



## First English Lutheran Church

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### Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

### AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

9:00 am

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#### PREPARATION

Prelude, Bells

Procession of the Cross

(cross,) (Paschal candle)  
acolytes, confirmands, pastor

Processional Hymn 'A Mighty Fortress is Our God' (vs. 1 & 4) #504

Welcome & Announcements

#### **Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

*Please stand and greet each other in peace.*

#### GATHERING

**Call to Worship** (*Inspired by Jeremiah 31: 31-34*)

The Lord is making a new covenant with the people of God.

**Here in this place, Christ writes the law of love on our hearts.**

We are children of the living God.

**Together, let us worship the Lord of Love!**

Gathering Hymn 'Jesus, We are Gathered' #529  
(*requested by Cameron*)

Greeting pg. 120

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.**

Hymn of Praise 'All My Heart Again Rejoices' (vs. 1, 2, & 4) #273  
(*requested by Amelia*)

**1. All my heart again rejoices as I hear, far and near, sweetest angel voices; "Christ is born," their choirs are singing, till the air ev'rywhere now with joy is ringing.**

**2. Jesus' voice from lowly manger softly thus calls to us: "You are safe from danger; come and see; from all that grieves you, you are freed; all you need I will surely give you."**

**4. You, dear Lord, I'll ever cherish; though my breath fail in death, I will never perish: by your side in light eternal I shall be endlessly filled with joy supernal.**

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt. Music: Johann G. Ebeling, 1637-1676.

### **Prayer of the Day**

P: Almighty God, gracious Lord, **C: 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

'Remember Me'

Senior Choir

### **WORD**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (*Amelia*)

OT pg. 570

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 46 (*Justice*)

ELW Psalm 46

L: <sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**C: <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

L: <sup>3</sup> though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**C: <sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

L: <sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

**C: <sup>6</sup> The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

L: <sup>7</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**C: <sup>8</sup> Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

L: <sup>9</sup> 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.

**C: <sup>10</sup> "Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**

L: <sup>11</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson: Romans 3:19-28 (*Cameron*)

NT pg. 117

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message

Gospel Lead In

'Jesus Loves Me!' (vs. 1 & 3)  
(requested by Meadow)

#595

**1. Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.**

(Refrain): **Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

**3. Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way; when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.** (Refrain)

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt. Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868.

Holy Gospel: John 8:31-36

NT pg. 77

P: The Holy Gospel according to...**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

Sermon

Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

### **Affirmation of Baptism**

Presentation

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P: Let us pray... Merciful God, we thank you.....this in the name of Christ.

**C: Amen**

### **Profession of Faith**

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P: Confirmands, I ask you to profess your faith... ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Confirmands' Response: **I renounce them.***

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brothers* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ? **C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P: Let us pray. We give you ...and raise us to eternal life. **C: Amen.**

Blessing and Laying Hands on Each Confirmand

The blessing over **Amelia Marie Zinski** with the laying of hands.

Amelia kneels and her family lays hands.

The blessing over **Cameron Scott Anderson** with the laying of hands.

Cameron kneels and his family lays hands.

The blessing over **Chase Michael Lovgren** with the laying of hands.

Chase kneels and his family lays hands.

The blessing over **James Lee Hodenfield** with the laying of hands.

James kneels and his family lays hands.

The blessing over **Justice Lee Wittnebel** with the laying of hands.

Justice kneels and her family lays hands.

The blessing over **Alexis Marie Baker Kaye** with the laying of hands.

Lexi kneels and her family lays hands.

The blessing over **Meadow Ann Schablin** with the laying of hands.

Meadow kneels and her family lays hands.

P: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Gift Presentation

Board of Youth & Family

**MEAL**

**Offering Collection and Presentation**

Offertory Hymn 'Ten Thousand Reasons' (requested by Chase) ACS #1097

Offertory Prayer Lexi Kaye

**C: Amen.**

Prayer of the People

James, Chase, & Meadow

A: .... God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: ...and mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. **C: Amen.**

**SHARING THE MEAL**

The Great Thanksgiving (spoken)

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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.**

Preface P: It is indeed right... and join their unending hymn.

'Holy, Holy, Holy'

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**Words of Institution**

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**Lord's Prayer**

pg. 134

**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.**

**Invitation to Communion**

*(Each of the families of the confirmands will come forward as a family first. Once the families are done, the congregation may come forward down the center aisle and pass to each side.)*

Distribution Hymn

'Lamb of God'

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

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Distribution Hymn

'Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence'

#490

*(requested by Justice)*

Distribution Hymn

'Wade in the Water' *(requested by James)*

#459

**(Refrain): Wade in the water, wade in the water, children, wade in the water, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.**

**1. See that host all dressed in white, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. The leader looks like the Israelite. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.**

**(Refrain)**

**2. See that band all dressed in red, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. Looks like the band that Moses led. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.**

**(Refrain)**

**3. Look over yonder, what do I see? God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. The Holy Ghost a-coming on me. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.**

**(Refrain)**

**4. If you don't believe I've been redeemed, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. Just follow me down to Jordan's stream. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. (Refrain)**

Text & Music: African American spiritual

Eucharistic Blessing **C: Amen**



**October's pink envelope emphasis is for the Jaycees Project Christmas.**

You can find special pink envelopes for designated giving in a basket in the Narthex.

**Happy Birthday wishes go out to** Gale May whose birthday is Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Congratulations and God's Blessings** to our confirmands

Amelia Zinski, daughter of Josh and Rachel Zinski; Justice Wittnebel, daughter of Misty and Justin Wittnebel; Chase Lovgren, son of Mike and Nicole Lovgren; James



Hodenfield, son of Amy and Alan Hodenfield; Lexi Kaye, daughter of Kelsey and Brett Kaye; Cameron Anderson, son of Ricky and Jennifer Anderson; and Meadow Schablin, daughter of John and Erin Schablin.

