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2025

October Worship Schedule

October 5 | 17th Sunday after Pentecost

October 12 | 18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 19 | 19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 26 | 20th Sunday after Pentecost (Reformation Sunday)

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Galatians 6:9-10



A Word from Pastor Matthew's Desk

What's Reformation?

A friend of mine shared this story some years ago about a dedicated office staff member who was hunting for a bulletin cover for Reformation Sunday in late October. Not finding anything in the various catalogues, a phone call was placed to a Lutheran publishing and church supply house (which shall remain anonymous) to see if anything was available that was not listed in the catalogue or on-line. When the question was asked whether there were any Reformation bulletin covers, the customer service rep asked (no joke!), **"What's Reformation?"** I think we can safely assume that this individual was not a Lutheran.

All irony aside, the question that this person asked is a good one: "What's Reformation?" For many people, they really don't know or have never heard about what the Reformation is. Most denominations don't observe the festival of the Reformation. Last time I checked, this festival remains a uniquely Lutheran observance. Reformation Day itself, October 31 on the church's calendar, is pretty much overshadowed by Halloween here in America. Therefore, for the sake of convenience, this festival is usually transferred to the last Sunday in October.

When Dr. Martin Luther (1483-1546), professor of theology at Wittenberg University in Wittenberg, Germany, posted his 95 Theses on the doors of the Castle Church in that city on October 31, 1517, did anyone foresee what would happen? Probably not. Luther had become increasingly troubled with the spiritual state of affairs in his day. Christians were largely ignorant **of God's grace and mercy as revealed in Scripture. They sought out salvation through a variety** of forms that, for the most part, depended on what they could do for God, rather than on what **God in Christ had already done for them. Luther's 95 Theses were a set of concerns (actually an invitation to debate) against these corruptions and abuses of the Church of his day. The Reformation movement as we recognize it today is viewed as being launched with Luther's posting** of his 95 Theses on that day more than 500 years ago. Reformation is a looking back at who and what has gone before us.

If our observance of the Reformation, however, is going to be truly meaningful, it must not only be a looking back but must also be a looking ahead. If we only look back at history and fail to see how God is at work in his Church to reform and renew it **today, then we haven't learned much.** Reformation, if it is truly reformation, is an **on-going process in the life of God's people. Beginning** in holy Baptism and continuing throughout our life-long journey of faith, we are constantly being re-formed, re-shaped and re-molded **as the redeemed people of God by God's grace alone,** through faith in Jesus Christ alone, which comes through the Scriptures alone. As the well-known Latin phrase puts it: *Sola Gratia... Sola Fide... Sola Scriptura.*

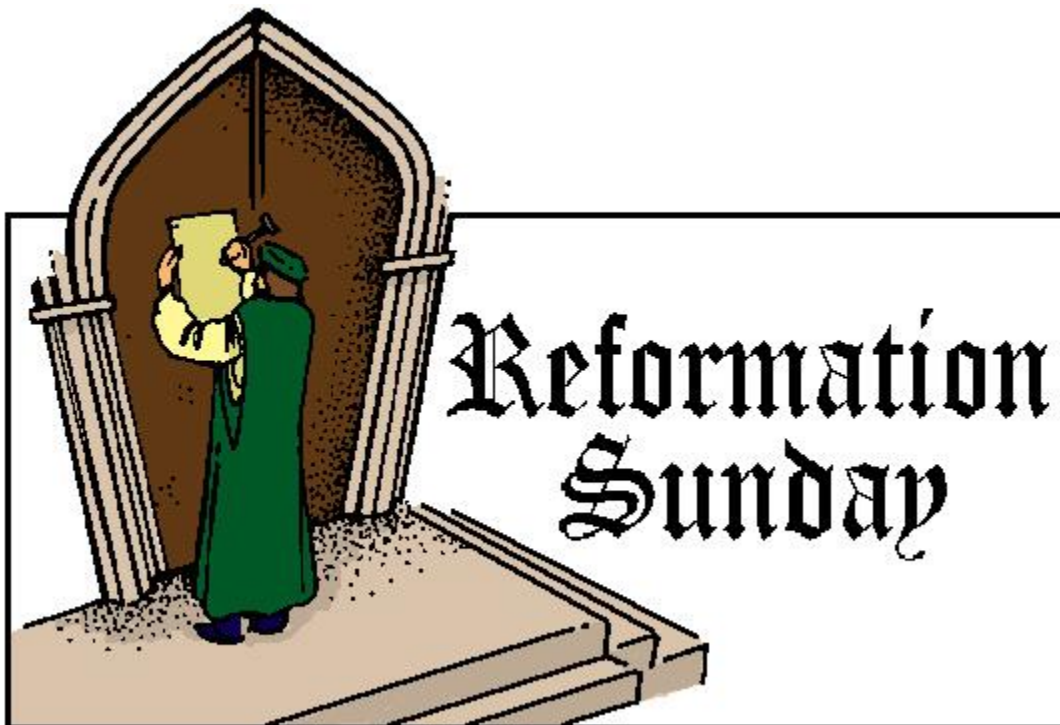
With all of the troubles facing the world right now (and there are many), it would be very easy to **think that we've got more pressing things to focus on than the Reformation. Point taken. However,** it is vitally important for us to keep the main thing, the main thing – in life and in faith. We get into trouble when we get off course and lose sight of what is of central importance in our life together. In matters of faith, what is of central importance is what is written in the Epistle by Paul the apostle:

