



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Gathered by God, We Live Our Faith With:
Compassion, Grace, Gratitude, and Joy.**

Welcome to Worship :: October 26, 2025

Today's Worship Ministers

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Order of Service

Gathering

Announcements, Prelude
Confession/Forgiveness
The Peace

Hymn: ELW 715, Christ Be Our Light

The Word

Pastoral Greeting

Kyrie: ELW Setting 4, page 147

“This Is The Feast”: ELW Setting 4, page 149

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

Jeremiah 3:31-34; Romans 3:19-28

Gospel Acclamation: ELW Setting 4, page 151

John 8:31-36

Sermon

Hymn: ELW 517, Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Holy Communion

Offering Prayer

Offering Hymn: ELW 694 Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Verses 1 and 3

Great Thanksgiving: ELW Setting 4, page 152

“Holy, Holy, Holy”: ELW Setting 4, page 153

Lord's Prayer

“Lamb of God”: ELW Setting 4, page 154

Hymn During Communion: ELW 800 Spirit of God, Descend

Upon My Heart

Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Benediction

Benediction Refrain: ELW 538, The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Dismissal

Check Out Our Welcome Center

Coffee Station: We have a variety of Coffee and Tea options in our Narthex. Feel free to enjoy your beverage throughout the worship service

Giving Station: Our offering Plate and Vision and Purpose Giving Jar are located under the Narthex window

Vision and Purpose: In October, we are supporting Mosaic, a Lutheran-founded ministry for adults with disabilities.

Weekly Newsletters: Print Copies of our weekly newsletter are available under the Narthex Window. The email version will be sent out on Monday. If you wish to receive a copy by email or a hard copy by mail, please let Pastor Jamie know.

In Our Prayers

Linda Ellison, Ila Roseberry, Kathi Cruce, Dean Sandstrom, Emily Agema, Janet Lowe, Brian Elliott, Wes Lovdahl, Doug Moulden, Marlene Moulden, Dan Golden, Teresa Eyler, Bob Rieck, Pam Best

Halloween Fun Night

Our Annual Halloween Fun Night will be Tuesday, October 28th.

We get to welcome families from all over Monmouth to our church and provide a fun, safe space to celebrate the creativity of Halloween.

Join us for all the fun that night. Doors open to the public at 6 PM

Jeremiah 31:31-34

God promises a new covenant

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.

Romans 3:19-28

We are justified by faith

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.

John 8:31-36

The truth shall set you free

31 Then 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.