## St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

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## October 25, 2026 — Reformation Sunday

*Welcome to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church. If you are a guest or visitor with us today, we welcome you and invite you to come and worship with us again. Please take the time to introduce yourself to Pastor Werner, and we hope to see you again soon.*

*Remember that the Worship Service begins when you enter. As the Music for Meditation begins, you are invited to join in quiet, preparation time for worship. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.*

## Liturgy – Divine Service Setting Three (pg. 184)

**Opening Hymn:** 656 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
**Hymn of the Day:** 575 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"
**Distribution Hymn:** 644 "The Church's One Foundation"
**Distribution Hymn:** 556 "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"
**Distribution Hymn:** 655 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"
**Distribution Hymn:** 566 "By Grace I'm Saved"
**Closing Hymn:** 578 "Thy Strong Word"

## Prayer Requests

Please text or call Pastor Werner at (612) 716-4753 to submit prayer requests. Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.
**Angie Reinert, Loren Bott, & Gladys Stone** *(nursing home);* **Annette Bott** & **Delwin Bott** *(recovering from surgery)*

**Acolyte today -** James Werner — **Acolyte Nov. 1** - Briette Bott
**Ushers today** - *Ethan Bott, Samuel Bott, Sam Werner, & Eli Thalmann
**Ushers Nov. 1** - *Daniel Nabors, Greyson Ohlde, Emmerich Hornkohl, & Noah Thalmann
**Fellowship Hour LYF serving today** - Lucious Petesch & Kingston Voelker
**Fellowship Hour LYF serving Nov. 1 & 8** - Liam & Lydia Voelker

## Upcoming Events

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| **Oct. 25** | 8:30 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal<br>9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion<br>10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School<br>5:30 p.m. Youth Confirmation Class<br>7:00 p.m. Adult Catechesis |
| **Oct. 27** | 7:00 p.m. Linn Lutheran School Board Meeting at LLS |
| **Nov. 1** | 8:30 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal<br>9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion<br>10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School<br>5:30 p.m. Youth Confirmation Class<br>7:00 p.m. Adult Catechesis |

## Announcements

- LCMS Memory Verse Challenge: **Ephesians 2:8-9 - "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."**
- Immanuel Lutheran Layman's League (3rd Rd. Bremen, KS) is hosting their Annual Pancake Supper **today, Oct. 25**, from 4-8 p.m.; free-will donation for all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, and eggs.
- The results of the election for church officers are as follows:
  - Chairman: Dan Thalmann
  - Vice-Chairman: Steve Meier
  - Board of Elders: Mark Tiemeyer & Chad Hiltgen
  - Board of Trustees: Jeff Voelker & Aaron Tiemeyer
  - Board of Education (Sunday School): Casie Bott
  - Financial Secretary: Darren Bott
- **Linn Lutheran School News:**
  - **Wed., Oct. 28** - Mrs. Hatesohl's 1st/2nd grade Class is leading Chapel. They invite you to join them at 8:30am at Zion. There are 10 1st graders and 13 2nd graders this year!
  - **Sunday, Nov. 8th**, 1st-8th grade Linn Lutheran School students will sing at St. John. Please arrive at 9:15 a.m. to warm up in the fellowship hall. Students will sing right away at 9:30 and then join parents for the service.
  - **Sunday, Nov. 8th**- 7th/8th graders will be playing handbells at St. John. Please have them at St. Johns by 9:00 a.m. to warm up.

# THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His Table those who trust His words, repent all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily, according to Holy Scripture, do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to refrain from communing with us until such a time as they are properly instructed.

A short, more detailed explanation of our Confessional practice is available from our Ushers or Elders. If you would like to learn more about the Sacrament of the Altar and our confessional position, I would be happy to visit with you.

*-Rev. John Werner, Pastor, St. John Ev. Lutheran Church*

In preparation for Holy Communion, you may use the following statements as part of your self-examination:

- ☐ I admit that I am a sinner. **(1 John 1:8-10)**
- ☐ I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from all sin, from Satan and death. **(Acts 4:10-12; John 14:6)**
- ☐ I desire to live as God wants me to. **(John 14:15; 1 John 2:6)**
- ☐ I am sure of my eternal salvation because Jesus died for me and rose again. **(John 3:16; Romans 8:14; & 1 John 5:11-12)**
- ☐ I believe the Risen Christ is really present in Holy Communion and that with the bread and wine I receive His Body and Blood. **(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 4:22-24; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; Luke 22:17-20)**
- ☐ I forgive those who have wronged me.

## Morning Prayer

*I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.*




## Introit *(Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46)*

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
and shall not be | put to shame.

