



October 26, 2025, 10:00 am
Reformation Sunday



GATHERING

The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Peter Lee

Opening Litany

Reforming God, fill us with a spirit of openness to your Spirit.

Open our hearts and minds to see the new things you are doing.

When we are stuck, and cannot see where you are leading,

free us from the ways of the past and open us to the future you are shaping.

When new ways of following you divide us,

Reunite us that we may continue to do your work.

And where we are stubborn and close-minded,

reform us and make us new. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

ELW 504

A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.

The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!

With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.

On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.

But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.

You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!

Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.

He holds the field victorious.

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Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,
 we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpow'r us.
 Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!
 His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
 One little word subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
 for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
 Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
 though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
 The kingdom's ours forever!

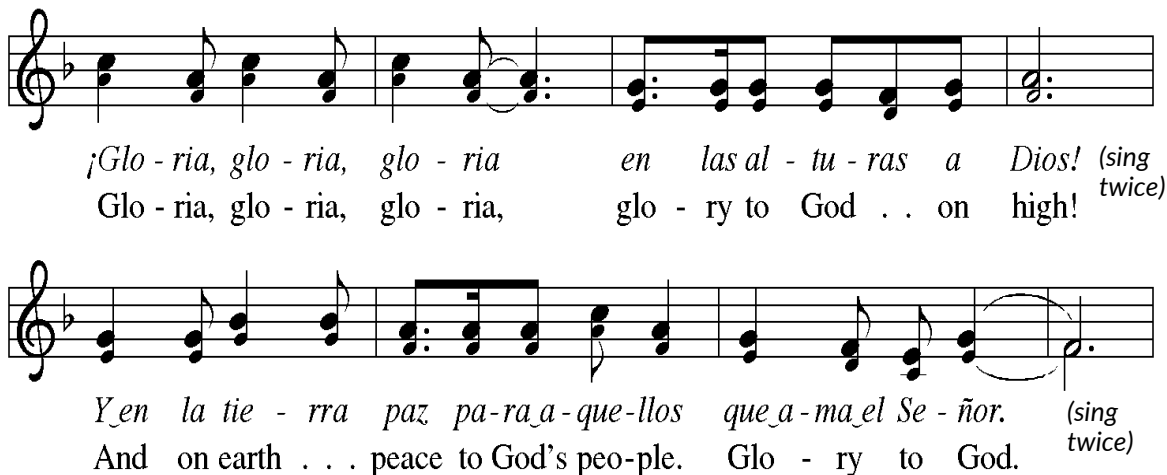
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Greeting

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

Hymn of Praise

ELW pp. 176-177



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios! (sing twice)
 Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!

Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra_a-que-llos que_a-ma_el Se - ñor. (sing twice)
 And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

"Hands of God"

Choir

Quilt Blessing

First Reading

Romans 3:19-28

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 being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.²¹ But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets,²² the righteousness of God through faith in 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 show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed;²⁶ it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith.²⁸ For 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.**Gospel Acclamation**

ELW p. 179

¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya! (sing twice)

¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,

a - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya!

Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th chapter.**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Sermon

Pastor Jim Killough

Hymn of the Day

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

ELW 588

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment giv'n.

There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good;
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow by false limits of our own;
and we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own.

'Tis not all we owe to Jesus; it is something more than all:
greater good because of evil, larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more faithful; let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

Affirmation of Faith

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.

The Prayers of the People

*As petitions conclude: "God of grace," please respond "**receive our prayer.**"*

Sharing of God's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL _____ *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus*

Offering & Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

ELW p. 129

The Lord be with you. **And also 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....and join their unending hymn.



San - to, san - to, san - to_es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to_es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to_es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to_es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on



tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el
earth. Blest is he who comes in the



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Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer *(Please feel free to pray your preferred version of the 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

Communion Hymn

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

ELW 599

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin;
from selfish passions set me free and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, by anxious thoughts oppressed;
let me your loving servant be and taste your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity point out your chosen way.

Lord Jesus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see and share your joy at last.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375-430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808-1896, alt.

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING _____ *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Blessing

"Guide My Feet"

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Music: GUIDE MY FEET, African American spiritual

Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

(Following worship, setup for Sunday Supper takes place in the Fellowship Hall and making sack lunches takes place in the Library.)

