



**Reformation Sunday
Holy Communion
October 25, 2026: 9:30 am**

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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”**

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

The congregation may stand.

GATHERING TIME "We Gather" Dakota Road

We gather in your name today to honor you and call you Lord.
We gather in your name today to worship you and pray.
You are, (you are) you are our God (you are our God).
We are, (we are) we are your people (we are your people).
You are, (you are) you are our God (you are our God).
We are, (we are) we are your people (we are your people).
Repeat
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

SCRIPTURE Leviticus 19:1-4, 9-18

L: A reading from Leviticus:

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

“Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. You shall each revere your mother and father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am the LORD your God. Do not turn to idols or make cast images for yourselves: I am the LORD your God....

“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God.

“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD.

“You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

“You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the LORD.

“You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.
L: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL WELCOME "Alleluia" Dakota Road

Alleluia.
To whom shall we go?
You lead us into life.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 22:34-46
P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”
Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,
“The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet” ’?
“If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

The congregation may be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON Sam Meehan

NOISY OFFERING

SERMON Pastor David Fleener

SONG OF THE DAY "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" ELW 505

1 A migh - ty for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
2 If we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing turns to
3 Though all the world with dev - ils fill and threat - en to de -
4 God's Word shall stand a - bove the pow'rs, shall end all their thanks-

fail - ing; our help - er frees us from the flood of
los - ing; the righ - teous one fights by our side, the
vour us, we trem - ble not, we trust God's will: they
giv - ing. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe,
one of God's own choos - ing. You ask who this may be:
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Though Sa - tan rant and rage,
God with us is liv - ing. Let goods and kin - dred go,

for - sworn to work us woe, with guile and dread - ful might
Christ Je - sus, it is he, the Lord of hosts by name.
in fierc - est war en - gage, this ty - rant's doomed to fail;
this mor - tal life al - so; though all of these be gone,

is armed to wage the fight: on earth there is no e - qual.
No oth - er God we claim! None else can win the batt - le.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word shall tri - umph.
they yet have noth - ing won. The king - dom's our for - ev - er!

The congregation may stand.

BLESSING OF QUILTS, SCHOOL BAGS, AND NEWBORN KITS

P: Let us pray. Oh Lord our God, maker of all things,

C: we come seeking your blessing for these quilts, newborn kits, and school bags that we lay before you, the works of our hands and our hearts.

P: We dedicate these quilts, kits, and bags to your service, trusting that your love will go wherever they are sent, making them expressions of love.

C: There is no way for us to imagine the power and effect an act of love can have on a person's life—

P: how you can use something so small as a quilt, a kit, or a school bag to radiate your love to the world.

C: Let us see you in the arms reaching to receive these quilts, kits, and bags.

P: We pray, too, for the ministries of Lutheran World Relief, Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge, the Viking Towers Resource Room, Global Health Ministries, and our partnership together,

C: to be your hands and feet in a hurting world.

P: Lord, we know that all we possess comes from your loving hand. Give us grace to honor you with all our being; draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and welfare of your people.

C: Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition:

A: Hear us, O God

C: Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude

P: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; 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

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

The congregation may stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.

All blessings are from you;

make us generous with what we have.

Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.

C: Amen.

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

"Lord's Prayer (Creator Song)" Dakota Road
Creator of all life, Maker of the Light.
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.
Creator of all life, Maker of the Light.
Save us from the time of trial,
deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours
Amen. Amen.
Amen. Amen.
Amen. 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" Dakota Road
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
Grant us your peace.
Grant us your peace.

SPECIAL MUSIC

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: Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
C: Amen.

BENEDICTION "Blessings on the Road" Dakota Road

Verse 1

Ev'ryone's trav'ling, ev'ryone's going somewhere.
Eve'ryone's searching, tryin' to find a way there.
Ev'ry new breath, ev'ry next step keeps us moving a long
Into the wild and the wonder of this living sacred song.

Chorus

May you find blessings on the road.
May you find loving hearts to hold.
May you find peace and shelter through ev'ry storm.
May you find blessings on the road.
May you share wherever you go,
All the blessings
Blessings on the road.

Verse 2

Ev'ryone's journey, ev'ryone's story is new.
Ev'ryone's yearning for a love that is true.
Ev'ry child, ev'ry fami'ly, ev'ry one that I know,
We are wand'ring in the mys'try that is dancing in our souls.