"But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus... For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law" (Romans 3:21-24, 28).

What's Reformation? "Justified by faith apart from works of the law." That's not just a relic from 500 years ago but is a treasure for every generation. Having this, we have everything. God has worked some amazing things through reformers like Luther in ages past. But the truth is that God continues to lift up and call people in our own day and age to draw hearts and minds back to him. As we look back at our grace-centered heritage as the Church of the Reformation, we realize in a **whole new way that we've** got an incredible message to share with the world – a message that makes an eternal difference.

May the Lord Jesus use each one of us to be his hands and feet and mouth to share this good news. A blessed and happy Reformation!

Pastor Matthew



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry - October 2025

Harmonious Stewardship

“For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another” (Romans 12:4-5).

One of the most forgotten concepts in stewardship is the interdependent nature that makes up the Body of Christ and the way that body supports the shared work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is experienced in the local congregation, as well as in broader mission and ministry efforts at the district and Synod levels. Yet in these words, St. Paul reminds the Romans and us that we are indeed members of one another. This is true in our worship. It is also true in our stewardship of the Gospel. Stewards of all shapes and sizes, ages and abilities, affluence and influence are all assembled around Word and Sacrament in the local congregation with no one being more important than the other.

Part of this forgetting lies in what the eyes see and how our human mind operates. Our eyes and our minds are quick to come to the erroneous conclusion that the person who writes the biggest check is the more important steward. Human logic, flawed by sin as it is, could make a claim that the youngest child or the most infirm, aged member of the congregation would certainly be considered something less than important when it comes to the stewardship of the Gospel.

Paul makes it clear in these words that this is not how stewardship of the Gospel is measured in the Body of Christ. Rather, it would be better to view local stewardship like the lost art of harmony in congregational singing. This has been lost not only due to the performative nature of the lead singers of the local praise team, but also because modern hymnals are written to almost force the novice hymn-singer into unison voice. Creative harmonization by talented organists is beautiful to listen to, but does not always support the people in the pews in singing in parts. This is a loss in demonstrating a very practical aspect of whole-body stewardship.

The sound that builds when choral and congregational singers settle into their voice parts is nothing short of heavenly! Yet when altos, tenors and bass sing their individual parts without any concept of how they fit together, the music doesn't sound as powerful. The narrow range of the typical alto line almost sounds monotonous. The tenor line can get painfully high, and the base line can get uncomfortably low. But, when interdependently entwined, along with the melody that is so often carried by the sopranos, the music becomes a tremendously powerful tool in communicating the Gospel.

The same is true of individual stewards. Certainly, stewards with more financial means are in a unique place to “carry the tune” for ministry in a local congregation. But that doesn't rule out the faithful stewardship of the saint-like 94-year-old Hulda, who prayed for her young pastor in German every night while the aches and pains of arthritis and the grief of losing a daughter to cancer kept her awake. This does not rule out Jimmy, the profoundly developmentally disabled confirmand whose basic but dramatically eloquent confession of the faith left an impression on a congregation long after he went to be with Jesus. It doesn't rule out the single parent, the recovering addict, the family coming out of bankruptcy, the elderly widow and everyone in between.

The Lord has entrusted all the baptized with stewardship of the one thing needful: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. No one member of any congregation is more important than another when it comes to this stewardship. The biggest check isn't always the best way to communicate the Gospel. In fact, it is almost always better communicated with the widow's mite, the tenacious stewardship of the talents and so much more.

