



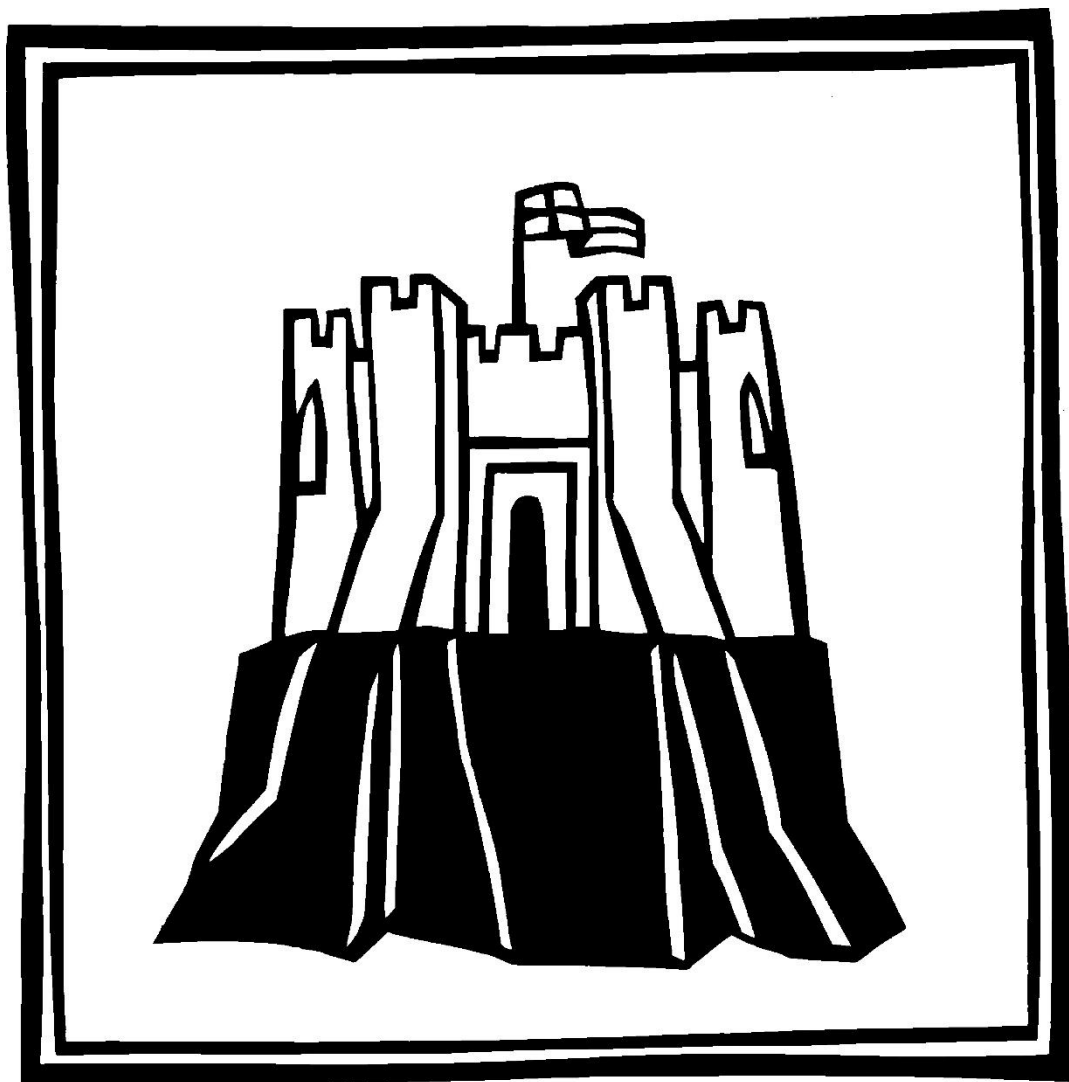
Faith Lutheran Church

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**We warmly greet members
and visitors in Jesus' name**

Reformation Sunday

5 p.m., October 25, 2026



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.

