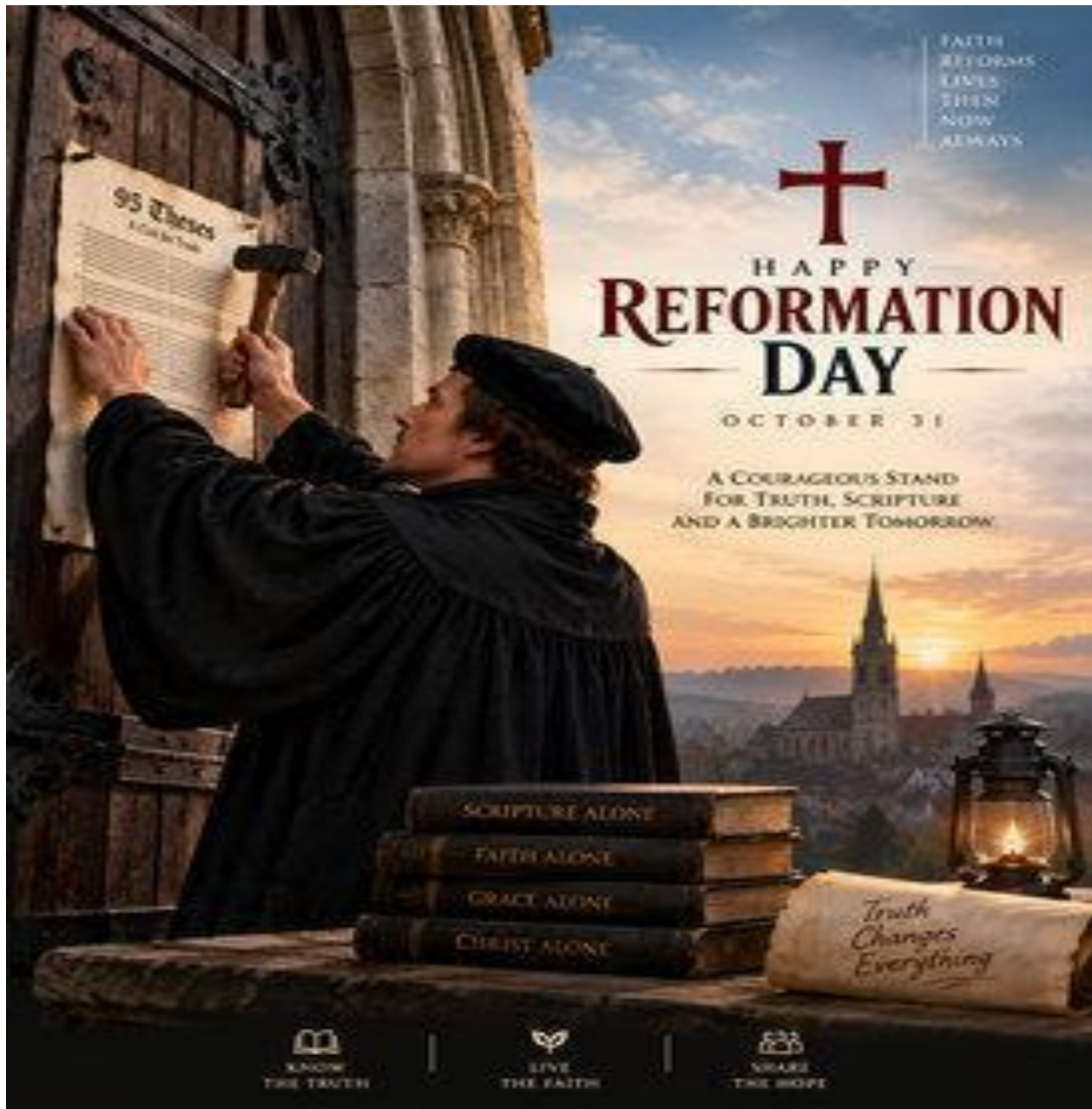


CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCT 25, 2026 SUNDAY 9:00 AM
PASTOR: MARK HOFFMANN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*
maroon hymnal page 657 verses 1-4

THE INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of
the Holy Spirit,

C: Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(A moment of silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed.

C: Most merciful God, You raised up your servants in the Reformation to proclaim that we are justified by grace alone, through faith alone, because of Christ alone. Yet, we confess that we have not lived as people freed by the Gospel. We have trusted in our own works, boasted in our own righteousness, and failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. We have kept silent when we should have spoken, and we have divided Your Church through our pride. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. By the authority of Christ, and as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. The structural pillars of

our faith stand secure: *Scripture alone* guides us, *grace alone* saves us, and *faith alone* receives it. Go in the peace of this freedom.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PRAISE (please be seated) *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* maroon hymnal page 655 verses 1-3

THE KYRIE

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, Gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

THE GREETING

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (pray together)

Loving heavenly Father, we praise and thank You for Your goodness and grace toward us. I pray that I may never forget the amazing grace that I received, in that while I was yet a sinner, fulfilling the desires of my mind and flesh, Christ died for me. Thank You that You have not judged me according to my own sin, for I would not stand the scrutiny of Your perfect righteousness, but Christ was judged in my place and punished for my sin. Just as He was identified with all my sin, so I am identified with His perfect righteousness, through time and into eternity, simply by trusting in Him. I pray that may I live the rest of my life, with a grateful heart of thanksgiving and praise. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 46

L God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

**C Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**

L though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their
surging.

