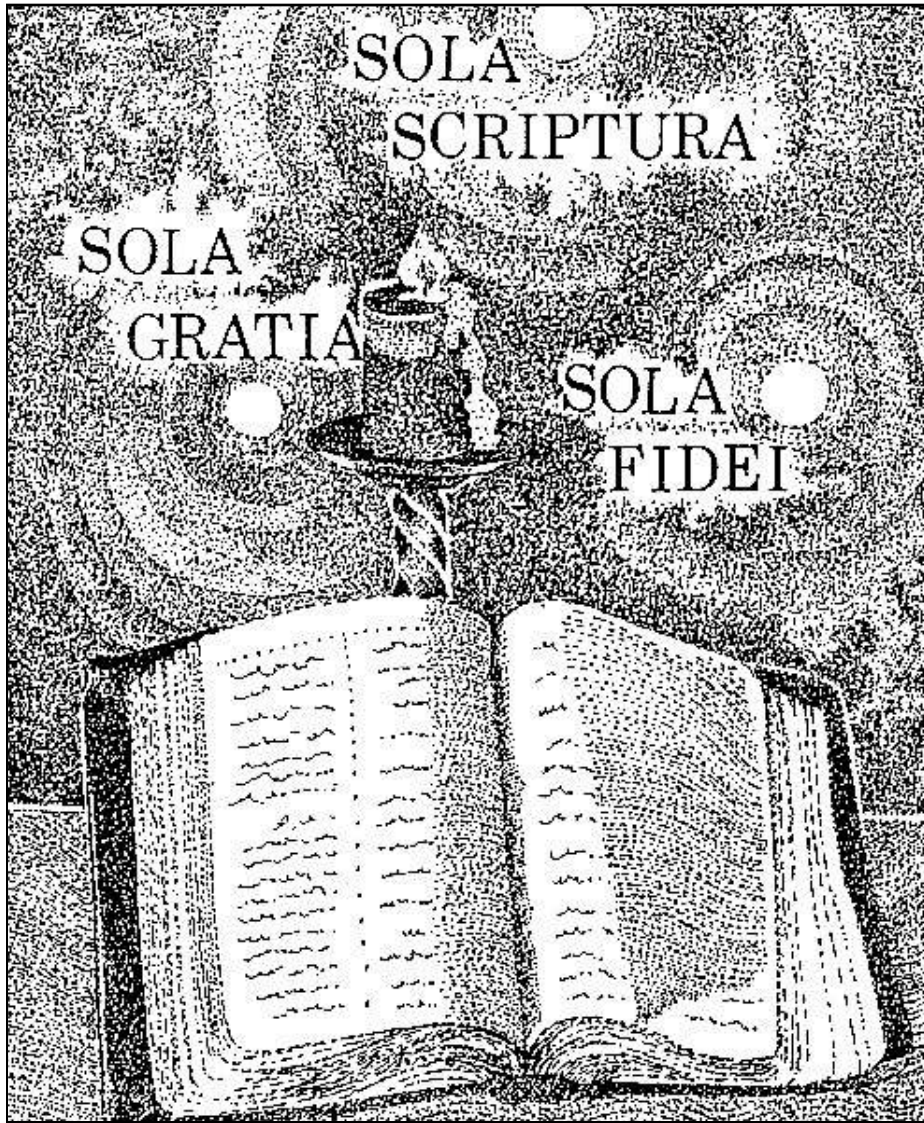


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*– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
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***Festival of the Reformation
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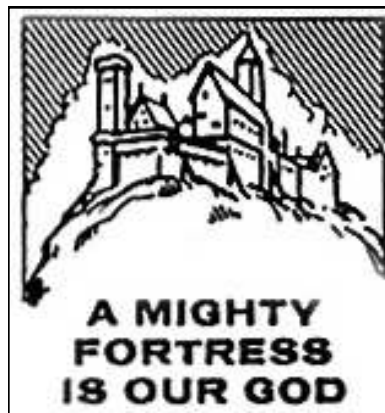
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A Special Welcome to our guests and visitors. It is the prayer of St. Paul Congregation that your faith is strengthened today by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns and spiritual songs that our Scripture-based liturgy offers every week. We invite you to sign our guest book in the church entry. If you would like more information about our church, please speak to the pastor or members at your convenience.

Liturgical Note: The colors up from have been changed to red for the Festival of Reformation. Red symbolizes the working of the Holy Spirit in hearts through the preaching of the Word, as on the Day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit showed His presence then in the tongues of fire which came to rest on the apostles (Acts 2:3). Red, being the color of blood, may also serve to remind us of the dedication of such servants of the Lord as Martin Luther who were willing to suffer and even shed their blood, if necessary, for Jesus' sake and the Gospel message of salvation by grace through faith alone in Him.

