

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Reformation Sunday
Confirmation Sunday
Sunday, October 26, 2025, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Stephanie White

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# Order of Worship (ELW Setting 3) Reformation Sunday Confirmation Sunday

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.

#### Key to hymnals in the pews:

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red); page numbers are in front, hymns in back WOV = With One Voice (blue); page numbers are in front, hymns in back STS = Spirit Touching Spirit (grey)

\* = Please rise

# **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

#### Prelude

#### Welcome and Announcements

We welcome all who are gathered with us for worship, whether in person or via the livestream! If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, please send an e-mail to <a href="mailto:redeemer@gvtel.com">redeemer@gvtel.com</a> to let us know from where you are worshipping.

#### \*Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.** 

\*Processional Hymn A Mighty Fortress Is Our God ELW #504

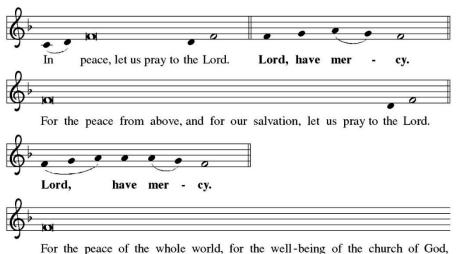
All face the processional cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

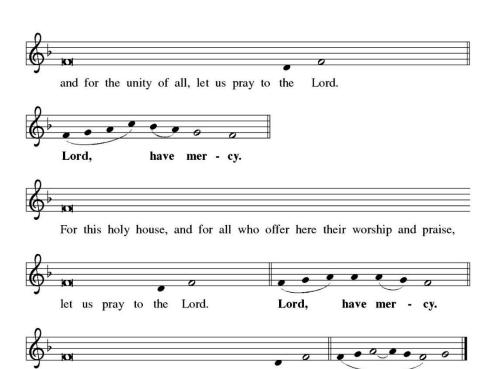
#### \*Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

\*Kyrie ELW p.138





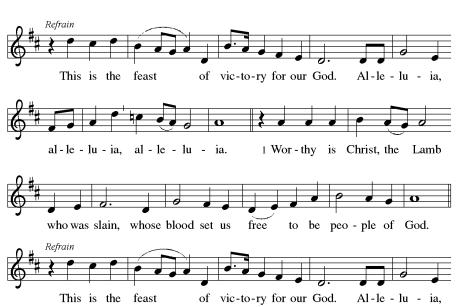
#### \*Canticle of Praise

# This Is the Feast of Victory

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A

ELW p. 140

men.







# \*Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...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.

# **WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song.

First Reading: 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.

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Beckem Johnson

<sup>31</sup> 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. <sup>32</sup> 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. <sup>33</sup> 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. <sup>34</sup> 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.

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

Psalm 46 Kaitlyn Jahn

- <sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
- <sup>3</sup> though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- <sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
- <sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.
- <sup>6</sup> The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- <sup>8</sup> Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
- <sup>9</sup> 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.
- <sup>10</sup> "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.

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

Romans 3:19-28 Marla Carlson

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

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

<sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

# \*Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 142



Gospel: Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

# \*Gospel: John 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to St. John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup> Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup> 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'?"

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

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

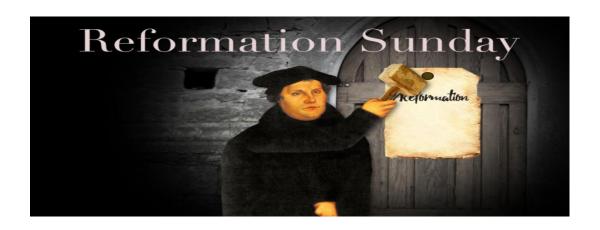
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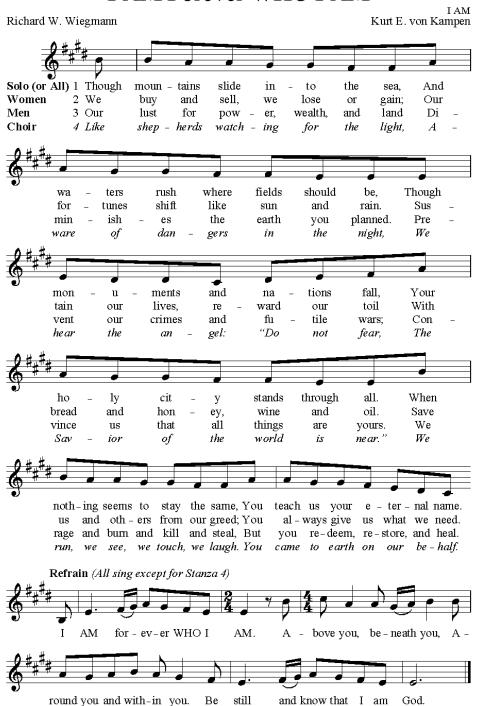
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\*Hymn of the Day

I AM Forever WHO I AM Sing stanzas as indicated; all sing stanza 1.



