

REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 26TH 2025

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME & CONFESSION

Pastor Lord of all,
**All the demands of your righteousness
are too hard for us to fulfill alone,
so we rush off with this excuse
and ignore your law.
You forgive our iniquity and remember our sin no more,
and we abuse this freedom
as if it were a license to selfishness,
self-indulgence and self-righteousness.
You give us the gift of grace: atonement in the blood your Son,
yet we make it cheap without serious repentance.
We fail to see the power of your faithfulness.
We are your people, but we don't always know you as our God
Forgive us Lord, for the sins we know in our heart.
Save us Lord ,from the sins we hide.
(pause for reflection and self-examination)**

Pastor God of our refuge and strength...
All have mercy on us, write your will on our hearts. Amen.

GREETING

Pastor The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be
with you all.
All And also with you.

GATHERING SONGS

*Lead On Good Shepherd
Who You Say I Am*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Word

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

After the reading is finished:

Reader Word of God, Word of Life.
All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jesus Draw Me Close

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 8:31-36

Reader This morning we hear the good news of Jesus Christ from John.

All Glory to you, O God.

After the reading is finished:

Reader This is the good news of Jesus Christ, the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

Greater

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Pastor Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism... in the name of Christ.

All Amen.

Leader I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
Do you renounce evil and all the forces that defy God?

All I renounce them.

Leader Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

All I renounce them.

Leader Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All I renounce them.

Leader Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**All 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.**

Leader Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All 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.**

Pastor You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Pastor People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brothers* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

All We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Leader Let us pray.

All We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Here, we pray together as the body of Christ, each lifting up the thanksgivings and needs of our community.

Leader God of grace,

All receive our prayer.

Leader We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Pastor Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

All 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.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor The peace of Christ be with you all.

All And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more information about what is happening here at First Lutheran, please see the insert Announcements or sign up for our weekly email at rushcityfirstlutheran.org/news

Meal

OFFERING

You can give online by scanning this QR code or you can use the brown envelopes in your pew to make an offering by cash or check.

Please also take this time to fill out the "Count Me In" card in your bulletin and drop it in the offering basket on your way to receive communion so that we know you were here!



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor Please stand and let us pray together.

Pastor The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**
Pastor Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**
Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Pastor As we prepare to feast, we pray as Christ taught us:

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

Just as Christ welcomes all people, all people are welcome at Christ's table here at First. We invite you to share communion regardless of your age, race, creed, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, social status, or physical or mental ability. There are gluten free wafers for those who need them. There is red wine and white grape juice. If you wish to receive a blessing in lieu of grain and grape, let the pastor know when you come forward. She will be happy to give you a blessing. If you need to receive communion in your seat, please tell an usher.

COMMUNION SONGS

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)
Firm Foundation (He Won't)

Sending

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader I invite you to stand and join me in prayer.
 Abundant God,
All **through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us
to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

My Lighthouse

DISMISSAL

Leader Go in peace, notice what others need!
All **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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