Welcome to Worship at Faith Lutheran Church

Gathered faithfully to love and serve God and all others

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All who are baptized are invited to the celebration of Holy Communion, trusting that Christ is present in this sacrament for the forgiveness of our sin and the strengthening of our faith.

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Cantor
Director of Music

WELCOME

SONG: O Come to the Altar

Verse 1

Are you hurting and broken within? Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin? Jesus is calling.
Have you come to the end of yourself? Do you thirst for a drink from the well? Jesus is Calling

Chorus

O Come to, the altar, the Father's arms are open wide, forgiveness, was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Verse 2

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes, come today there's no reason to wait, Jesus is calling. Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy, from the ashes a new life is born.

Chorus 2x

O Come to, the altar, the Father's arms are open wide, forgiveness, was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Bridge 2x

Oh what a Savior, isn't He wonderful, sing Hallelujah Christ is risen, bow down before him, for He is Lord of all, sing hallelujah Christ is risen.

Chorus 2x

O Come to the altar, the Father's arms are open wide, forgiveness, was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

(pause for reflection)

Compassionate God,

**C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

P: Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

SONG: Here I Am to Worship

Verse 1

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus

So here I am to worship.
Here I am to bow down.
Here I am to say that You're my God,
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

Verse 2

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

Chorus

So here I am to worship.
Here I am to bow down.
Here I am to say that You're my God,
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

Chorus

So here I am to worship.
Here I am to bow down.
Here I am to say that You're my God,
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: 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.

WE SIT

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

L: A reading from Jeremiah

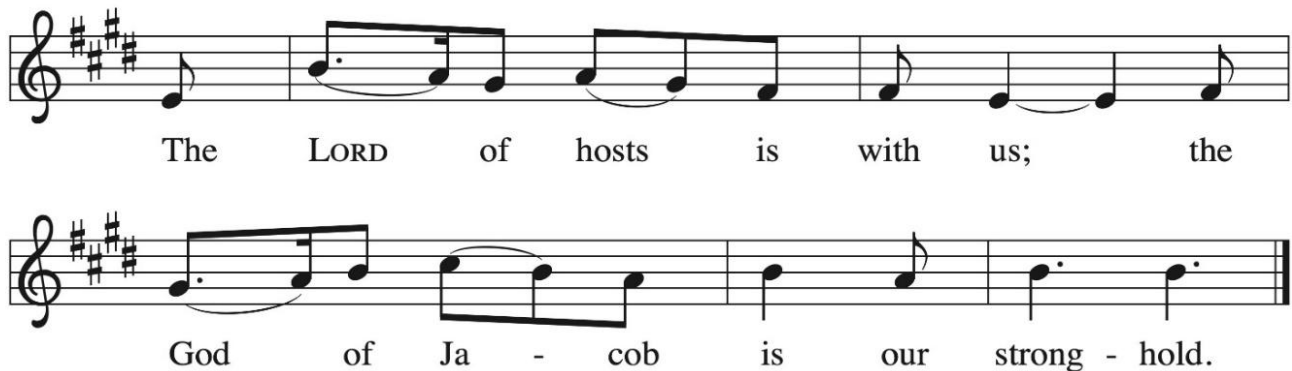
³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I 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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Refrain: 46

To begin, the organist plays the refrain once, the cantor sings it once, and then we all sing it together.



Psalm 46:7

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PSALMODY: 46

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
- ³ though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
- ⁶ The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away. **R**
- ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- ⁸ Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
- ⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- ¹⁰ "Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
- ¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. **R**

WE STAND

SONG: In Christ Alone

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song,
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe,
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.
Til on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied,
For every sin on Him was laid here in the death of Christ I live.

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

Verse 4

No guilt in life, no fear in death - This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
Til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

P: The Gospel According to John:

C: **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.

