



**Reformation Sunday
Holy Communion
October 26, 2025: 9:30 a.m.**

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“We believe God is calling us to invite people into a deeper relationship with Christ, that they may discover true peace and be prepared to follow Him in compassionate service”

GATHERING

INVITATION TO WORSHIP:

"Whom Shall I Fear? (God of Angel Armies)" Chris Tomlin

The congregation may stand as able.

GATHERING TIME: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" ELW 505

The congregation may stand.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

GOSPEL WELCOME:

"Alleluia" by Jesse Manibusan and Tony Gómez

Refrain (1st time: Band, All repeat; thereafter: All)

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The 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. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I 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."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

"The First Article of the Creed: On Creation" Pastor David Fleener

NOISY OFFERING

The noisy offering will offset the cost of replacing our playground equipment, so children and families can enjoy a safe outdoor place at Shalom.

SERMON Pastor David Fleener

The congregation may stand.

SONG OF THE DAY: "We Fall Down" Chris Tomlin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition:

A: God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

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

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The congregation may be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT & OFFERING

Offering baskets will be passed. If you prefer to give digitally, you can scan the QR code to give. White cards to place in the plate are available in the guest pad for those who give digitally.



MUSICAL OFFERING: "Everlasting God" Matt Redman

The congregation may stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C: 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 INVITATION

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

The congregation may be seated

LAMB OF GOD: "Lamb of God" Twila Paris

SPECIAL MUSIC: "My Prayer" Bright City

The congregation may stand.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and
keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION: "Blessing" *Chicago Folk Service*

SENDING SONG: "Great Things" Phil Wickham

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SHALOM LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Week of October 26, 2025

Church Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am—12:00 pm

Welcome to our Shalom gathering! All God's children are welcome here, especially our guests, whoever you are or wherever you come from. We invite you to sign the guest pad in your row and hope you'll join us for refreshments after worship in the Community Room. If you have any questions about Shalom or how we worship, please ask our greeters and ushers (wearing name tags). You may also contact Pastor David. If you can't catch him after worship, you may call the office at (320) 762-8461 or email him at pastor@shalomlutheran.org.

COMMUNION: Lutherans believe that Christ is truly present in Holy Communion. We trust Jesus when he says that it is his body and blood, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. All baptized Christians who trust these words of promise are welcome to receive communion today. Children under the guidance of their parents or caregivers may also receive. Those who do not receive may come forward with arms crossed over their chest for a blessing. To receive communion, come forward to receive the bread from the pastor. Gluten-free bread is also available in small containers by the individual communion cups. You may take a cup from the tray by the pastor, then move to either the wine or grape juice chalice. The wine chalice is first, the grape juice chalice is second. Wine or grape juice will be poured into your cup. There will be a basket for used cups. Those who cannot come forward for communion are asked to inform the ushers so that communion may be brought to them.

HOSPITALITY servers for Nov 2 are Dave & Barb Beyer, Carolyn Carlson, Eldie & Randy Dertinger.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE:

There will be a community Thanksgiving service hosted by First Lutheran this year on 11/26 and we are looking for two volunteers from each congregation to help with hospitality and greeting. Please let Pastor David or Sam know if you would like to help with this.

TRUNK OR TREAT: Bethesda has invited Shalom to take part in Trunk or Treat this year. Contact Sam for more information.

ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEES:

Please submit all Annual Reports to the office by the last week of October. Geri will be printing the Annual Report the first week of November.

The Annual Meeting will be held after worship in the Community Room on Sunday November 23, 2025.

CONFIRMATION continues our exploration of Martin Luther's life and ministry with the Theme Event "The Protesting Professor".

NEW MEMBER & SEEKER GROUP meets today after worship in the conference room. We will read the final chapter of *Baptized We Live*, "A Way of Following".

LIVING LUTHERAN, our church magazine, is back in print. If you are interested in receiving a print subscription to your home, please contact the church office. Issues are sent quarterly and cost \$17 each with 10 or more subscribers from Shalom.

CONFIRMATION: In lieu of a mentor/teacher/pastor huddle, we will have a Theme Event: "Connecting with God through Prayer". Parents, mentors, and youth are invited to learn more about why Christians pray and the purposes of prayer.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Phyllis Strand, *John & Carrie Carlberg, *Bob Hildebrandt, *Dave & Mary Owen, *Gerry Kingsburg, Bill Malvin (Dave Malvin's Father), *Delores Martin, Roger Riley (Colleen Rooney's father), *Evie Raguse, *Charles & Jeanne Tanksley, Teri Market, *Jeanette Priebe, *Bonnie Anderson, *Dave Burbank, Joan Searles (Pastor David's aunt), Nova Vacek (Granddaughter of Fritz and Tam Bukowski), *Skeeter Kingsburg. **Shalom member*

Jan/25—Sep/25 Activity

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Surpl/(Deficit)</u>	
\$ 48,971	\$ 59,288	\$ (10,317)	Building Fund
\$ 187,521	\$ 211,368	\$ (23,847)	General Fund

The annual General/Bldg Funds budget was approved with a budget of Offerings equal to the congregation approved expenses. Current General/Bldg fund cash balance is \$105,312.

Shared Ministry

Shared Ministry

10-26-25

11-02-25

Acolyte	Aiden Bailey	
Assisting Minister	Carol Hedlund	
Communion Assist	Cheryl Burbank	Amber Whipkey
Communion Assist	Sue Engstrom	Cheryl Burbank
Greeters	Sherri Endreson	Connie Facciotto
Greeters	Pris Fieldhammer	Linda Fenelon
Lector	Tam Bukowski	Brian Casavan
Musicians	SoS Band	
Proclaim/FB Live	CJ/Kim/Julie	CJ/Kim/Julie
Ushers	Al Anderson	Al Anderson
Ushers	Fritz Bukowski	Darrell Nielsen
Counters	Renae Hills	
Counters	Dave Burbank	

THIS WEEK AT SHALOM

Sunday	10-26	9:30 am 10:30 am	Worship in-person or online Hospitality New Member Group
Tuesday	10-28	7:30 am 9:00 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study at Common Ground Dartball Newcomers Runestone Choir
Wednesday	10-29	5:00 pm 5:30 pm	Meal Confirmation/Faith Time
Thursday	10-30	8:00-9:45 am 10:00-11:00 am 6:00 pm	Shalom Piecemakers Adult Bible Study Shalom Singers
Sunday	11-02	9:30 am 10:30 am	Worship in-person or online Hospitality Receive New Members