# I AM Forever WHO I AM



All 5 Each generation looks for truth,
And doubt can trouble age or youth.
If other gods would take your place,
Remember us with love and grace.
Reclaim us if we go astray;
You are the Truth, the Life, the Way. Refrain

All 6 Some days seem long, though life is brief,
And death is waiting like a thief.
When vision fades and dreams go dry,
We will on unseen things rely.
Our stories take up but a page,
But yours goes on from age to age. Refrain

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# **Rite of Affirmation of Baptism**

PRESENTATION Jan Nordin

I present the following students, who after diligent study and instruction, desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Kiptyn Anderson Marla Carlson Storm Dcamp Charleigh Hamre Myla Holmes Kaitlyn Jahn Beckem Johnson Madisyn Olson Adrian Solheim

Let us pray...

Amen.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

#### \*PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God, the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

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.

#### \*AFFIRMATION

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each candidate responds: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

# Laying on of Hands/Blessing

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

Congregation: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

The congregation may be seated for the laying on of hands.

Jan Nordin: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ! We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

#### \*Prayers of the Church

...God of grace, receive our prayer.

#### \*Peace

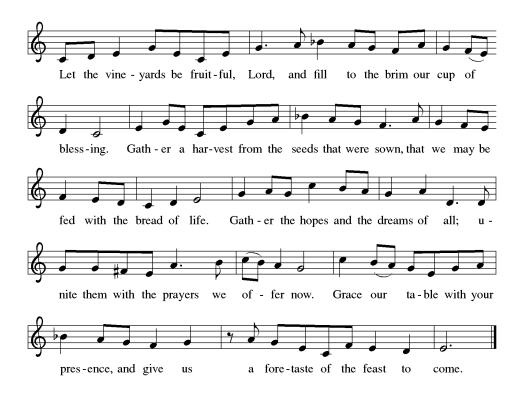
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** 

# MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

### Offering

We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering box before the service or at this time. As our tithes and offerings are being collected, **please** take a moment to sign the red Friendship Pad.



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### \*Offering Prayer

Lord of the Harvest,

we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us.

Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

# \*Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

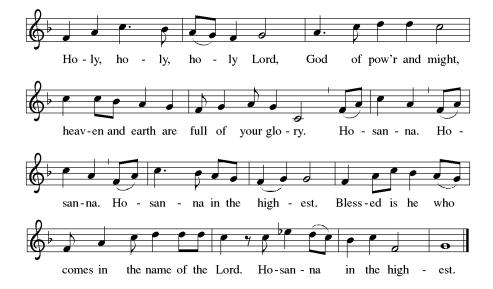
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

\*Sanctus ELW p. 144



In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

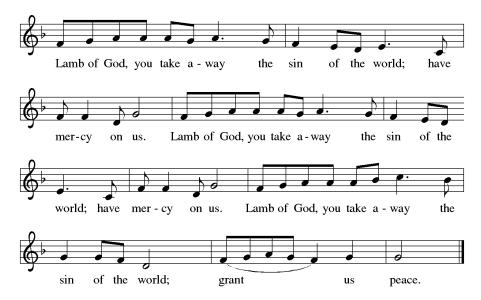
# \*Lord's Prayer

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





\*Agnus Dei ELW p. 146



#### Distribution

If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, we invite you to join in celebrating at Christ's table wherever you are, with bread and wine, grape juice, or water, as we remain physically separated yet "together met, together bound by all that God has done" and "the love that makes us one." ("I Come with Joy", ELW #482)

If you are worshipping with us in person today, know that <u>all</u> who come seeking Jesus are invited to receive these gifts of God. Please approach the serving station at the front of the church using the center aisle. After receiving the Bread of Life, please take an empty cup before approaching the wine station; if you prefer grape juice instead of wine, please take one of the pre-filled cups of white grape juice from the center of the tray.

Our bread is gluten- and other allergen-free.

**Hymns during Distribution** 

For by Grace You Have Been Saved My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less ELW #598 ELW #597

#### \*Post-Communion Blessing

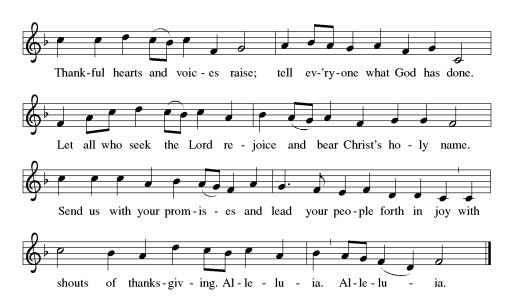
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

#### \*Post-Communion Canticle

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

ELW #204



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# \*Post-Communion Blessing

O God,

through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

# **SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

# \*Blessing

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, 

→ bless you now and forever.



