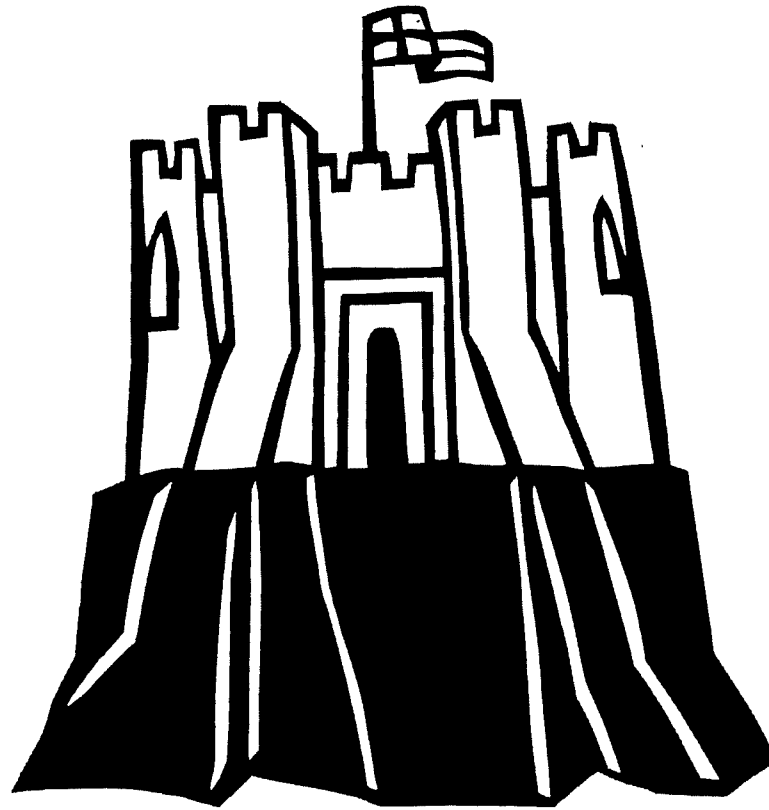


Reformation Sunday

October 26th, 2025 ~ 8:30am



+ Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church +

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WELCOME

() Please stand as you are comfortable and able*

Prelude Music, Welcome & Announcements

*Opening Litany for Reformation Sunday

- P: As we celebrate the Reformation, we remember those who work to create unity among all the churches and seek to find ways to walk together.
- C: **O God, we give You thanks.**
- P: We remember those in every age who bring reformation and renewal to the church when it has become complacent.
- C: **O God, we give You thanks.**
- P: For the times when self-preservation prevailed over the will of God and we overlooked our oneness as siblings in Christ -
- C: **We ask for your mercy, O Lord, that we may be willing to work at healing divisions within this sacred body of Christ. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn #504 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

*The Greeting and Prayer of the Day

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: **And also with you.**
- P: 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.**

The First Reading ~ Jeremiah 31: 31-34

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. "

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.

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

Psalm 46 (read responsively, lector then congregation)

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.**

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.

The Second Reading ~ Romans 3: 19-28

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.

¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets; ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ 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; ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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***The Gospel Acclamation** (sung by all)





*The Holy Gospel ~ John 8: 31-36

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

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

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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Ron Hari

*Hymn #654

"The Church's One Foundation"

*The Apostles' Creed (professed together)

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

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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the commun-

**ion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Prayer of the Church**

After each prayer petition, please respond:

God of grace ... **Receive our prayer.**

Anthem

"God is Our Refuge"

The Blessing of the Communion Elements

P: 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

The Lord's Prayer (traditional ~ prayed by all)

+ Communal Reception of the Sacrament +

Communion will be distributed by method of intinction; that is, the wafer will be dipped in the chalice so that both elements are received together.

Post Communion Prayer and Benediction

P: God our hope, we give You thanks that You have given us this foretaste of the justice, righteousness, and peace of your promised new creation. Strengthen us with this heavenly food as we seek to serve your Church. Lead us to live in joyful expectation of the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

P: The Lord bless + and keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth, forevermore. **Amen.**

*Closing Hymn #652

“Built on a Rock”

*The Dismissal

Go in peace and serve the Lord in love.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude Music

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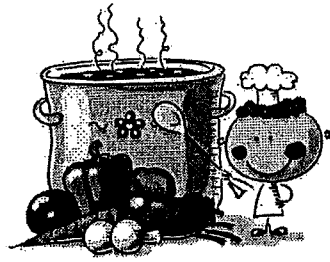
... to Pastor Ron Hari for leading our worship this morning



To be remembered in prayer ... Richard Eisenhart, Hope Geary, Jeanne Logan, Barbara Shaneberger, Kathleen Tuomela May, Darrell Tuomela, Joe Ulmer, people living in war-torn countries, victims of oppression, injustice, violence, and natural disasters, and other dear ones whom we name before God. ✝

The altar flowers have been sponsored by
Karen Bugger in loving memory of her
husband, Bill. ♥





Soup & Bake Sale

Join us on

Sat., November 8th from 9am-noon

for a soup & bake sale and basket raffle!

What a great way to purchase a delicious meal to keep warm during these cooler autumn months.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to provide soup and/or assorted baked goods for this occasion.



Coats for Kids!

Betty Lou's Pantry is collecting new and gently used children's coats. Please bring any donations to church and place the coats in the plastic bin located in the narthex. Thank you!

... **ALSO** ...

There are information sheets available on the narthex table indicating the needed items for our Mission District Christmas Ingathering event. Items may be brought to church before November 23rd.