Chorus

SENDING SONG: "Send Us Out" Dakota Road

Verse 1

We have been called by the Lord
We have been saved by the Word
Now let the Word be restored
Now let the Gospel be heard

Chorus

Send us out to teach what God has done
Send us out to reach ev'ry single one
Send us out
Send us out

Verse 2

We who were bound by our shame
Ruled by our fears within
Stand and declare by the name
Freedom from all of our sin

Chorus

Bridge

Teach what God has done
Reach ev'ry single one
Teach what God has done
Reach ev'ry single one

Chorus

DISMISSAL

A: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

SHALOM LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Week of Oct 25, 2026
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 ask 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 Holy Communion is the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of our sins. All baptized Christians who trust these words of promise are welcome to receive today. Children under the guidance of their parents or caregivers may also receive. Everyone else 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 in a small plastic container 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. Place used cups in the baskets. If you can't come forward for communion, please let the ushers know and we will bring communion to you.

HOSPITALITY servers for Nov 1, are Barb Beyer, Randy & Eldie Dertinger, Derek & Isabelle Navratil.

FALL BAZAAR-MARK YOUR CALENDARS Shalom's annual Fall Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 7, 2026, during the annual Crafter's Tour weekend! It takes many helping hands to make the Fall Bazaar a success, and everyone is welcome to be part of the fun! Whether you can give a little time or a lot, your help is greatly appreciated. For more information or to volunteer, check the sign-up sheets in the Community Room or contact CJ (Carol Jensen), Carol Hedlund, or any of the listed Department Chairs. Thank you for sharing your time and talents and helping make Shalom's Fall Bazaar a wonderful success!

ATTENTION COMMITTEES

Submit annual reports to Geri in the Office no later than October 20th as she has to have the Annual Report out two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting which will be held on Sunday, November 22.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

*John Carlberg, *Bob Hildebrandt, *Dave & Mary Owen, *Skeeter & Gerry Kingsberg, *Delores Martin, *Evie Raguse, Teri Market (Pastor David's friend), *Jeanette Priebe, * Bonnie Anderson, *Dave Burbank, *LaTelle Bailey, *Kim Casavan, *Amy Schlosser & family, JP Phelps (nephew of John & Nola S), Brian Lein (Son-in-Law of Dave & Barb B), *Family of Dave Beyer, *Dan Rooney, *John Smith, *Ed Arneson, Rick Heike (brother of Linda Fenelon), Family of *Carrie Carlberg, Family of Ben DeLong (Chrissy Oaches's brother) Family of *Diane Koranda, Family of *Lloyd Berger.*Shalom member

Year-to-Date 9/30/26

Revenues	Expenses	<u>Surpl/(Deficit)</u>	
\$ 47,578	\$ 59,313	\$ (11,735)	Building Fund
\$ 193,815	\$ 214,809	\$ (20,994)	General Fund

The annual General/Bldg Funds budget was approved showing offerings equal to congregation approved expenses. Current General/Bldg fund cash balance is \$95,599.

Shared Ministry

Shared Ministry 10-25-26

Acolyte
Audio/Visual Brian C/Dan R
Assisting Minister Carol Hedlund
Communion Assist Angie Erickson
Communion Assist Dave Morgan
Greeters Carolyn Carlson
Greeters Judy Radjenovich
Lector Joann Garland
Musicians SOS Band
Proclaim/FB Live CJ/Kim/Julie
Ushers Dave Malvin
Ushers Sue Engstrom
Counters Vic Dale
Counters CharmaineMunt

11-01-26

Kassidy Klimek
Brian C/Dan
Dan Hermanson
Amber Whipkey
Amy Klimek
Marlys Wanttie
Linda Fenelon
Tam Bukowski

CJ/Kim/Julie
Todd Zarbok
Fritz Bukowski
Vic Dale

THIS WEEK AT SHALOM

Sunday	10-25	9:30 am 10:30 am	Woship in-person or online Hospitality
Monday	10-26	1:00 pm	Book Club
Tuesday	10-27	9:00 am 5:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Dartball Gospel of Uke Runestone Kids Chorus Runestone Chorus
Wednesday	10-28	5:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Meal Lutheran Yes!/Faith Time Shalom Singers
Thursday	10-29	8:00-9:45am 10:00 am 6:00 pm	Shalom Piecemakers Bible Study Shalom Singers
Sunday	11-01	9:30 am 10:30 am	Worship in-person or online Hospitality GWOH