In the local congregation and beyond, our corporate stewardship of the Gospel needs each other to fill out our great confession. It is not about equal amount. It is about interdependence that only the Holy Spirit can work! Each of us has a role to play, a harmony to sing. The standard for that role is faithfulness. We do not have the same function, but we have the same Jesus! As we sing the parts entrusted to us by the Holy Spirit, the sweet music of the Gospel goes out!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WCCO 830 AM Radio

Heard each Sunday morning at 6:05 am

Hosted by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler (unless otherwise noted)

October 5 "Every Age Has a Stage" (Numbers 8:23-26)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

Every age has a stage, not just a stage of life, but also a stage on which to perform and to serve.

October 12 "When a Cakewalk Becomes a Crucible" (Numbers 14:30-31)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Forgiveness isn't a formality with God. Forgiveness is formative. It changes us.

October 19 "God's Help Dwells in Us" (Numbers 11:29)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sánchez

The Holy Spirit is the Helper who comes to dwell in and with us, to encourage and empower us.

October 26 "Worn In" (Numbers 20:13)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Are you feeling worn down or worn out? Through faith, God conforms us to the pattern of Christ.

Main Street Living | Sundays 9 am

Main Street Living is an LCMS program that features pastors from the WFTC, Channel 29/9.2, viewer area. Channel 10 on Comcast.

The first half hour is a reproduction of *This is the Life*, a Lutheran Hour Ministries program made popular in the 60s, 70s, and 80s. The second half hour is a modified Lutheran worship service, which is produced locally. For more information see their website: www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab OR to watch the program go to mainstreetliving.com.



Official Acts

Rosemary Alice Carlson
Baptism
September 21, 2025

Time of Grace

Time of Grace tv program airs globally via various outlets, but you can also search topics and watch the program at timeofgrace.org/tv-program. Each episode is a 30-minute study of God's Word with Pastor Mike Novotny. Pastor Mike Novotny has served God's people in full-time ministry since 2007 as a pastor in Madison and now Appleton, Wisconsin. He also serves as the lead speaker for the Time of Grace television program and contributes to the written resources of Time of Grace Ministry.

Sundays KARE (NBC 11) 10:30 am
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*Karmon & Meridel Christopherson's 65th Wedding Anniversary
Saturday, September 6, 2025*



Rosemary Alice Calrson's Baptism

Sunday, September 21, 2025



*Grow
in Christ*





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Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 3014 NE McKinley Street, Minneapolis.

Thank you for your generous giving!

Gloria Dei has established a fund for **Youth Care International**, supporting Royal Family's children's mission in Liberia. Contributions help build schools, provide meals and school supplies, support bible camps, and contribute towards Pastor Matthew's spring mission trip.

To contribute, please note "*Youth Care International*" on your envelope.



Free community meals at Gustavus Adolphus

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, 1509 27th Avenue NE, serves free community meals on the first Saturday of each month. Meals are served in the church basement at 5:30-7 pm. The next meals will be served **October 4**, November 1, December 6.

Fairest Follies

Fairest Follies is an original one-act comedy written and directed by local Catholic playwright J.J.P. Niemann of St. Clement Catholic Church. This farce reworks Shakespearean devices to tell the story of the Princess Brook, a frustrated artist and the last heir to the kingdom of Bacchalia, whose domineering aunt is utterly determined to restore the royal house by marrying her off to a suitable nobleman—no matter who he is. *Fairest Follies* is wholly original and is making its world premiere at St. Clement Catholic Church, 901 24th Ave NE, as part of Holy Cross's continuing mission to promote the Catholic arts. Performances **October 2, 3 & 4 at 7 pm and Sunday, October 5 at 2:30 pm**. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$6 for kids 12 & under. This is a family friendly production.

Free Community Meal

Faith United Methodist Church, 2708 33rd Avenue NE, holds a free Community dinner every second Thursday of the month from 5-6 pm. Everyone is welcome. Upcoming dates are **October 9**, November 13 and December 11.

St. Anthony Village Class of 1985

St. Anthony Village class of 1985 will hold its 40th Reunion on **Friday, October 10** at the Muddy Cow, Event Room, 133 Coon Rapids Blvd NW, Coon Rapids, 6-10 pm. No up front cost or pre-registration necessary. Guests are welcome.