**C There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.**

L God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

**C Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth
melts.**

L The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**C Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he has
brought on the earth.**

L He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and
shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

**C He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among
the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."**

L The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**ALL: Praise be to God the Father, God the Son and God
the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S TALK (children are invited to the front of the church. Phil Groat leads it today)

GOSPEL READING John 8:31-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8th chapter.

C: Praise be to You, O God

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell; on the
third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and
sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he will
come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion
of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and
the life everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*
maroon hymnal page 576 verses 1-4

MESSAGE: *Reformation Reminders*

Gathering of offerings and tithes and gifts of love.

OFFERING HYMN *Jesus Loves Me*
maroon hymnal page 588 verses 1-2

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Responsive)

L Here we stand, Lord,
C The people you have redeemed.

L Here we stand, Lord,
**C giving thanks to you for you are good. We give thanks that your love
O Lord lasts forever. We thank you that you free those who are
oppressed.**

L Here we stand Lord knowing that it is you
**C We all can cry out to You for help in times of trouble. We know that
you will not only deliver us but that you will lead our way to where we
need to go.**

L (specific petitions for the sick and suffering)

L Here we stand by You Lord the living water
**C We drink freely from your waters that gratifies everyone who is
thirsty. And we thank you that you also give plenty to eat for those who
are hungry.**

L Here we stand with those who reformed the church so long ago
C Here we stand witnesses to your good news for all.
L Here we stand your servants, your followers, your children. Lord teach us
to pray

THE LORD'S PRAYER (please rise)

**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 PREFACE

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

L: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS (sung)

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Maroon Hymnal p. 161

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you. (please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORSHIP DURING COMMUNION

I Come, O Savior to Thy Table maroon hymnal page 618 verses 1-5

Thy Strong Word maroon hymnal page 578 verses 1-6

POST COMMUNION COLLECT (please rise)

L: Let us pray together...

C: We give thanks to You, almighty God that You have refreshed us Through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy, You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our

**Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise*
maroon hymnal page 917 verses 1-4

THE SENDING

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Immediately After Worship join us in the Fellowship Hall for some refreshment and then a Bible study which concludes at 11:00 am. Sunday School for children is held in the rear of the church building and goes from approx 10:15-11:00. Beginning Nov 1 our adult Bible study will be on the book of Revelation

Lord's Supper; we celebrate Holy Communion each Sunday. If your beliefs are similar to the statement below concerning the Lord's Supper, please know you are welcome to commune with us.

The Lord's Supper, or Communion, is a Biblical event, given by Jesus for the strengthening of our faith and the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26). We invite all baptized Christians, who believe in Jesus Christ as their savior, desire forgiveness of their sins, and believe that the body and blood are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you are unsure of what you believe, or have questions, please speak to the Pastor.

Children who have not gone through instruction or confirmation may come forward to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms so the server knows that you are not communing.

Grape juice is available in the center cups and is clear in color. Gluten free wafers are available;

Last week we were blessed with approximately 60 people in worship.

Services Online: You can view this week's service on Christ Lutheran's Facebook page or view this week and past week's services on our web page at ChristLutheranCoolidge.com it is under the services tab. You can also give on line, simply click on the online giving on the web site

Each first and third Sat of the month from 9-10 am will be a Bible study. We meet in the fellowship hall, join us Sat Nov 7 as we begin a study on Mormonism

Ladies Bible study will be the third Wed in Nov the 18th at 1:30, and each 3rd Wed of the month following. All ladies are invited to the Bible study, then you are welcome to stay after that for a brief LWML meeting.

Please return the Christmas child boxes by next Sunday. Thanks so much for helping make a child's Christmas special!

Thanksgiving Eve and Advent services will begin with Thanksgiving Eve Communion service on Wed Nov 25 at 5 pm and then brief Advent services on Wed's Dec 2 and 9 with a soup / sandwich dinner after. Dec 16 will be Christmas carol singing and we'll have cookies and other desserts.

Christmas Eve Candlelight / Communion service is Dec 24 also at 5 pm

In your prayers this week please pray for: Gary, Deb, Samuel, Tobi. Thank God for sending Jesus who died and rose again for our forgiveness and salvation. The men and women in uniform including our military, law enforcement officers and all first responders who serve in our communities. The Christian church, its leaders and pastors, including our District and Synodical presidents, Mike and Matthew. Pray for safe keeping for all those who are traveling.

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning! Bring a friend next week!

First time guests: Please sign the guest register at the rear of the church. Join us again next Sunday for worship. If you have any questions about Christ Lutheran, speak with any of the wonderful people sitting around you! You are always welcome—this is your Father's House! You are always welcome to join Christ Lutheran church. Please consult Pastor Mark if you wish to become a member or associate member.....

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