

REFORMATION SUNDAY



*October 27, 2024,
10:00am*

Land Acknowledgment

We recognize that we gather on the ancestral lands of the Ojibwe, Ho Chunk, and Dakota. We acknowledge their leaders, past, present, and emerging.

GATHERING

Prelude

Partita on "Ein feste Burg"

David N. Johnson

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

**so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen

In the mercy of almighty God,

Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,

in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Opening Hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

#504

Apostolic Greeting

Hymn of Praise *All Glory Be to God on High (verses 1 & 2)*

#410

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

WORD

Children's Message

The First Reading is from Jeremiah, chapter 31

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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading is from Romans, chapter 3

¹⁹Now 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. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

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

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For 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!

Anthem

Healer of Our Every Ill

Ken Medema

Healer of our ev'ry ill, Light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear; Hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness.
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

In the pain and joy beholding, how your grace is still unfolding.
Give us all your vision, God of love.

Healer of our ev'ry ill, Light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear;
hope beyond our sorrow.

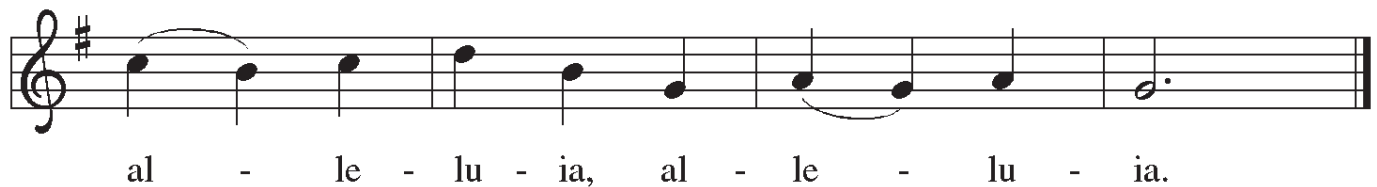
Give us strength to love each other, ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother.
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.

You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your hope beyond our sorrow. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

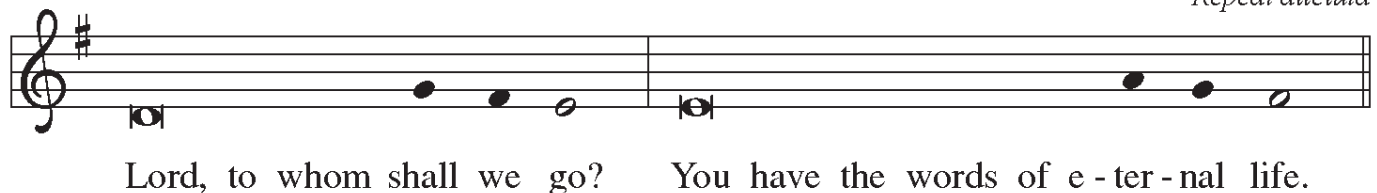


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Repeat alleluia



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

The Gospel for today comes from John, chapter 8 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."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Hymn of the Day *Salvation unto Us Has Come* (verses 1 through 4)

#590

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 the Church

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

... God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

Amen.

