please be seated)

SERMON

Pastor Matthew Larson



(Congregation please stand)

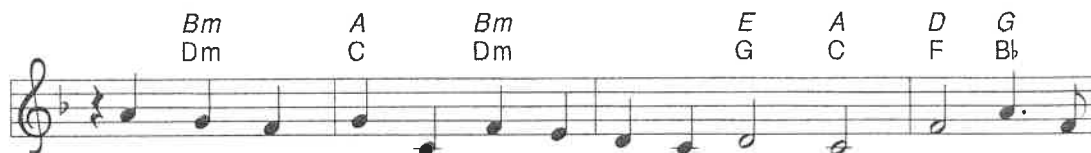
HYMN OF THE DAY

“Rise, Shine, You People!”

#665



- 1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur-round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom-en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

☞ Let us proclaim our Christian faith:

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 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 THE PEOPLE

Each petition ends, "God of grace," to which the congregation responds, "receive our prayer."

After the concluding prayer, respond with:

☞ **Amen.**

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

(Please be sensitive to those who wish to 'keep their hands to themselves.' Thank you.)

☞ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☞ **And also with you.**

Share the peace of God with one another.

(Congregation please be seated)

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(Congregation please stand)

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

#583

Refrain: *Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

Verse 2: *Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.*

Refrain: *Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray, Jesus, Bread of life,
C you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- Ⓟ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on

tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el
earth. Blest is he who comes in the

nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -
high - est, ho - san - na here on earth.

di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.
Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

The minister continues with the eucharistic prayer.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

☐ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

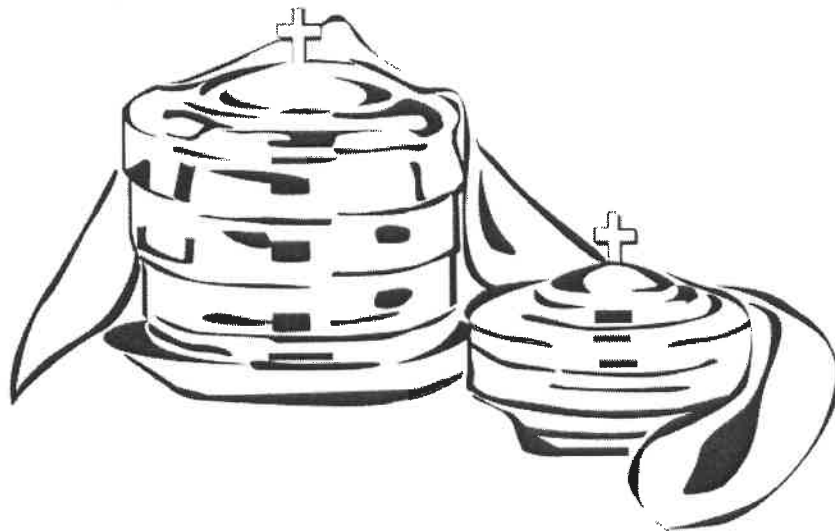
THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

(Congregation please be seated)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

☐ Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!



LAMB OF GOD



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so - tros, ten pie-dad de no - so - tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
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Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION - All who believe Jesus Christ is present in this meal, offering forgiveness and new life, are welcome to the Lord's Table. Gluten-free wafers are also available. **PLEASE NOTE:** *If you are unable to come forward but would like to receive Communion, please ask an usher to tell the pastor – Holy Communion can be brought to you.*

(Congregation please stand)

- ☐ May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.
- ☑ **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- ☐ Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.
- ☑ **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

- ☐ The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, +be upon you now and forever.
- ☑ **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

"The Church's One Foundation"

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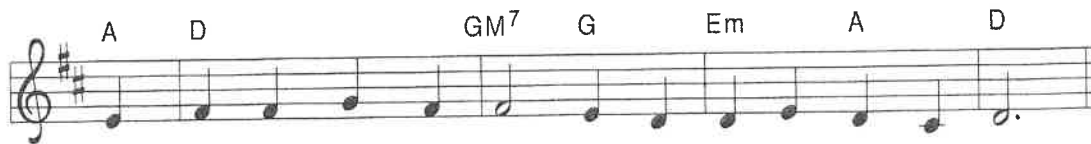
1 The church's one foun-da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn-ful won - der this world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char-ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms. . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

- Ⓐ As people of God, this is our mission at Advent:
☐ **“Called by God’s Grace to Love and Serve.”**

DISMISSAL

(God sends us to live as Christ’s body in the world.)

