

Reformation Day

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Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading

Revelation 14:6-7 (ESV)

[6] Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people.

[7] And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Gradual

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised

in the city of our God!

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,

consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,

that you may tell the next generation

that this is God, our God forever and ever.

Epistle Reading

Romans 3:19-28 (ESV)

[19] Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.

[20] For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

[21] But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—

[22] the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:

[23] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

[24] and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

[25] whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

[26] It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

[27] Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith.

[28] For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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Holy Gospel

St. John 8:31-36 (ESV)

[31] So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, *"If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples,*

[32] and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

[33] They answered Him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that You say, 'You will become free'?"

[34] Jesus answered them, *"Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.*

[35] The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever.

[36] So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

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Prayer of the Church	
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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination's doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

In our thoughts and prayers,



+ Our sick and recovering: Berniece Homuth, Craig Schaan,
& Alex Woroniecki;

+ Those whose lives and property have been affected by the fires
burning in California and all natural disasters.

Welcome to worship as we celebrate the Feast of the Reformation. On October 31, 1517, God raised up His servant, Martin Luther, to nail his 95 Theses (the 95 “Protests”) to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. The 95 Theses were protests against the doctrine and practices of the Church of Rome, which taught that forgiveness was not free, but had to be bought or earned. The celebration of the Reformation is not a nice history lesson or merely a story of a heroic churchman who defied the established church. Rather, it is the Good News that Christ freely forgives through His Word. Visitors please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Gideons International exists to distribute Bibles throughout the world so that all may come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. A representative from the Gideons will be with us after worship this morning to tell us more about their work.

Today in Sunday School, the lesson is one every student remembers vividly; the story of Moses and the plagues on Egypt (Exodus 5-10). Through a series of horrific plagues, God punished the Egyptians for their sinful treatment of His people and freed His people from bondage. Through His horrific suffering and death on the cross, Jesus took the punishment for our sin and freed us from sin’s bondage. Talk with you children about what it means to be freed from the slavery of sin. Ask them to tell you about the plagues and talk about the power of God Almighty.



Word: God Speaks to Us Bible class continues this morning after worship. Please join us!

Thrivent Financial for Lutheran members are encouraged to vote for Local County Chapter Officers in the fellowship hall today, following services.

LWML Topic Leaders for November will meet Tuesday, October 30th, 1:15 p.m.

TRUNK OR TREAT for Halloween will be on Wednesday, October 31st, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. If you wish to donate candy, please leave it in the Church kitchen. There will be no Wednesday School on October 31st.

Council Members, please remember our meeting on Thursday, November 1st, 7:00 p.m.



Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 4th. Remember to set your clocks back one hour Saturday evening.

Next Sunday after worship, we will have a Voters Meeting. Items of business that will be considered include the adoption of the 2008 budget and election of congregational officers. Included in the budget discussions will be the proposal from the Council that the congregation financially support Matt and Angie in their mission work. Potluck will follow. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will provide matching funds in the amount of \$800. Proceeds from the potluck will be given to Matt and Angie for their mission work.



Matt & Angie are working to become missionaries in “10-40 Window” of Central Asia, an area between the latitudes of 10° and 40° north of the equator between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. In this “window” are estimated to be 97% of all unreached people groups in the world. Prayer cards for Matt and Angie are on the table in the social hall. Please take one as a reminder to remember them in your prayers.

The LYF is planning a trip to the Dickinson Rec Center on Sunday, November 4th. We will leave the Church parking lot at 12:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Steve and Nona Blaisdell, 873-5426.

A LWML Fall Business Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Monday, November 5th at the Church. All LWML members are asked to be at the meeting to give input and vote on decisions made. If you cannot be there and have ideas and/or concerns, please call Vicky Yeager, 873-5647.

Pastor Heller has begun serving our sister congregation, Zion, Glen Ullin, during her pastoral vacancy. Worship services at Zion are at 12:00 p.m. (mountain). Pastor Zillinger from St. Peter, Hannover, is serving Zion, New Salem.



The LYF is selling Christian t-shirts as a fundraiser. A full-color brochure and order sheet are on the table in the social hall.



Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 155 Offering: \$1,977.00

The Epistle for Reformation Sunday reminds us Christian stewards that we do not do our stewardship with the motive of winning God's favor and blessings. Our good works can never save us, but because we are saved we will do good works, including all we do in the name of stewardship.

+ This Week at Concordia +

Today	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Class
Tuesday	1:15 p.m.	Topic Leaders
	2:00 p.m.	Bible Class
Wednesday	4:30 – 7:00 p.m.	TRUNK OR TREAT
Thursday	1:30 p.m.	Vesper Guild
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Voters Meeting/Sunday School
	11:15 a.m.	Potluck
	12:30 p.m.	LYF to Dickinson Rec Center



Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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We record both worship and Communion attendance.
Place completed card in collection plate or hand to an usher.*