\*Sending Hymn

Soli Deo Gloria

ELW #878

All face the processional cross as it is carried from the sanctuary

#### \*Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY 9:30 A.M.

Presiding: Rev. Stephanie White

Acolytes: Kellen Johnson, Journey Sorenson

Ushers: Cecil and Maryel Anderson

Lectors: Beckem Johnson, Kaitlyn Jahn, Marla Carlson

Serving at the Altar: Confirmands

Organist: Reid Froiland Cantor: Chris Cuppett Video: Dave Ulrich

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# In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Tom Gustafson, Mark & Kathi Jenkins, Tamara Vaughan, Darren Bakke, Shawn Groven, Mason Laidley, Joyce White, Dave Thompson, Sandra Sunsdahl, Cindy Hughes, Jim Potucek, Rick Harbott, Sara LaFayette Valentine, Michelle Kasprick, Neil Erickson, Shari Safranski, Bob and Barb Horien, Rick and Tami Hanson, Rose Teie, and Fern Melbye.

Financial stewardship 2025 Budget \$329,106.00 Needed monthly \$27,425.50 Needed Weekly \$6,328.96

**Quarterly statements** are available upon request; please contact Marit at the church office.

Altar flowers are given by June Johnson in loving memory of Marvin Johnson, and by Tom Kays in loving memory of Dianne Kays.



**Volunteers are needed to read, usher and serve communion**. If you can help out in any of these roles, please fill out a volunteer sheet found in the Narthex. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

A cake reception will be held today in the Fellowship Hall to honor our confirmands. All are welcome to stay for cake and coffee after the service.

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> is All Saints Day,** a day to celebrate those who have been baptized and those who have passed in the last year. Please come and honor these saints. There will be a time for you to light a candle in the memory garden.

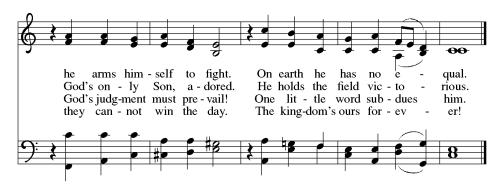


# October Birthdays -

1 – Kylea Bernier 2 – Grace Littlefield, Hunter Goulet 3 – Sara Niemela, Imogene Helle, Fern Melbye 4 – Logan Kruchowski, Melanie Lunsetter, Wally Sjaaheim, Reagan Dagg 5 – 6 – Cindy Dally, Beckem Johnson, Grace Gillespie 7 – 8 – Becky Berg 9 – Henley Anderson, Michelle Kasprick, Renae Dalen, Sue Dupree 10 – Arlette Defreece, John Mattson, Mya Eidelbes, Scott Huseth 11 – Daylin Eakes, 12 – Dave Thompson 13 - Barb Gehrls, Amanda Miller 14 – Brandon Ortloff, Amanda Coltom 15 – Tim Bergerson, 16 – Eva Eickman, Rolek Anderson 17 – 18 – LaVay Hickerson, Spencer Hempel, Paula Praska, 19 – Heather Bayne 20 – Cody Teie 21 – Seth Anderson, Cassandra Reierson, Ryan Haugen, Karen Borg 22 – 23 - Maizey Ziegler, Diedre Nordin 24 – Bruce Olson, Janet Myers 25 – Julie Olson, Leah Walker 26 – Kara Jimenez, Steve Milender 27 – Tyler Sele 28 – 29 – 30 – 31 – Nate Halsa, Brielle Johns, Myles Johnson

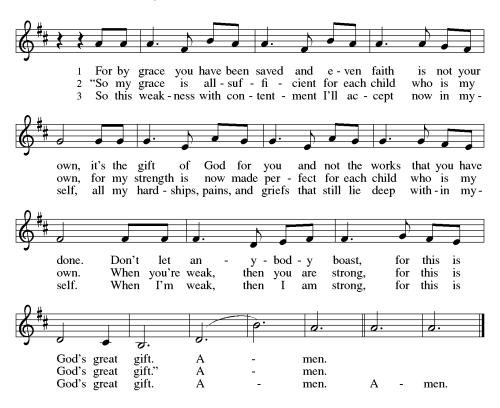
# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God





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# For by Grace You Have Been Saved



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# My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt. Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

### Soli Deo Gloria



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