German Dinner and Polka Mass

St. Boniface, 633 Second Street NE, will host a polka Mass on **October 12 at 11 am**. Roast pork **dinner** served **11:30 am-3 pm**. Takeout available. Silent auction. Music by the Rod Cerar Orchestra. Dancing encouraged. Tickets available at the door: \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 12 & under. Info: 612-379-2761.

Community Dinner

Join St. Timothy's and the local community on **Tuesday, October 14, from 5 pm to 6:30 pm** (or until the food is gone) for their drive thru community dinner. Please invite your family, neighbors and friends. Everyone is welcome! St. Timothy's Lutheran Church is located at 825 51st Avenue NE, Columbia Heights.

LPNA Clothing Swap

Saturday October 18, 10 am-1 pm, Logan Park Recreation Center, 690 13th Ave. NE. Bring clothing items you no longer want or need (in clean, wearable condition – no stains or holes, not worn out – something you would give to a friend) to share in the swap, then “shop” the items others have brought. There is no requirement to bring items in order to take items, so feel free to come and “shop” the swap no matter what. Men's, women's and kids clothing of all sizes to be included. If you bring donations, please start at the check-in table. Limit of 15 items per person to donate; no restriction on the number of items you can take. No undergarments or socks, hats or shoes, adult-sized pajamas, workout clothing/yoga pants, clothing with embroidered or screen-printed personalization (i.e., team sweatshirts). housewares, bedding, linens or toys.

Northeast Community Band Fall Concert

The Northeast Community Band under the direction of Tim Martin, begins its 27th season with a fall concert on **Thursday, October 23, 7 pm** at Edison High School, 700 22nd Avenue NE. The band will play several autumn-themed pieces, including Eric Whitacre's “Ghost Train.” *Free!*

Pumpkins & Powerdrills

Pumpkins & Powerdrills, the Minnesota Tool Library's annual fundraiser, will take place across three locations and dates: **Saturday, October 25, 12-4 pm at Bauhaus Brew Labs**, 1315 Tyler Street NE; **1-5 pm Sunday, October 26 at Fulton Taproom**, 414 N Sixth Avenue; and **5-9 pm Thursday, October 30 at BlackStack Brewing**, 755 Prior Avenue N, St. Paul. The event is family-friendly and free to attend; donations and/or purchasing pumpkins day-of are appreciated. Pre-registration is encouraged, but drop-ins are also welcome. <https://www.mntoolibrary.org>

Ukrainian Borscht Cook-off - October 25 @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Sample a variety of recipes and vote for the best borscht in town. The annual Borscht Cook-off at St. Michael's & St. George's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Saturday, Oct. 25, 5–8 pm. Enjoy homemade borscht and a Ukrainian-style dinner featuring “kovbasa” (sausage) and “varenyky” (pierogies). Borscht tasting \$5, sausage & pierogi dinner \$15. St. Michael's & St. George's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 505 – Fourth Street NE.



Special Occasions for Special People



Happy Birthday

3rd Pastor Matthew Cephus
 11th Al Morelli
 11th Pastor Martin Cornes

Happy Anniversary

7th Derald & Christine Hadrath

OCTOBER SERVANTS

Elders: Karmon Christopherson

Altar Care and Usher sign-up is located on the lobby bulletin board.

Counters:

5th Sandy Westling and Tom Harris
 12th Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer
 19th Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli
 26th Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Ushers: Please see sign-up sheets to volunteer!

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FLOWERS



5th
 12th
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 26th

CANDLES



5th
 12th
 19th
 26th

If you sign up for flowers or candles after the newsletter is published, be sure and let the office know. We want to make sure that flowers are ordered and you are properly acknowledged in the bulletin notes.
 Thanks