**You're invited to United Methodist Presbyterian Church's Turkey Dinner and Bake Sale** today, October 26<sup>th</sup> in Brown's Valley. The menu will include turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, squash, dressing, cranberries, pickles, rolls and pumpkin pie. Serving time is from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Take outs and deliveries are available by calling the church on Sunday. (320-695-2516) All this for only: Adults - \$17.00, Kids (6-12 Years old) - \$7.00 and kids (5 and under) – Free.

**God's Creations Fundraiser Calendars are in! If you'd like one**, they can be bought in the office or in the Narthex following church (Starting Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>)! They're \$8.00. You can bring cash or pay by check (please write checks for calendars out to **FELC Youth**).

**There are signup sheets in the Office hallway for volunteers to help with** the confirmation and youth. Even if you are not a parent, but would like to support the youth of the congregation, we would appreciate your help if you can make it one of these days.

**The GLLM Dinner Theater is back for it's 11th year!** Visit Green Lake Bible Camp for an evening of theater and music alongside a four course meal. Enjoy the show alongside a four course meal complete with hors d'oeuvres, salad course, main course and dessert course. With an original show written by Dave Eliason and Brian Pearson, plus a homemade meal by the talented GLLM staff and volunteers, you're sure to leave full and entertained! The show runs December 11-14. Tickets are \$100 per person. Limited quantities of tickets are be available! For more information and details of the show, visit [www.gllm.org/dinner-theater](http://www.gllm.org/dinner-theater) or call the camp office at 320-796-2181.

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT** for Kelly Athey, Gail Olson, Nancy Pierzina, Harris Selvig, Beth Swanson, Brandi Tweeter, Jean Zielike; Bishop Craig Anderson, Monty Athey, Paul Erdman, Rosie Frank, Larry Helgeson, Natalie Henneberg, McCoy Jipson, Janice Redfield, David Scholberg, and Jerry Stotesbery. AT FAIRWAY VIEW





NEIGHBORHOODS: Ricky Anderson, Arvilla Bergseth, Adeline Burgess, Jim Hipple, Vivian Janssen, Arlen LaCombe, Nola Lockwood, Roger Nornes; Aletta Simonitch; and Mary Lou Olson in Madison. ALL OUR MILITARY who are deployed to areas of conflict especially Jacob Hamann, Colin Hartman, Tyler Ruby, and Thomas Halverson; and our Haitian student, Ycherson Soh and South African students Sanelisiwe Dlamini and Andiswa Mbatha. If you would like a name to be added/removed, please contact the church office.

**This Week's Ministry Assistants—October 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Organist:** Carol Ydstie

**Greeters:** Jim Foster & Bennett Karels

**Acolytes:** Oliver & Katelyn

**Lay Assistants:** Confirmands

**Tech Desk:** David Ellingson & Cody Backstrand

**Lector:** Confirmands

**Ushers:** Eugene Stotesbery, Jim Foster, Gale May, & Art Vollmer

**Next Week's Ministry Assistants—November 2<sup>nd</sup> All Saints Sunday**

**Organist:** Marilyn Hanson

**Acolytes:** Martino & Archer

**Greeters:** Michelle Bauer & Katelyn Hodenfield

**Lector:** Terry Kalberg

**Lay Assistants:** Kari Dorry & Sara Wollschlager

**Tech Desk:** Marge Dragseth & Matt Karels

**FWV:** Dick & Marla Strei

**Ushers:** Ev Johnson, Ron Athey, Jon & Kim Anderson

*Daylight Saving Time Ends November 2<sup>nd</sup>*



Please remember to turn your clocks back next weekend as Daylight Saving Time will end on the very early hours of Sunday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*All Saints Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>*



Then, come join us at 9:00 am for our All Saints Sunday Service. All Saints Sunday is a special day on which we rejoice in the many ways so many people have let Christ's light shine through them and give thanks to God for the saints we have been blessed to know. As a part of this service, not only do we name the people dear to us who have died in the last year and light a candle in honor of each one, we also remember the newly baptized as part of the community of saints on earth.



# WEEKLY CALENDAR



## **Sun – 10/26 CONFIRMATION SERVICE**

8:15 am Coffee Fellowship in the Narthex  
9 am Worship – Communion– Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live  
9:30ish – 10:15 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship w/Confirmation Cake in Fellowship Hall  
10:30 am Worship at Fairway View – pre-recorded  
4-5:15 pm Christmas Cantata Practice

## **Mon – 10/27 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

11:00 am Staff Meeting

## **Tues – 10/28 8:30 am Day of Love**

4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (Fairway View)

## **Wed – 10/29 9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast**

3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8<sup>th</sup> graders)

4:30 pm Confirmation (9<sup>th</sup> graders)

5:30 pm Youth Group (gr. 7-12) &

Channel 3 Broadcast

7:00 pm Senior Choir

## **Fri – 10/31 Reformation Day / Halloween**

9:00 am Bulletins Printed



## **Sat – 11/1 Last Day w/Daylight Saving Time**

## **Sun – 11/2 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

Before Service – Coffee Fellowship in the Narthex  
9:00 am Worship – Stewardship Temple Talk – Communion  
– Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live  
9:30ish – 10:30 am Sunday School Christmas Program Practice  
10:30 am Worship at Fairway View – pre-recorded  
4-5:15 pm Christmas Cantata Practice