P: The Gospel of The Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

WE SIT

MESSAGE

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

WE STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 588

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



WE SIT

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

L: Gracious God, As we celebrate Reformation Sunday, we remember the witness of Martin Luther and the reformers of the church in every generation. Empower us to continue the work of reform and renewal in our own day. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: We pray for the healing of natural places despoiled by pollution and affected by natural disasters, especially in Nepal, Columbia, and Venezuela. Give all living creatures access to safe land, water, and air. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: We pray for our criminal justice systems and all those whose lives are affected by them. Give wisdom and discernment to police, probation officers, judges, and attorneys; give courage and peace to prisoners and the formerly incarcerated. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: We ask your blessing upon all people who have been harmed by the church and its leaders, that the truth may make them free. We pray for the relief of all those who are sick or suffering especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you silently or aloud (pause). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great

L: We give thanks for those exploring or returning to a life of faith. Encourage and guide them, that they may find their hope in you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: With gratitude, we remember those disciples who paved the way for us and all of our beloved dead.
Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Bring peace to a waring world, especially in The United States of America, Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Gaza, Iran, and Lebanon.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered

P: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you

WE STAND

Feel free to greet your neighbors with a word of peace.

SONG: Your Grace is Enough

Verse 1

Great is your faithfulness
Oh God of Jacob
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead me by still waters into mercy
Where nothing can keep us apart

Chorus

Remember your people
Remember your children
Remember your promise
Oh God
Your grace is enough, yea
Your grace is enough, yea
Your grace is enough, yea
Your grace is enough for me

Verse 2

Great is your love and justice,
God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Heaven's Victory
And all your people sing along, So

Chorus x2

Songwriter: Matt Maher

WE SIT

OFFERTORY



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WE STAND

SONG: This I Believe (The Creed)

Verse 1

Our Father everlasting,
The all-creating One,
God Almighty, through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Savior.

Chorus 1

I believe in God our Father.
I believe in Christ the Son.
I believe in the Holy Spirit.
Our God is three in One.
I believe in the resurrection,
That we will rise again,
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

Verse 2

Our judge and our defender suffered and crucified,
Forgiveness is in You.
Descended into darkness,
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high.

Chorus 2

I believe in life eternal.
I believe in the virgin birth.
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church.
I believe in the resurrection
when Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us Pray.

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

C: Amen.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

WE SIT

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

SONG: Open My Eyes

Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see Your face
Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see

Open my ears, Lord
Help me to hear Your voice
Open my ears, Lord
Help me to hear

Open my heart, Lord
Help me to love like You
Open my heart, Lord
Help me to love

And the first shall be last
And our eyes are opened
And we'll hear like never before
And we'll speak in new ways
And we'll see God's face in places we've never known

I live within You
Deep in Your heart, oh love
I live within You
Rest now in me

Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see Your face
Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see

Help me to see Your face
Help me to hear
Help me to hear Your voice
Help me to love
Help me to love like You
Help me to see

Songwriters: Jesse Manibusan
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WE STAND

TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
C: Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation,
healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

SONG: Holy Forever

Verse 1

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us and all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Pre-Chorus(Cantor)

Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

Chorus

And the angels cry holy
All creation cries holy
You are lifted high, holy
Holy forever

Verse 2

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

Chorus

And the angels cry holy
All creation cries holy
You are lifted high, holy
Holy forever
Hear Your people sing holy
To the King of kings, holy
You will always be holy
Holy forever

Pre Chorus

Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

Jesus

Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all (oh, stands above)

All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

Chorus

And the angels cry holy
All creation cries holy
You are lifted high, holy
Holy forever (we cry holy, holy, holy)
Hear Your people sing (we will sing) holy
To the King of kings (holy), holy (holy is the Lord)
You will always be holy
Holy forever

Outro

You will always be holy
Holy forever

Songwriters: Jason David Ingram / Brian Johnson / Chris Tomlin / Phil Wickham / Jenn Johnson
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BLESSING

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The God of grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