October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 3014 McKinley Street NE, Minneapolis 612-781-1989			1 11 am Bible Study <i>The Chosen, Part 5</i> 7:30 pm SLAA Group Meeting	2	3 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	4 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
5 17th S. after Pentecost 10 am Worship w/HC 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA	6 7 pm AlAnon (upstairs) 7 pm Beginners AlAnon (downstairs)	7	8 11 am Bible Study <i>The Chosen, Part 5</i> 7:30 pm SLAA Group Meeting	9	10 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	11 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 5 – 9 pm Living Word Worship Night 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
	<i>P. Matthew attending Pastor's Conference @ Waconia – October 6 - 7</i>					
12 18th S. after Pentecost 10 am Worship w/HC 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA	13 7 pm AlAnon (upstairs) 7 pm Beginners AlAnon (downstairs)	14	15 11 am Bible Study <i>The Chosen, Part 5</i> 7:30 pm SLAA Group Meeting	16	17 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	18 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 4 – 5 pm Living Word Board Meeting 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
19 19th S. after Pentecost 10 am Worship w/HC 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA	20 7 pm AlAnon (upstairs) 7 pm Beginners AlAnon (downstairs)	21 5 pm GDLC Council Mtg	22 11 am Bible Study <i>The Chosen, Part 5</i> 7:30 pm SLAA Group Meeting	23	24 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	25 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
26 20th S. after Pentecost 10 am Worship w/HC 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA	27 7 pm AlAnon (upstairs) 7 pm Beginners AlAnon (downstairs)	28	29 11 am Bible Study <i>The Chosen, Part 5</i> 7:30 pm SLAA Group Meeting	30	31 <i>Happy Halloween!</i> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	



OCTOBER

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

HOLY BAPTISM — OCTOBER 1-15

Water and Word wash us into Christ's death and resurrection. "Baptism ... now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 3:21). We daily remember our Baptism through repentance and forgiveness in the cross of Christ. Through our Baptism, we are brought into the Church, the Body of Christ. As we pray, we rejoice in God's gift of Baptism and continue to rejoice in the gifts of forgiveness, the Holy Spirit and eternal life granted to us in Word and Sacrament.

Remember God's gift of Baptism as you pray:

- 1.** *Thank God for His gifts of Word and Sacrament, that through these means God freely gives His grace to sinners by faith.*
- 2.** *Thank God for the gift of Baptism, that His Word works through the water to join us to Christ's death and resurrection.*
- 3.** *Thank God for the gift of Baptism, that His Word combines with the water to deliver forgiveness and eternal life.*

4. *Rejoice that the Holy Spirit gives faith and sustains us in the faith.*

5. *Thank God for the gift of Baptism for adults, that those who are instructed in the faith and who were not baptized as children may receive the gift of forgiveness and life in the waters of Baptism.*

6. *for parents, that they might faithfully raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, teaching them His Word and bringing them to the Sacrament.*

7. *for sponsors, that they might faithfully work with parents to teach the faith to the baptized.*

8. *for all the baptized, that in daily repentance all might cling to God's promises of forgiveness and eternal life in Christ.*

9. *for all the baptized, that they might daily cling to their Baptism and hope in Christ alone.*

10. *for all the baptized, that the Spirit would keep the Church strong in persecution.*

11. *for all the baptized, that they witness to all about the death and resurrection of Jesus.*

12. *for all who are not baptized, that the Spirit would draw them to Christ in faith.*

13. *Thank God for the Baptism of Jesus, that He took on our sins to suffer in our stead.*

14. *Thank God for calling you to be His adopted child and heir of eternal life.*

15. *That Christ would return quickly, that the Church might dwell with Him in righteousness, holiness and blessedness.*



THE LORD'S SUPPER — OCTOBER 16-31

Bread and wine, body and blood feed us with the food that endures to eternal life. Christ gives His body and blood to His body the Church. Those who have faith in the words, “given and shed for you” receive what those words promise, the forgiveness of sins.

Remember God's gift of the Sacrament of the Altar as you pray:

16. *Thank God for the Sacrament of the Altar, that it is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine.*

17. *Rejoice that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given.*

18. *That God would grant us faith in His Word, that we worthily receive the Sacrament and live in repentance.*

19. *Thank God for daily bread, even the bread of life that we receive in the Sacrament.*

20. *for preparation before receiving the Sacrament, that all might receive it trusting in the Words of Christ.*

21. *Thank God for the Church and the Office of the Holy Ministry.*

22. *for the unity of the Church, that schisms might cease, and all might be united in the true faith.*

23. *that we, who are many, may see ourselves as the one Body of Christ.*

24. *for the Church, that she remains faithful to the truth of God's Word.*

25. *for the LCMS, that we might believe, teach and confess all things according to God's will.*

26. *with thanksgiving that God continues to strengthen us through His Word and Sacraments.*

27. *for those who do not belong to the Church, that God would call all to faith.*

28. *for the sustenance of the Sacrament of the Altar, that God would grant faith unto eternal life.*



29. *that after receiving Communion, all would amend their sinful lives by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

30. *that God would keep all Christians from being led*

astray by false teachings, and instead bring them to a deeper knowledge of Him.

31. *for the endurance of faith until Christ returns.*

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