We Hold in Prayer this Week

Those Grieving: Family and Friends of Olena Cates, Debbie's MIL

God's Healing Presence: Kathy Trosvig; Steve Olsen; Mary Beck; Pat Krassin; Sheryn Todd; Elizabeth Ritchie; Gayle & Dave's daughter Michelle and niece Amanda; Beth's friend Kamm and sister-in-law, Megan; Debbie's friend Larry & cousin David; Surridges' friends Barby & Larry, and Marc Walkden; Ed & Evie Bishop; Peggy & Dave's friend Kevin; Joan's father; Debbie's Aunt Jennie and Uncle Bill, and friend Carissa; Jan's granddaughter, Jennifer.

Prayers for our world, nation, and communities: For immigrants living in fear. For nations and peoples in the midst of warfare. For refugees seeking safety.

Announcements

Flooring Fundraiser We did it! We have raised the \$16,800 to pay for the new floors in the Fellowship Hall, the entry by the ramp, the landing at the bottom of the stairs, and the kitchen. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this fundraiser! If you are still planning on donating, you can direct your gift to the finishing touches to the parking lot entry or to sprucing up the Fellowship Hall: new paint, artwork, etc. The new flooring will be installed November 10-14. We will need some volunteers to help move things around in the rooms. Contact Pastor Jim if you can help.

Painting the Fellowship Hall We are hoping to paint the Fellowship Hall before the new floor is installed. If you are willing to help, contact Kathy Trosvig or Pastor Jim.

Reformation Celebration Join us for our Reformation Celebration following worship this morning. Everyone is invited. Before we eat we will be "Selling Indulgences" (in other words there's a bake sale) with funds raised going toward Holiday Grocery Gift Cards, and playing a Martin Luther Trivia Game.

Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday Remember to "Fall" back by one hour.

Mission of the Month for both October and November is Central's Holiday Grocery Gift Cards. Donations can be made using the Special Offering envelopes in the pews. Or you can donate on our website. Make sure to designate your donation to "Mission of the Month" on the "To:" drop down menu. We will be inviting gift card recipients to a reception to receive their cards on Sunday, November 23.

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Sewers Needed The quilting group is looking for help sewing down the binding on the quilts. The quilts are tied together, and the binding is pinned down and ready to be sewn. If you would like to help, please contact Jean Lilley or the church office.

Sunday School meets at 9:15 am. in the Nursery and adjoining room. Toddlers, preschoolers, and elementary age children are welcome.

This Week at Central

Montessori Academy M-F, 7:30-4:30

Sunday, October 26

8:45 am Choir Rehearsal
 9:15 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Central Lutheran Worship
 11:00 am Reformation Celebration
 1:00 pm Looking for Jesus Prayer Group
 2:30 pm Marshallese Worship
 5:00 pm Sunday Supper
 6:30 pm Rosamaria class
 7:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

Monday, October 27

9:30 am Quilters

Tuesday, October 28

5:00 pm Academia Latina

Wednesday, October 29

8:00 am Lutheran Counseling Network
 7:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

Thursday, October 30

8:00 am Lutheran Counseling Network
 5:00 pm Academia Latina
 7:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

Friday, October 31

5:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

Saturday, November 1

2:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

Sunday, November 2 *(Daylight Savings time ends)*

8:45 am Choir Rehearsal
 9:15 am Sunday School
 9:30 am Friends Worship
 10:00 am Central Lutheran Worship
 1:00 pm Looking for Jesus Prayer Group
 2:30 pm Marshallese Worship
 5:00 pm Sunday Supper
 6:30 pm Rosamaria class
 7:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

Worship Leaders	This Sunday, October 26	Next Sunday, November 2
Keyboard	Joan Dirska	Joan Dirska
Usher	Dave Finstad	Dave Finstad
Lector	Jonathan Todd	Dave Kurtz
Assisting Minister	TBA	Peter Lee
Communion Bread	Debbie Saunders	Kathy Trosvig
Fellowship Host	<i>(Reformation Celebration)</i>	Chris & Terrie Rae Anderson
YouTube Operator	Jonathan Todd	Jonathan Todd
Altar Guild	Janet Loesche	Kathy Trosvig