**I will bless the Lord at | all times;***
**his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.**
**My soul makes its boast | in the Lord;***
**let the humble hear | and be glad.**
**Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;***
**I will teach you the fear | of the Lord.**
**The Lord redeems the life of his | servants;***
**none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.**
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**
**as it was in the be- | ginning,***
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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## Collect for Reformation Sunday

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## First Reading: *Revelation 14:6-7*

6 Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal
gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe
and language and people. 7 And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and
give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship
him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

## Gradual *(Psalm 48:1a, 12-14a)*

**Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised**
**in the city of our God!**
**Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,**
**consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,**
**that you may tell the next generation**
**that this is God, our God forever and ever.**

## Epistle Reading: *Romans 3:19-28*

19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are
under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world
may be held accountable to God. 20 For by works of the law no human
being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes
knowledge of sin.

21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from
the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the
righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For
there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of
God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that
is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood,
to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in
his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 26 It was to show
his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the
justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

27 Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind
of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 For we hold
that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

## Gospel Reading: *John 8:31-36*

31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in
my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and
the truth will set you free." 33 They answered him, "We are offspring of
Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say,
'You will become free'?"

34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who
commits sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not remain in the house
forever; the son remains forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be
free indeed."

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## As We Gather...

## The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace

*"Wisdom is justified by her deeds"* **(Matthew 11:19)**, *and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and "remain in the house forever"* **(John 8:35)**. *For He is "a friend of tax collectors and sinners"* **(Matthew 11:19)**, *and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel "to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people"* **(Revelation 14:6)**, *"the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law"* **(Romans 3:21)**, *"that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus"* **(Romans 3:26)**. And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, *"whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith"* **(Romans 3:25)**, *"you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free"* **(John 8:31–32)**.

# Catechetical Review
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CERTAIN PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE FOR VARIOUS HOLY ORDERS AND POSITIONS, ADMONISHING THEM ABOUT THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### To Youth

*1 Peter 5:5-6*

Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you.

### To Widows

*1 Timothy 5:5-6*

She who is truly a widow, left all alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day, but she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives.

### To Everyone

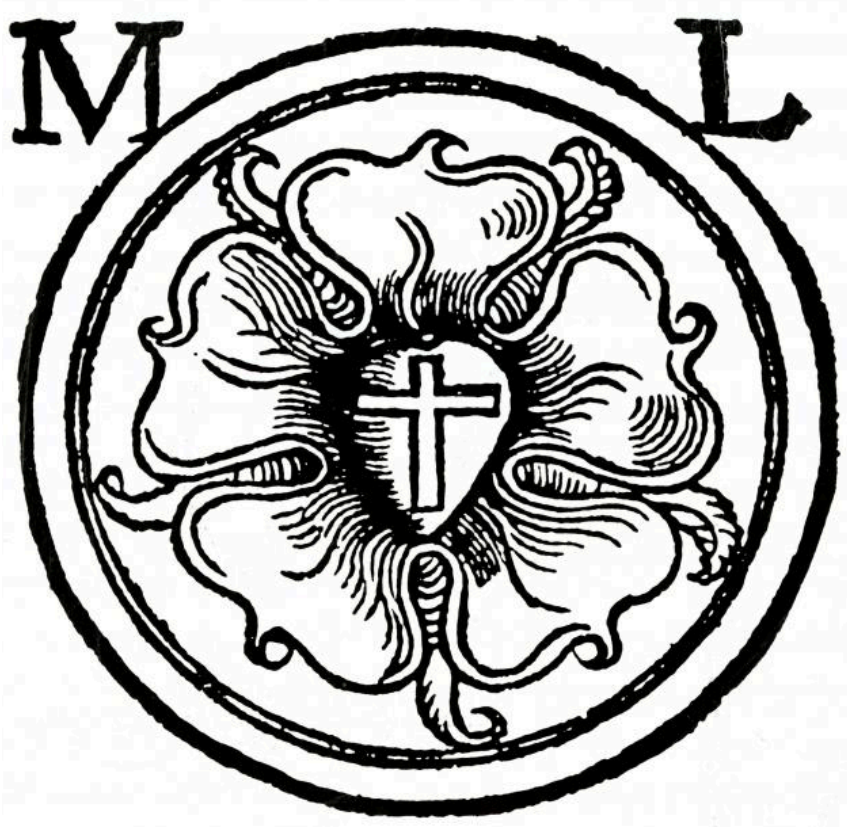
*Romans 13:9*

For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

*1 Timothy 2:1*

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.

*"He who has ears to hear, let him hear." Matthew 11:15*




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