For Pre-Service Meditation

Psalm 103 (pew bible, p.535)

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION

Opening Prayer (pastor): Almighty God, merciful Father, who made the light to shine out of darkness, we thank You for the mercy You have shown to us through the pen and voice of Your faithful servant Martin Luther, who fearlessly restored the pure light of Your Gospel. Keep us, we pray, in sound doctrine, that we may steadfastly believe and worthily follow Your saving Word and defend us against all who would draw us away from You. Be with us now and evermore. Keep us as Your own, in life, in death, and in eternity. We ask this in Jesus' strong name. Amen.

Hymn: 523 (1-2)

O Word of God Incarnate

Welcome & Trinitarian Invocation

Responsive Reading from Psalm 119

Pastor Oh, how I love Your law!:

People It is my meditation all the day.

Pastor You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies:

People For they are ever with me.

Pastor I have more understanding than all my teachers:

People For Your testimonies are my meditation.

Pastor I understand more than the ancients:

People Because I keep Your precepts.

Pastor How sweet are Your words to my taste:

People Sweeter than honey to my mouth!


Pastor Through Your precepts I get understanding:

People Therefore I hate every false way.

People Your word is a lamp to my feet:

People And a light to my path.

Hymn 655 (sung by all)

 ***Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit and sword
Would wrest the Kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.***

Responsive Reading from Psalm 2

Pastor Why do the nations rage:

People And the people plot a vain thing?

Pastor The kings of the earth set themselves:

People And the rulers take counsel together,

Pastor Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying:


People "Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us."

Pastor He who sits in the heavens shall laugh:

People The LORD shall hold them in derision.

Pastor Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure:

People “Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.”

 *Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing Your praise eternally.*

Responsive Reading from Psalm 31

Pastor In You, O LORD, I put my trust; let me never be ashamed:

People Deliver me in Your righteousness.

Pastor Bow down Your ear to me, deliver me speedily:

People Be my rock of refuge, a fortress of defense to save me.

Pastor For You are my rock and my fortress:


People Therefore, for Your name's sake, lead me and guide me.

Pastor Pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me:

People For You are my strength.


Pastor Into Your hand I commit my spirit:

People You have redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

 *O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.*

Pastor: God our Father, *has* preserved His Word for us. It is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path. Our Lord Jesus *has* made His power known. He is sitting at the right hand of the Father and will come to judge the world. God the Holy Spirit *has* extended God’s grace to us through Word and Sacrament. But we have not kept the Word of our Lord. I now ask you, therefore, before God who searches the heart: Do you confess the sins you have committed in thought, word, and deed; do you repent of them, believe on the Lord Jesus for forgiveness, and sincerely intend, with the help of God's Holy Spirit, to lead a godly life from now on? If so, then answer “yes.”

Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of God's Word, announce the grace of God unto you. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I announce unto you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Let us praise our gracious, all-forgiving God!

 *Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!*

Old Testament Lesson**Jeremiah 18:1-11**

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: “Go down to the potter’s house, and there I will give you my message.” So I went down to the potter’s house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. Then the word of the LORD came to me: “O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?” declares the LORD. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it. Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, ‘This is what the LORD says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.’”

Epistle Lesson**Revelation 14:6-7**

Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Song by the Children

The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace
The Lutheran Hymnal #297:1,4,6

The Gospel shows the Father's grace, Who sent His Son to save our race,
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died That man might thus be justified.

It is the power of God to save From sin and Satan and the grave;
It works the faith, which firmly clings To all the treasures which it brings.

May we in faith its tidings learn Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
May we in faith its truth confess And praise the Lord our Righteousness!

Gospel Lesson**Mark 13:5-11**

Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains. You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

(Sung to tune of *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*)

At all times and in all places
God's people of all lands and races
Declare the faith we call our own:
We believe, one hope confessing,
In God, the source of ev'ry blessing,
Almighty Father, Lord alone.
By His great majesty
Creation came to be, Earth and heaven.
God formed them all; things great and small
Came forth at His creating call.

We believe in Christ, our Savior,
Who brought to earth God's holy favor.
By God the Holy Ghost conceived,
Born of Mary, virgin mother,
The Word-made-flesh, our human brother,
The name of Jesus He received.
By Pontius Pilate slain,
He rose to life again And ascended
To God's right hand. At His command
In judgment all the world will stand.

We believe in God the Spirit
Through whom, as Christians, we inherit
Forgiveness wrought by God's own Son.
Now one body, saints in union,
We share a mystic, sweet communion,
With prophets and apostles one.
One Church, one Lord we claim,
One Baptism in His name, One sure promise:
Triumphant, we The grave shall flee
To live with God eternally! Amen.

The Sermon

Text – Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come and see the works of the LORD, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear, he burns the shields with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

OUR COMFORT AND JOY
AS CONFSSIONAL LUTHERAN CHRISTIANS:
THE LORD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH!

1. In our day to day earthly struggles.
2. In our daily battle against our spiritual foes.

Hymn 656

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
(all stand on the 4th stanza)

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer / Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

P The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C (sings) Amen, Amen, Amen.