MEAL

Offering

All Glory Be to God on High

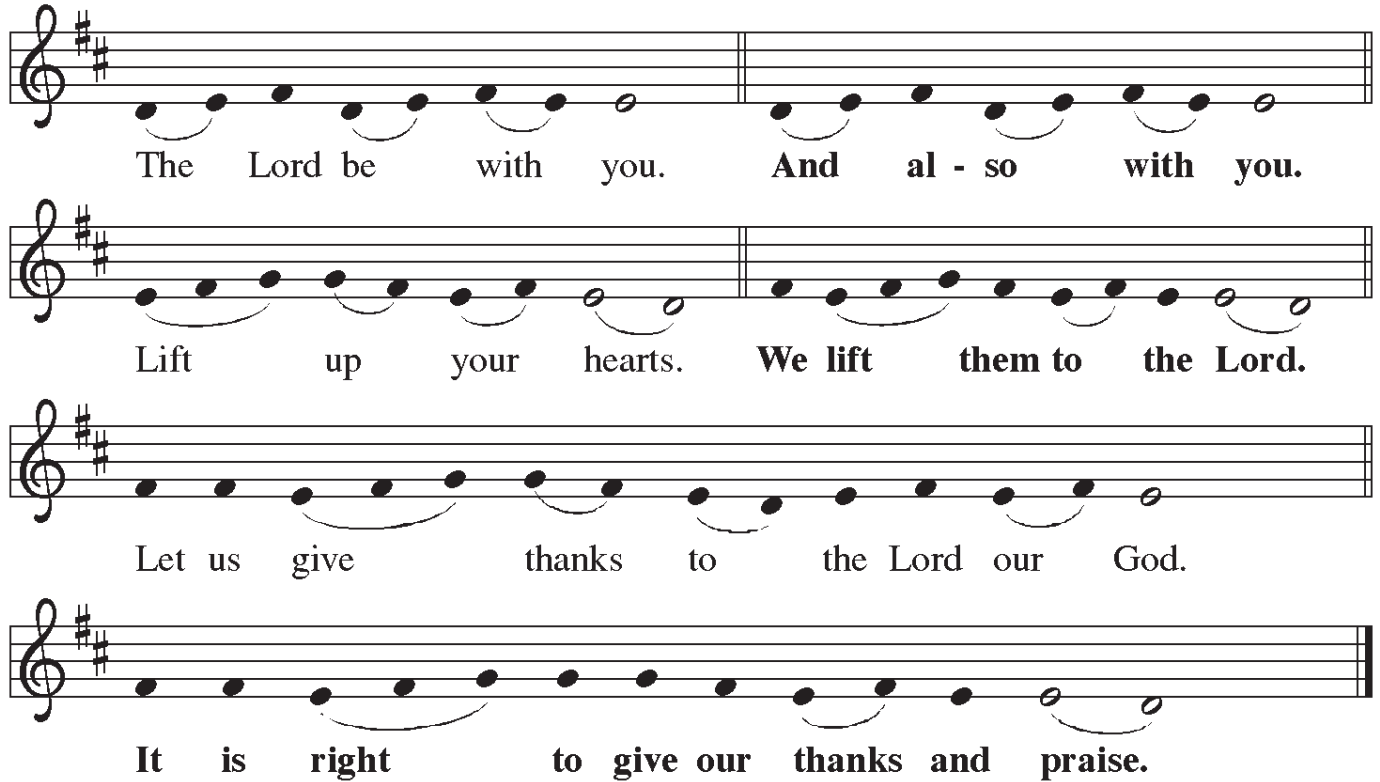
Johann Walther

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so 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." The melody is simple and consists of quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Communion

Our communion bread is gluten free and the communion cups with clear liquid have grape juice instead of wine.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Prayer After Communion

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

#517

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

We All Believe in One True God

J. S. Bach
based on ELW 411, by Martin Luther

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Assisting Minister: Paul Lokken **Choir Director:** Diana Cataldi
Reader: Norma Lionberger



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2024-10-27

Weekly Calendar

<u>SUNDAY (27th)</u> <i>Reformation Sunday</i> Coffee Hour – 9:30am Worship – 10am	<u>WEDNESDAY</u> Crafters – 10am Text Study – 12pm Choir Rehearsal – 7pm	<u>SATURDAY</u> <i>All Souls' Day</i> Fall Arts Set up – All day
<u>TUESDAY</u> Prayer Group – 11am ADRC – Healthy Living with Diabetes – 1pm ADRC – Strong Bodies – 1pm	<u>THURSDAY</u> <i>Diwali</i> ADRC – Strong Bodies – 1pm Pacibells Rehearsal – 6pm	<u>SUNDAY (3rd)</u> <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> Coffee Hour – 9:30am Worship – 10am Fall Arts Celebration – 12 noon Fall Arts Concert – 2pm
	<u>FRIDAY</u> <i>All Saints' Day</i> Fall Arts Set up – All day	

Other groups using the building this week: ADRC, Jonah, Scouts, ECWiT

All Saints' Sunday

Next Sunday we will be celebrating All Saints' Day when we remember all who have passed away the previous year. If you have a loved one who has passed and would like their name to be included, please contact Andrew in the office before next Wednesday (Oct 30) either by email (info@grace-church.org) or phone (715-832-9713).

