

The truth
will make

you free

JOHN 8:32

Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2026

Radio ministry is given in loving memory of Clayton & Sylvia Swenson by the Swenson family.

Sunday 10/25	9:00am	Worship & on Radio & Video
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship w/Holy Communion & Rite of Confirmation
Tuesday 10/27	4:00pm	AA Meeting (Fireside Rm)
Wednesday 10/28	8:00am	Bible Study
	1:15pm	Prairie Manor Worship
	6:30pm	7 th Gr Confirmation Orientation w/parent
	6:30pm	8 & 9 Gr Confirmation
	7:00pm	Senior Choir Practice
Sunday 11/01	9:00am	Worship w/Holy Communion & on Radio & Video
All Saints Day	10:00am	Sunday School
	10:00am	ELCA Youth Gathering Interest Meeting

Acolytes: 9am: Cash Salinas, Lydia Lynch 11am: Confirmands

Lector: 9am: Kaye Toquam 11am: Confirmands

Ushers: Mark Noble, Rick Hansen, Doug Kinny, Delmar Peterson

Children's Offering for October is a noisy offering for the BP City Park. November's will be a noisy offering for local Wish Tree presents.

Roofda Committee Presents: Comfort Soup Sunday – Nov. 15th, 2026

Silent Auction includes 9 different soups and related baskets.

Starts @ 8:30am and ends @ 11am.

Blood Drive @ the BP High School Gym on Monday, November 2, from 9:30am – 2:30pm.

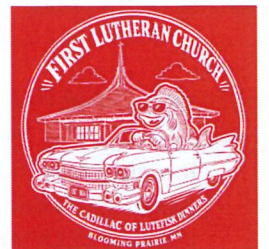
Check out the flyer on the bulletin boards.

Missed out on a Lutefisk T-shirt—or did your size disappear faster than the lutefisk at dinner? Good news: we're placing another order!

Grab a form from the office or the info rack and return it to us to claim your shirt. Order deadline: November 10!

Sunday, October 11 – Offering \$13,516.92

Attendance – 125



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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Compassionate God, we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* **#503**

***Apostolic Greeting** **page 138**

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. Almighty Go, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. **Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Special Music *This Little Light of Mine* **Dustin & Liam Kremer**

WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm: Psalm 46

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Children's Message

***Gospel Acclamation** *Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go?* **page 142**

P. The Gospel according to Matthew. **C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

***Gospel Reading:** Matthew 22:1-14

P. The Gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* **#517**

RESPONDING

***Apostles' Creed** **page 127**

***Prayers of Intercession** (Lord, in your mercy/**Hear our prayer**)

***Sharing of the Peace**

***Offering**

***Offertory** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* **#184**

***Offertory Prayer**

***Lord's Prayer** **page 145**

SENDING

***Blessing**

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.** The God of grace ☩bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

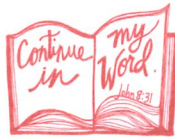
***Sending Song** *Built on a Rock* **#652**

***Dismissal** Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Today's Readings

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First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel

after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Psalm

Psalm 46; tone 1



God is our ref-¹uge and strength,
a very present¹ help in trouble.
²**Therefore we will not fear,**
though the¹ earth be moved,
and though the mountains
shake in the depths¹ of the sea;
³though its waters¹ rage and foam,
and though the mountains
tremble¹ with its tumult.
⁴**There is a river whose streams**
make glad the cit-¹y of God,
the holy habitation
of¹ the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city;
it shall¹ not be shaken;
God shall help it
at the¹ break of day.
⁶**The nations rage,**
and the¹ kingdoms shake;
God speaks,
and the earth¹ melts away.
⁷The LORD of¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob
¹is our stronghold.
⁸**Come now,**
regard the works¹ of the LORD,
what desolations
God has brought up-¹on the earth;

continued

Psalm, continued

⁹behold the one
who makes war to cease
in¹ all the world;
who breaks the bow,
and shatters the spear,
and burns the¹ shields with fire.

¹⁰**"Be still, then,**
and know that¹ I am God;
I will be exalted
among the nations;
I will be exalted¹ in the earth."
¹¹The LORD of¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob
¹is our stronghold.

Second 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. ²⁰For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through

the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Gospel

John 8:31-36

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

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Next Sunday's Readings: All Saints Day Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12 **or Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost** Micah 3:5-12; Psalm 43; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12.

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