**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Northwood, Iowa
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*THAT ALL MAY KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST*

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**Reformation Sunday**

**October 31st, 2021
9:00am**

**Pastor Becky Sogge**

**Acolyte:** Emy Wahl and Kinley Stambaugh

**Organist/Pianist:** Loraine Mix

**Lay reader:** Larry Klitzke

**Special Music:** Senior Choir

**Sound/Video:** Hayden Moore, Mark Willand

**Counters:** Randy & Laure Buehrer, Steph Perkins

**Altar Guild:** JULIACircle

### Prelude -Loraine Mix

### Welcome – Announcements

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our comforter: **like lost sheep, we have gone astray.** **We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.** **We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.** **We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.** **Free us from our sin, gracious God.** **Listen when we call out to you for help.** **Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.** **Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen**

**Opening Hymn** *“A Mighty Fortress”* ELW 504

### Greeting p. 184

### Kyrie p. 184

### Prayer of the Day

**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.**

**Special Music : *“Amazing Grace”*  -Senior Choir**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 46**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,** **and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,** **the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;** **God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**Come now, regard the works of the Lord,** **what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

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.

**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;** **I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28**

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### Gospel: John 8:31-36

(Before) The holy gospel according to Mark.
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

(After) The gospel of the Lord.
 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Children’s Sermon

### Sermon *Pastor Becky Sogge*

### Hymn of the Day “*Precious Lord, Take My Hand”* ELW 773

**Affirmation of Baptism**

**Prayers of Intercession**

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Temple Talk:** Rose Fredricks

### *Offering is received in the plates at the entrance of the sanctuary or electronically through Vanco*

**Offering Prayer**

**Lord’s Prayer p. 145**

**Blessing**

People of God, you are Christ’s body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

**Closing Hymn “***What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”* ELW 774

**Dismissal**

**Consecration/Pledge Sunday – November 14th**

Pastor Steve Brackett from the Northeastern Iowa Synod office will be preaching as we continue our journey of “You Are Not Alone” and consider our financial commitment to the ministry of First Lutheran. You are asked to return your Pledge card during service on Sunday or mail it in using the return address envelope you will be receiving in the mail.

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

**That all may know the love of God in Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude - Loraine Mix

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**2021 Trust Fund Updates**

The Trust Fund Committee would like to remind congregation members that grant application forms are available in the Church Office. Grants are recommended for new ministries, separate and apart from the day to day operation of the Church. Please submit your application to the appropriate committee of the church for review and approval. The deadline for committees to submit approved applications to the Church Office is noon on December 9, 2021. Please contact any Trust Fund member with questions.

**Mission Project for October**

**The Caring Tree / Operation Christmas Child**

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| **Weekly Attendance and Giving** |
| **Date** | **Attendance** | **Giving** |
| October 24 | 96 | $1,123.00 |
| October 17 | 166 | $2,252.00 |
| October 10 | 67 | $603.00 |
| October 3 | 70 | $2,148.00 |

Announcements

**Thank you** for your gift of 6 quilts to LSI Refugee and Immigrant Services. We are grateful for friends such as you.

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| **Weekly Calendar** |
| Sunday, October 31 | 9:00 am | Worship Service with N.O.\* |
|  |  | With Affirmation of Baptism |
|  | 10:10 am | Sunday School |
|  | 5:00 pm | JH. Youth |
| Monday, November 1 | 6:00 pm | Bell Choir |
|  | 6:00 pm | Worship Meeting |
|  Tuesday, November 2 | 11:00 am | Staff Meeting |
|  |  7:30 pm | AA –Al-Anon |
| Wednesday, November 3 | 5:45 pm | Confirmation |
|  | 7:00 pm | Choir Practice |
|  | 7:00 pm | SH. Youth |
| Thursday, November 4 | 8:30 am | Quilting |
|  | 9:00 am | Prayer Group |
|  | 6:30 pm | Taekwondo |
| Sunday, November 7 | 9:00 am | Worship Service with H.C.\* |
|  |  | With All Saints Day |
|  | 10:10 am | Sunday School |
|  | 6:30 pm | JH. Youth |