

First Lutheran Church
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*We are all one body, one spirit, compelled by Christ to
share his Word and the promise of salvation.*

Matthew 28



REFORMATION SUNDAY
Sunday, October 28, 2018

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted 95 Theses (propositions) on the door of the Wittenberg Castle Church as an invitation to debate the sale of indulgences for forgiveness. That event sparked a reform movement that eventually led to a Lutheran church and separate denominations. Luther did establish the idea that the Church is always in need of reform in the light of the gospel. Luther's primary principal that Christians are justified by God's grace through faith in Christ. Today we pray for church unity, for the purity of God's word, and for a church that is always open to reform and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

C: God's love surrounds us every day; our God is merciful and gracious.

P: Turn your backs upon false gods, worship the Holy One of Israel.

C: Blessed are all who stand in awe before God; happy are all who walk in his ways.

P: The love of God has chosen us, the love of God unites us with all his people.

C: God is our source of life; God is our comfort and our refuge.

P: There is one Body and one Spirit;

C: There is one hope in God's call to us;

P: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

C: One God and Father of all.

P: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 504

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: We are commanded to love our awesome God, with our whole heart, mind and soul. Although we continually fail, God never ceases to long for us to turn away from our sin and toward holiness. Knowing the richness of God's mercy, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for personal reflection.

P: Merciful Savior,

C: We thank you for your servant, Martin Luther, and for using him to call your church back to its first love. We, too, need to be reminded of the ways we have strayed from your path for us. We ask for your forgiveness when we put self before neighbor, when we proclaim the gospel with our mouths but betray it with our actions, when we seek your mercy without true repentance. Forgive us when we are judgmental rather than compassionate, arrogant rather than humble, mean-spirited rather than forgiving. Renew within us the joy of loving you with all our heart, mind, soul and strength, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: God is a mighty fortress, therefore, we have nothing to fear! Go in power to love and serve your neighbor this week because your sins are forgiven. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE No. 509
“God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: 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..... CHOIR
“Beautiful Savior”**

HEARING GOD’S WORD

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34

31The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32It 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. 33But 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. 34No 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. Here ends the first lesson.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 2:4-10

4But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us 5when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — 6and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward

us in Christ Jesus. 8For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — 9not the result of works, so that no one may boast. 10For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. Here ends the second lesson.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please stand) Page 205

C: Alleluia Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL John 8:31-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the eighth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

31Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; 32and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” 33They 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?’” 34Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. 36So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON. Pastor Joyce Tollefson Capp

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY No. 581 “You Are Mine”

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THE PRAYERS

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG. Worship Team “Sanctuary”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

C: Loving Creator, you have generously and graciously given us blessing after blessing, gift after gift, kindness after kindness. Your steadfast love and amazing grace abound in our lives. We offer the gifts of our labor and our monetary offerings. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

THE LORD’S PRAYER Page 154

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION HYMN No. 779 “Amazing Grace”

COMMUNION SONGS..... Worship Team
“Potters Hand” “How Beautiful” “All Who Are Thirsty”

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

C: We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one with the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GOD’S PEOPLE SENT FORTH

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN No. 670 “Build Us Up Lord”

POSTLUDE

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THE WORSHIP BROADCAST today is sponsored in honor of Al Hollingsworth’s birthday and Allan & Chris and Arv & Shelly’s anniversary.

WELCOME! In the name of our Triune God — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — welcome to this time of prayer and praise, Word and worship. We practice open Communion at First Lutheran. If you believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, his body and blood shed for you, you are welcome to our table. *Apple juice is available upon request.*

Ministers.....	Members of First Lutheran Church
Pastor	Rev. Joyce Tollefson Capp
Organist	Jeanine Olson
Readers.....	Marli Taubert, Ryan Woodbury, Kaden Musch,
Acolytes	Caleb Velde, Chase Wilson
Ushers. .	Gregg Johnson, Dan Wagner, Carl Petersen, Wendi Weber, Mark Muller
Sound System.....	Jason Weber, Mark Zinnel
Communion Assistants	Debbie & Jessa Reinert, Cristy Appel

Visitations Reminder - If someone is ill or in need of a Pastoral visit, please call Pastor Joyce on her cell phone @ 507-276-5543 or contact the Church office @ 825-5837.

❖ Assisted listening devices are available from the ushers.

THIS WEEKS' SCHEDULE — October 28, 2018

<p>TODAY Reformation Sunday 9:30am - Worship with Rite of Confirmation/Holy Communion 10:30am - "Pastor's Sundae" 2:00pm - Heller Baptism</p> <p>TUESDAY 6:30pm - "Prayers & Ireland" at the Parsonage</p> <p>WEDNESDAY 7:00pm - Confirmation</p> <p>NEXT SUNDAY Daylight Saving Time Ends - Turn your clocks BACK 1 Hour 9:30am- "All Saints Day" Worship/Holy Communion/Sterud Baptism 10:30am - Coffee Fellowship</p>	
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2018 October Giving

Monthly Income Required to Operate	\$ 17,800.00
Weekly Giving - Oct. 7	\$ 3,354.41
Weekly Giving - Oct. 14	\$ 3,208.00
Weekly Giving - Oct. 21	\$ 3,255.77
Weekly Giving - Oct. 28	
Total to Date	\$ 9,918.18



Please join us in the Fellowship hall following today's Worship service for an Ice Cream Sundae in recognition & honor of Pastor Joyce.

Stewardship Quote

The world asks: "What does a person own?" God asks, "How does a person use what he or she has been given?"



Quilt Raffle:

The loving and talented church women have made a Halloween themed quilt for the youth raffle. Tickets are \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5 or 6 for \$10.00. Funds from this raffle will go towards the youth attending the Youth Gathering in Willmar in November. ***Let's work together to make this a super fund raiser.***



Soles4Souls First Lutheran will be collecting shoes for “Soles4Souls” project that will start after the coat drive & continue until just before the Meatball Supper. Any shoes in any condition are needed, even a singleton. Please tie or fasten the pair together. Use the box in the Narthex. Clean out those closets and help others with this project sponsored by FLCW.

NEEDED : “End of the season” in-store and/or online clearance fall decorations (fake pumpkins, gourds, mum plants, corn cobs & stalks, etc.). They will be ideal for use as non-perishable fall decorations for many years ahead.



The Annual ‘Banquet Ministry’
First Lutheran Church served Dinner at the Banquet Ministry in Sioux Falls, on Wednesday, October 24th, 2018. The total number of meals that were served was 471 - 415 adults and 56 children.

Thank you for supporting the Banquet ministry to serve those in need !

61 School Backpacks were assembled and will be taken to the Lutheran World Relief Distribution Center in So. St Paul. Thank you to the Women who organized this project and to all who donated to this worthwhile project. Thank you for being part of “God’s Work....Our Hands”.



First Lutheran Church Annual MEATBALL SUPPER
November 13, 2018 5-7pm
(or until all are served)
Snow date - Nov. 20, 2018
Adults - \$10.00 7-12 years - \$5
Carry-out & Delivery will be available!

