WE WELCOME all who gather with us around the Altar and Pulpit to hear the Word of God.
IF YOU ARE VISITING this morning, we are happy that you could join us today. *Please sign our guest book in the narthex.*
IF YOU DESIRE TO COMMUNE, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine and are members in good standing of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

YOUNG CHILDREN are always welcome in our service. Jesus said, *"Let the little children come to me…"* Activity bags are available in the narthex.
NEED ASSISTANCE with anything? Please speak to the pastor or the usher.
RESTROOMS are available in the back of the church or in the education wing.

We pray that you feel welcome in our congregation, that you are blessed by the service, and that you will come again.

Called before the Diet of Worms (1521) to recant his teaching Luther responded with these now famous words: "*Unless I am convinced by the teachings of Holy Scripture or by sound reasoning-for I do not believe either the pope or councils alone, since they have often made mistakes and have even said the exact opposite about the same point-I am tied by the Scriptures I have quoted and by my conscience. I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither safe nor right. Here I stand. God help me! Amen."*
Because Luther did not retract his teachings, the Edict of Worms condemned Luther as an outlaw. This meant that no one was to have anything to do with Luther except to capture or kill him on sight. All of his books were prohibited from being printed, sold, bought or even read. Any person caught publishing Luther's books could be arrested and put to death.

The Family Altar

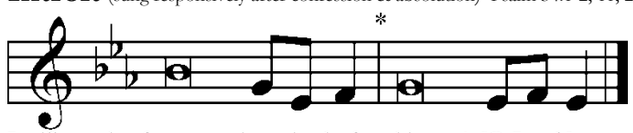
❶**Verse of the Week** — ***Matthew 5:12a*** *"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven."*
❷**Hymn of the Week** — *LSB #677 "For All the Saints"*
❸**Collect of the Week** — *Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*
❹**Daily Bible Readings** — ***M:*** *Jer. 1:1-19; Matt. 21:23-46* ***T:*** *Jer. 3:6—4:2; Matt. 22:1-22* ***W:*** *Jer. 5:1-19; Matt. 22:23-46* ***Th:*** *Jer. 7:1-29; Matt. 23:1-12* ***F:*** *Jer. 8:18—9:12; Matt. 23:13-39* ***Sat:*** *Jer. 11:1-23; Matt. 24:1-28* ***Sun:*** *Jer. 20:1-18; Matt. 24:29-51*
❺**Preparing for Next Sunday** — *Lessons for* ***All Saints' Day*** *(November 1): Revelation 7:9-17; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12; Psalm 149*

REFORMATION DAY

October 25, 2026

Greeters — *Dan & Connie Niedfeldt*
Elder — *Todd Graf*; Usher — *Howard Mitchell*
Altar Guild — *Elizabeth Laubenstein & Chris Born; Jr.* Altar Guild — *Jordyn Schultz*
Cantors — *Choir*; Crucifer — *Levi Schommer;* Acolyte — *Viktor Buchholz*
Organist — *Terry Ourada*
Pastor — *Rev. Paul W. Marks*

The flowers in church today are given by Dan & Connie Niedfeldt in celebration of their wedding anniversary and Connie's birthday. May God bless them with many more years together.

Introit (sung responsively after confession & absolution) Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]
and shall not be | put to shame.
I will bless the LORD at | all times;
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;
let the humble hear | and be glad.
Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;
I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.
The LORD redeems the life of his | servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]
and shall not be | put to shame.

Collect (*spoken by pastor*)

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your 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.

Gradual (*sung responsively*) Psalm 48:1a, 12-14a

Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised
in the city | of our God!
Walk about Zion, go around her, number her | towers,
consider well her ramparts, go through her | citadels,
that you may tell the next gener- | ation
that this is God, our God forever and | ever.

Verse (*sung by the choir*) Luke 12:32

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

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Today's Scripture Readings

First Reading
Revelation 14:6–7

6Then I saw another angel flying
directly overhead, with an eternal gospel
to proclaim to those who dwell on
earth, to every nation and tribe and
language and people. 7And he said with
a loud voice, "Fear God and give him
glory, because the hour of his judgment
has come, and worship him who made
heaven and earth, the sea and the
springs of water."

Epistle
Romans 3:19–28

19Now we know that whatever the
law says it speaks to those who are
under the law, so that every mouth may
be stopped, and the whole world may
be held accountable to God. 20For by
works of the law no human being will
be justified in his sight, since through
the law comes knowledge of sin.

21But now the righteousness of God
has been manifested apart from the law,
although the Law and the Prophets bear
witness to it— 22the righteousness of
God through faith in Jesus Christ for all
who believe. For there is no distinction:
23for all have sinned and fall short of the
glory of God, 24and are justified by his
grace as a gift, through the redemption
that is in Christ Jesus, 25whom God put
forward as a propitiation by his blood,
to be received by faith. This was to
show God's righteousness, because in
his divine forbearance he had passed
over former sins. 26It was to show his
righteousness at the present time, so
that he might be just and the justifier of
the one who has faith in Jesus.

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

Holy Gospel
John 8:31–36

31So Jesus said to the Jews who had
believed in him, "If you abide in my
word, you are truly my disciples, 32and
you will know the truth, and the truth
will set you free." 33They answered him,
"We are offspring of Abraham and have
never been enslaved to anyone. How is
it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

34Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly,
I say to you, everyone who commits sin
is a slave to sin. 35The slave does not
remain in the house forever; the son
remains forever. 36So if the Son sets you
free, you will be free indeed."

Scripture Quotations are from the Holy Bible, English Standard Version®

In Our Prayers this Week—

- *October missions of the month, Rev. Tyler McMiller and Lutherans in Africa.*
- *Peace among nations and safety for all in harm's way.*
- *The victims and families of all violence and disaster throughout the world.*
- *Thanksgiving for the birth and baptism of Winifred Lynn Buchholz.*
- *The family and friends of Eloda Krumwiede, grandmother of Naomi Marks, who mourn her death.*
- *The family and friends of Jan Koepke, who mourn her death.*
- *The family and friends of Barbara Reysen, mother of Paul Reysen, who mourn her death.*
- *Bev Liermann, receiving treatment for sciatica.*
- *Michelle, friend of Roxanne Taylor, receiving treatment for cancer.*
- *Donna Boedel, recovering at Rocky Knoll.*
- *Linda Luft, sister of Mark Mathe, for health and healing.*
- *Brady Laib, brother-in-law of Aaron Buchholz, recovering from surgery.*
- *Liam Reznik, grandson of Dave & Roxanne Taylor, continuing health issues.*
- *Sherri Knorr, friend of Emmanuel members, recovering from surgery.*
- *Ted Westerman, father of Teddy Westerman, upcoming procedure.*
- *All who are battling cancer:*
  - *Jessica Dolezal*
  - *Jayne Cotter*
  - *Norm Taylor*
  - *Jan Klug*
  - *Michelle, friend of Roxanne Taylor*
  - *Debi Verhage, daughter of Ruth McKenna*
  - *Dylan Martin, nephew of Chris and Mandy Neumann*
  - *Rev. Brad Birtell, brother of Amy Assmann*
  - *Gloria, friend of Chris Born*
  - *Connie Kilb, friend of Lori Cline*

Please also keep in prayer
—our Seminarian Andrew Harrill;
—Rev. Nathan Meador, our district president;
—Matthew Harrison, synod president;
—the members, officers and organizations of Emmanuel;
—our circuit congregation, St. Paul in Cascade and Rev. Richard Bidinger;
—our Missionary Rev. James May and his family in Africa; and
—our shut-in Members, Donna Bloedel

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