Closing Hymn: 523 (3)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (10/28)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (Reformation Lesson) Bible Class downstairs
	4:00 pm	Area Reformation Service, hosted by Prince of Peace, Loveland (followed by a potluck)
Tue (10/30)		Pastoral Study Conference in Cheyenne
Sun (11/4)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School (Jonah, OT 51)
	10:45 am	Bible Class

EXTENDED CALENDAR

- Women's Retreat at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, November 4-6
- Elders' Meeting: Sunday, November 11, 8:30 am
- Thanksgiving Worship: Thursday, November 22, 9:30 am

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE DURING OCTOBER

- Ushers: Bob Rankin, Mark Hartmeister
- Elder: Ed Chiappetti
- Communion Assistant: Wayne Ruegge

DURING NOVEMBER

- Ushers: Wayne Ruegge, Joshua Ruegge
- Elder: Don Claeys
- Communion Assistant: Larry Reed

IN OUR PRAYERS: Brianna Brethauer, granddaughter of Fred and Bobbie Brethauer, who is scheduled to undergo intestinal surgery on Tuesday. May the Great Physician of Souls continue to sustain and keep her spiritually as well as physically.

AREA REFORMATION FESTIVAL SERVICE: Today 4:00 pm, hosted by Prince of Peace Lutheran, Loveland. Undesignated offering at this service will go toward the ILC Student Aid Endowment Fund. A potluck will follow the worship service. Need a ride? Speak with Pastor Schuetze who will be happy to provide you with transportation.

UPCOMING CHOIR PRACTICES: Sunday, November 4,18
 (time: 8:30 am) Sunday, December 2,16,23

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY (ANNIVERSARY) BLESSINGS TO . . .

Emily Ruegge, Nov 8	Jerry Wamboldt, Nov 23
Joshua Ruegge, Nov 9	Linda Wamboldt, Nov 24
Annabell Garvin, Nov 18	Gene Wamboldt, Nov 24
Christine Johnson, Nov 19	(Gary & Leigh Ann Wamboldt, Nov 3)
Emilio Norberg, Nov 20	(Bryan & Katie Garvin, Nov 14)
Mason Tatman, Nov 20	(Adam & Shawna Fritzler, Nov 24)

COVER NOTE: The Latin terms shown on the front cover illustration (*SOLA SCRIPTURA*, *SOLA GRATIA*, and *SOLA FIDEI*) denote the three planks of Bible-based Lutheranism, namely, that the priceless heavenly blessings of forgiveness for our sins, spiritual life, and eternal salvation (heaven) become ours by God’s GRACE ALONE, as revealed in SCRIPTURE ALONE, by FAITH ALONE in Jesus His Son.

REMINDER: Turn your clocks back one hour next week. Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 4.



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DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS

OCTOBER 29 – NOVEMBER 3

The Book of Ecclesiastes has a simple message:
God supports His children through this crazy,
mixed-up life, making it endurable but not satisfying.

Mon We learn the hard way that this life goes in circles and gets nowhere; nature works that way (1:4-11), and so does history (12-17). No matter how good our intellect (16-18) or our pleasures (2:1-11), we are all in the same boat (2:12-16). Since “you can’t take it with you,” we should not complain about the temporary hand-outs we get from God (2:17-20). Okay.

Tues God schedules multiple openings and closures for His children (3:1-15)—while worldlings live and die like animals (3:16-22). God’s children share their burdens (4:1-22), and whether they come from ghetto or palace makes no dent on the next generation. That’s disquieting, too (4:13-16).

Wed Good advice for church-goers: enshrine God in our hearts and be devoted to Him in word and deed (5:1-7). In view of life’s dirty politics, the deceitfulness of riches, and the brevity of life (8-17), the child of God takes one day at a time as gifts from God (18-20). Wealth, honor, a large family, and a long life are blessings indeed, but we don’t enjoy them without godliness (6:1-6). Being human in-and-by itself is a major problem, for it is *a vain life which passes like a shadow*. Lord, have mercy!

Thurs In the jumble of life’s experiences, some things are better than others (7:1-8) and the “good old days” are fiction, but all are under God’s control (10-14). Even so, we are responsible for our thoughts, words, and deeds (15-29). As citizens of heaven, we are also good citizens on Earth (8:1-9).

Fri 8:10-10:20 Life on planet Earth is a waste for the ungodly, but for the godly it’s a blessing (8:10-14). Let’s enjoy what God grants us during the time He gives us, for it is *the work of God* (16-17), and our accomplishments are *in the hand of God* (9:1). Sin makes us as crazy as the ungodly, and we all die, but God has blessed us with a good life, anyhow (9:2-10). We survive life’s problems and dangers by accepting God’s ways (9:11-18) as we sidestep the pitfalls and potholes that endanger our journey homeward. (ch. 10).

Sat All in all, God (via Solomon) is admonishing us to be generous to others and diligent in our work ethic (11:1-8). Younger folks should enjoy their vigor while they have it, for it’s a sad fact that vitality fades away as we get older (11:9-12:8). We join Solomon in continuing to teach God’s Word, *words of truth*—and in admonishing the younger generation: *Revere God and keep His directives, for this is our privileged responsibility as His children*. Further, God will bring every work into judgment (including secrets), and they will get revealed as being wholesome fruits of faith or as rotten trash (12:9-14).