



October 26, 2025
9am Service
Reformation Sunday

Welcome & Announcements

Our Mission Statement:

As God's people, abounding in HOPE and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to share in the unfolding experience of Jesus Christ.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another:

Silence for reflection.

Merciful and loving God, **we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.
2. When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. **Refrain**
3. His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay. **Refrain**
4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne! **Refrain**

Greeting

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

Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast

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Refrain:

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. **Refrain**
2. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation;
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, 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

He Will Hold Me Fast
Guest Cellist – Susan Halderman

Voices of Hope

Stewardship Message

Carol Mohr

Word

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

When the reading is completed, please respond:

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Romans 3:19-28

When the reading is completed, please respond:

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Joyful Noise

Leaning on the Lord's Side

Joyful Noise

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

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Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

John 8:31-36

When the reading is completed, please respond:

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Pastor Dave Whelan

Hymn of the Day

Blest Are They

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1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

2. Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. ***Refrain***
3. Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God. ***Refrain***
4. Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. ***Refrain***
5. Blest are you who suffer hate all because of me.
Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. ***Refrain***

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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again 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.

Prayers for the People

Prayer Petitions will end with “Lord in your Mercy”

Prayer response is **“Hear Our Prayer”**

Sharing God’s Peace & Noisy Offering

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

Offertory

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ, his Son.

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And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “I am rich,” because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “I am rich,” because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Offering Prayer

Meal

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion and Distribution

All are welcome to receive the sacrament. If you are unable to handle the elements, require gluten free, or would prefer grape juice, please tell the server. If you are unable to come forward, please inform an usher and you will be served in your pew.

Distribution Music

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Special Music

Find Us Faithful

Voices of Hope

Written by Jim Tallman

Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

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1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2. Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long:"
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
4. Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forever more.
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
5. Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

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

Worship Leaders

Ministers	The People of Hope Lutheran Church
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