

Our Savior Lutheran Church
Reformation Sunday – October 25, 2026
9:00 a.m. Worship Service



Give



Serve



Attend



Grow

Stewardship

*Fourth Sunday of Stewardship time:
My health to better living as a witness to Jesus.*

Prelude
Bells Call to Worship (chimes)

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Peace

Reformation Call to Worship

A: 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.

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

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A: Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

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

Stewardship Hymn
Take My Life, That I May Be - ELW #685 vs 4 & 6

The 4-H of our Stewardship

A: We gather in Abundance, away from the rush and the race, to celebrate the generous spirit that sings, without fear, "may all have enough."

C: We gather to live into the work of God's call.

A: We gather in Grace, awake to the sin of despair and degradation, awake to the chance to be more and the possibilities seeded within.

C: We gather to grow: to change moment-by-moment, in grace again and again.

A: We gather in Hope, ready to do more than talk, ready to make change one letter, one meal, one home, one gift, and one hand at a time. Ready to live and move and be. Ready to be the Change God calls us to be.

C: We gather to give of our time and our talents our hopes and our energy. We gather to serve with the love of God, in love for our neighbors and ourselves. Amen.

Invocation

L: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Prayer for Reformation Day

L: Gracious Father, we pray for your church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt,

C: purify it;

L: where it is in error,

C: direct it;

L: where in anything it is amiss,

C: reform it;

L: where it is right,

C: strengthen it;

L: where it is in need,

C: provide for it;

L: where it is divided,

C: reunite it;

L: for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise - My Savior And My God *sung by Michelle Palm*

Prayer of the Day

A: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age.

C: Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people.

A: Keep them steadfast in your word,

C: protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace,

A: through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Word

First Reading - Jeremiah 31:31-34

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, ³ though its waters roar and foam, 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 moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

⁶ The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts.

⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

⁸ Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."

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Second Reading - Romans 3:19-28

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Reformation Gospel - John 8:31-36

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.

Short reflection on Reformation

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a

second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

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

Message – Tim Leitner, SAM

Hymn of the Day – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God – ELW #504

The Apostles' Creed

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

Prayers of Intercession

L: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

Each petition will end with: Hear us, O God.

*The response is: **Your mercy is great.***

L: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Offering

Offertory Hymn – In Christ Alone
sung by Michelle Palm and Jim Rimington

Offertory Prayer

A: God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.

C: All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have.

A: Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth, as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

L: Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A: Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.

C: By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,

A: following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

Blessing

L: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

L: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn – Build on a Rock – ELW #652 vs 1-4

Dismissal

A: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

OSLC Land Acknowledgement

As children of God, we honor the true story of this land where we worship.

This congregation of **Our Savior Lutheran Church** acknowledges and honors the Sauk & Fox, Kickapoo, Kaskaskia, Myaamia, Peoria and Očhéthi Šakówinj peoples, upon whose ancestral homelands we gather for worship, as well as all our Indigenous siblings who continue to care for this land and call it their home. May we tell our story in its fullness, for in knowing the truth of who we have been, we come to know

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

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Prayer Concerns:

Lisa Lusk. Friend of Melanie. Recovering at home in N Carolina
Lillian Pinkston – health concerns
John (family friend of Vickie and Randy Rayburn health concerns
John – (Mike Barger’s cousin) Health concerns
Sandy Brooks – health concerns
Pete Bartels (Larry & Darlene’s nephew) – brain cancer
Lillian Pinkston – health concerns
Scott Shoener (Melanie’s brother-in-law) – cancer
Lily Fleming – college student
Carolyn (Mike Barger’s sister) – health concerns
Paul Sipka – health concerns
Lil Marzinzik – (Sue Barger’s mother) – health concerns
Chad Wahl
For those unemployed, homeless, and suffering from addictions in our community

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	<u>Oct 25th</u>	<u>Nov 1</u>
<i>Lay Assistant</i>	Dennis	Meri
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Larry	Vickie
<i>Usher</i>	Larry	Mark
<i>Tellers</i>	Leo and Roberta	Leo and Roberta
<i>Communion</i>	Lee and Mary	Arlene and Mary S

UPCOMING EVENTS

Prayer Shawl meetings will be Tuesdays, November 10

Men's Breakfasts 7:30a.m November 19

Sunday, November 15 will be a coffee fellowship with a focus on Veterans

Next regular Council Meeting: Nov 18 7pm



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more fully who we are called to be.