- Ⓐ Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
☐ **Thanks be to God.**

Serving in Worship Today-9:30 am

Presiding Minister	Pastor Matthew Larson
Preacher	Pastor Matthew Larson
Assisting Minister	Vicar Brendan Wiechert
Communion Assistants	Sandra McCune, Denise Walker
Pianist	Kevin Kelly
Musician	Wes Todd
Cantor	Nancy Filardo
Reader	Vicar Brendan Wiechert
Greeter	
Ushers	Darrell & Francie Shoquist
Audio/Video	Ian Larson
Fellowship Hosts/ Happy Helpers Breakfast	Happy Helpers & Volunteers
Cookies	Sandra McCune
Tellers	McCune

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+ PRAYER AND PRAISE +

New this Week: Prayers are needed for Peggy Smith and her family as they are mourning the passing of Peggy's husband, David Smith. Prayers are also needed for 8 year old Evangeleen as she is suffering a major antibiotic resistant infection due to her Cystic Fibrosis.

Church Family and Friends: Ahern family, Ania, Barbara, Barney Barnhart & family, Harry & Manda Benton, Bolster family, Linda Bradford, Bruce Berglund, Belle Campbell & family, Cherie, Dave & Sharon Cook, George & Sandy Coombs, Georgia Coulston, Genevieve Davenport, Bonnie Davis, Bob & JoAnn Dunlap, Michele & Eric Emme, Janet Esser, Nancy Filardo & family, Joyce Flanigan & family, Geri & Joanne, Dorothy Grier, Holly Frampton, Leigh & Steve Hopkins, Mary & Clancy Howard, family of Audrey Jackson, Jay & Judy, Judy Jaramillo & family, Savannah Kelley, Midge Kiourkas, Beth Anne Klim, Larson family, Leatha family, Jane Leonard & family, Jan Madden & family, Duncan McMillan, Megan, Ian & SaraLu Moore, Moseman family, Kathleen Naliboff, Craig Nurvic, Otteman family, Twila O'Gallagher, Gerry O'Rourke, Tim O'Rourke, Barb Potter's friend Tim, Myrna Rehn, Myrna Robb, Tom Sernka & family, Eva Sturges, Tinch family, family of Margot Wilson, and Anna Yeoman.

For Family Members & Friends Serving in the Military:

CPT Ashley Allinger, Chaplain US Army, CPT Zane Allinger, USAF, CPL Damien Anderson, Major Ryan Baker, Majors Megan & Robert Barnwell, SGT Alex Baron, USAF, Capt. Jordon Bolster, SSgt. Andy Falk, Army, CPT Christopher Finch, Robert Guyton, CW2 Aaron Lang, Capt. Richard Luna III, USAF, MSgt. Duncan McFarlane, Bryan McGoon, SSG Aaron Moeller, Sam Nelson, Mst. Sgt. Alex Pohle, AF Staff Sgt. Garytt Shirey, Kurt Strigel, Colin Wells, U.S. Air Force, Ryan Wells, Master Sgt. AF Nat'l Guard Sarah Meddock, TSG Jason Wood, CPT Michael West, Staff SGT Jacob McKenzie, Major Stephen King, Airman Chase Strunk, U.S. Air Force, LCPL Jared Martin, Rafe Rector, USMC, Staff Sgt. Dan Zabriskie in the National Guard.

*If you have a **prayer request**, please send an email to the church office at alcsokane@comcast.net or call the church office at (509) 928-7733.*

Coming This Week: Sunday, October 26, 2025 - Sunday, November 2, 2025

- SUNDAY** **Reformation Sunday**
'Fill the Shelf' Sunday
8:00 am-11:30 am Happy Helpers Breakfast
9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
After Worship
Coffee Fellowship
4:00 pm-7:00 pm Mt. Zion Romanian Church
- MONDAY** 8:30 am-9:30 am Fitness Class
6:00 pm Boy Scouts
- TUESDAY** 9:00 am-12:00 pm Happy Piecemakers
6:00 pm Cub Scouts
- WEDNESDAY** 8:30 am-9:30 am Fitness Class
11:00 am Child Center Chapel in the sanctuary
6:30 pm-7:30 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA) meeting
- THURSDAY** 9:00 am Happy Helpers
10:00 am Mid-Week Bible Study
5:30 pm-6:30 pm AA Meeting
- FRIDAY** 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast –Revel Community, 16807 E. Mission
Avenue, Spokane Valley
- SATURDAY** **Set your clocks BACK one hour before bed on Saturday night,
November 1st**
- SUNDAY** **All Saints Sunday**
9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
After Worship
Coffee Fellowship
25th Anniversary Celebration of Holly Gunby's Ordination
10:45 am High School Sunday School-Starbucks on Sprague
4:00 pm-7:00 pm Mt. Zion Romanian Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Online Worship: www.youtube.com/c/adventlutheranspokane