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time will come to an end this Sunday morning. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to sleep on Saturday.

Stewardship

In preparation for the upcoming new year, members have received their time, talents, and giving response materials. Please complete and return these commitments to the office or place in the offering plate at worship by November 10th.

The office will provide the time and talent information to the Nominating Committee and will tally the financial pledges and provide the totals to the Budget Committee. These committees will make recommendations to the Church Council and the Council will in turn make their recommendations for member approval at the annual meeting early in 2025 on Sunday February 2nd.

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Beacon House — Serving Suppers In November

We will be serving the evening meals at the shelter for homeless families on the following dates: Sunday, Nov. 10; Monday, Nov. 11; and Tuesday, Nov. 12. The sign up sheets will be posted on the Lighthouse in the Narthex. Menus will be listed and you may choose which items you wish to bring. Donations may be made to the Deacon Fund which will be used for items such as milk and fruit. Thank you for your continued support for this community need.



Azura Worship Service

We will be beginning a once in the month worship service with communion at Azura, the facility where Amy Benson now lives. They will be the third Wednesday of the month at 3pm and will last about a half an hour. Anyone who wants to join us and support the singing is welcome.

Friends at the Lake

Lake Street Methodist is starting a respite program for early stages of dementia. It will be on Tuesdays from 10 to 2pm with lunch included. Social activities will allow caregivers to have a break during the week. The program is accepting volunteers so that they can reach their goal of having one volunteer for every participant. If you would like to use “Friends at the Lake” for a family member, the program begins at the end of October. The contact at LSM is laurievb@lakestreetumc.org.

Sunday School

Sunday School starts this week. Check out the following schedule for the rest of the year.

- November 3
- November 17
- December 1
- December 15

Sunday school takes place right after the Children’s Time during the service. See you there!

Small Catechism

Pastor Phil will lead a series on Martin Luther’s Small Catechism every other week during the Fall called Getting To The Heart Of Faith. Each session will be 45 minutes long shortly after worship ends.

- Nov 10 The Lord’s Prayer
- Nov 24 The Sacraments and Daily Life

Copies of the Small Catechism are available in the narthex.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped out this week to make our church building look its best. We had one of our largest groups ever help out with pulling weeds, mowing the grass, and getting the building ready for winter. The Visual Ministries also had a crew of people helping dress the sanctuary for Reformation Sunday. This time of year they are always hard at work getting the building ready for the upcoming church seasons. Thank you to everyone who helped out. We are very grateful and fortunate to have so many hardworking and generous people willing to donate their time to Grace.

Grace, Hope, Immanuel, St. Johns, Spirit, Trinity & University
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An Afternoon of Art and Music

at

Grace Lutheran Church
202 W. Grand Ave, Eau Claire

Sunday, November 3, 2024

12:00 - 3:30pm - Art exhibit

2:00 - 3:00pm - Concert by choirs & handbells

Admission is free

Free will offering to support NW Synod of WI Lay School of Ministry



Unique Boutique

Craft & Old Treasures Sale to benefit Veterans' Housing

November 9th, 2024: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Hand Crafted Items — Bake Sale

Wreaths — Jewelry — Holiday Decor

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202 West Grand Ave
Please Use 2nd Avenue Entrance**

Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

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Services are live streamed Sundays at 10am on:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gracelutheraneauclaire/>
- Youtube embedded in our website: <https://grace-church.org/our-ministry> *Bulletins may also be found on the same page.*

Recordings of worship services are broadcast Sundays 10:30am on WQOW Channel 18, Cable 9, 618HD (every other week)

Past services are posted at “Grace Lutheran Church ELCA Eau Claire Wisconsin” YouTube page — <https://bit.ly/49WLWPj>



Do you have information for the bulletin and Grace at a Glance? Deadline is Wednesday by 2:00 p.m. by emailing Andrew at info@grace-church.org or by calling the office at 715-832-9713