HAPPY HELPERS BREAKFAST

Happy Helpers Breakfast: Today, beginning at 8:00 am. (Breakfast will be served from 8:00 am until approximately one hour after the worship service). All are welcome! This breakfast is the **Happy Helpers'** primary effort to raise money for the operating expenses for the annual maintenance of our facility. Join us! No one goes away hungry! **Breakfast menu:** scrambled eggs, sausage links, pancakes, and homemade applesauce. Drinks will be coffee, tea, apple and orange juice.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Today is Reformation Sunday. So why do we wear **RED** clothing on Reformation Sunday? Because **RED** represents the Holy Spirit. Luther believed that the Reformation was a direct result of the Holy Spirit moving him and others to action. This day is a celebration of the Holy Spirit that continues to move us toward the grace and mercy of God even today.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Mid-Week **Bible study** meets each Thursday, at **10:00 am**. Everyone is welcome! We are currently studying the **Gospel of Luke**.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

The **Men's Prayer group** continues to meet each **Friday** morning at **6:30 am** at **Revel Community, 16807 E. Mission Avenue, Spokane Valley**. All men are welcome!

ORDINATION CELEBRATION

Everyone is welcome to join us **after worship next Sunday** as we celebrate the **25th anniversary of Holly Gunby's Ordination**. We will have a cake during coffee fellowship to celebrate and honor Holly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Daylight Saving Time ends November 2nd. Set your clocks BACK one hour before bed on Saturday night, November 1st.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Next Sunday, November 2nd is All Saints Sunday. It is the time to remember those who have died in the past year. We will be lighting pillar candles for those connected to Advent and then there will be a time for everyone to come up and light one or more candles to remember a family member, friend, etc.

MONTHLY LADIES LUNCHEON

Our next luncheon will be **Saturday, November 8th at 11:30 a.m.** at IHOP, by the **Spokane Valley Mall**. Please contact **Gerry O'Rourke at 509-893-0787** so she can make a reservation. The **sign-up sheet** is on the table in the Narthex or you may call the **Church office at 509-928-7733. Thank you.**

'COME TO FRIDAY DINNER' AND ART SHOW

'ART ON BROADWAY' presenting **"Mini-Masters"** will take place on **November 21st from 4:30 pm-5:30 pm.** in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy one of **Terry Powell's** meals and a chance to view artwork based on Master artists from our **Child Center** students. We encourage church members and Child Center families to "eat in" so we can socialize and show our appreciation for the student's artwork! Donations of **\$5** to support the arts would be greatly appreciated. The menu will be turkey breast, mashed potatoes & gravy, stuffing, and macaroni & cheese. If you are interested, please call the church office at **509-928-7733** or place your name and the number of meals you wish on the **sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.** You are welcome to stay and enjoy your dinner in the Fellowship Hall or you may take it home to enjoy!
EVERYONE is welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued

BLESSING BAGS

The **Outreach Committee** has begun collecting hats, coats, and blankets to donate to UGM and homeless youth. Any winter item will be greatly appreciated and there will be a bin in the Narthex for donations. Outreach will also be collecting items for **Blessing Bags**. Blessing Bags are made to give out to the homeless and their pets. If you have extra bottled water, Band-aids, granola bars, toothbrushes, etc...please add to the Blessing Bags bin. We are planning to put together Blessing Bags and oatmeal packets before the new year. If you have any questions on what to donate or help with outreach please contact **Missy Bliesner at 509-954-6406 or mnurvis@hotmail.com.**

TREE OF SHARING

If you are interested in providing a gift for someone less fortunate this Christmas season, we will once again have our **Tree of Sharing**. Our **Tree of Sharing** will be up the **Sunday before Thanksgiving**. This is an annual outreach activity of our church. For families, this can be an important way to teach children to provide for those in need. If you know of a child or a person in need, the deadline to provide their name to the church office is **Sunday, November 16. Request forms are now available on the table under the Sanctuary window in the Narthex.** You may also call/email the Church office and give the request over the phone. **Questions?** Contact the **Church office at 928-7733. Marlene Diehl** is once again organizing our **Tree of Sharing** this year! Thank you
Marlene!

ADVENT COOKBOOK

The **Social Committee** is now collecting recipes to get an **Advent cookbook** moving forward. Think about some special recipes you would like to share and email them to the church office at **alcspokane@comcast.net**. (or drop them off at the church office).

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Plan to stay for our Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 14th, immediately following the worship service. A quorum of **56 members** is needed. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the 2026 Church and Child Center Budgets and June 8th Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes.