

Grace Lutheran Church
Reformation Sunday & Youth Sunday

October 25, 2026

“For there is no distinction,
since all have sinned and fall
short of the glory of God;
they are now justified by
God’s grace.”

~ Romans 3:22b-24a



Service of Holy Communion

Reformation Sunday & Youth Sunday

() the assembly may stand*

Congregation speaks responses in bold

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "Fishers of Men"

Youth

WELCOME

Youth and Anne Corti

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Youth

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the youth ministry begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is our safe place, our strength, and our help when life gets hard. **Amen.**

God loves us just as we are, and through Jesus, we are free to live in that love. Trusting in God's grace, let us tell the truth about the ways we fall short.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Loving God,

Sometimes we make choices that hurt others.

Sometimes we leave people out,

say unkind things, or refuse to forgive.

Sometimes we are afraid,

and we forget to trust you.

Sometimes we care more about being right than showing love.

We forget that we don't have to earn your love.

You give it to us freely,

even when we make mistakes.

Forgive us, God, and help us start again.

When life feels scary, remind us that you are with us.

When we feel stuck, show us the way to freedom.

When we see someone who needs a friend, help us be the ones who reach out.

Keep changing our hearts,

help us grow in faith,

and teach us to share your love with everyone.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hear the good news! God is our refuge and our strength. Nothing can separate us from God's love. We don't have to earn God's forgiveness or be perfect to be loved. Because of Jesus, our sins are forgiven, and we are free to begin again. Our sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen!**

GATHERING HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" ELW 503

Youth & UA

***GREETING**

Youth

May God's love surround you, may Jesus' grace remind you that you are always loved, and may the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Youth

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Loving God, thank you for always helping your church grow and change. Send your Holy Spirit to be with us, guide us, and give us courage. Help us trust your word, especially when life is hard or we feel afraid. Remind us that you are always with us, and help us stand up for what is right, share your love with others, and welcome everyone. Fill your church with your peace and help us follow Jesus every day. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

PSALM: Psalm 46 (The Message)

Youth

The psalm is read responsively.

1-3 God is a safe place to hide,
ready to help when we need him.

We stand fearless at the cliff-edge of doom,
courageous in seastorm and earthquake,
Before the rush and roar of oceans,
the tremors that shift mountains.

**Jacob-wrestling God fights for us,
God-of-Angel-Armies protects us.**

4-6 River fountains splash joy, cooling God's city,
this sacred haunt of the Most High.

God lives here, the streets are safe,
God at your service from crack of dawn.

Godless nations rant and rave, kings and kingdoms threaten,
but Earth does anything he says.

*Psalm continues
next page*

**7 Jacob-wrestling God fights for us,
God-of-Angel-Armies protects us.**

8-10 Attention, all! See the marvels of God!

He plants flowers and trees all over the earth,
Bans war from pole to pole,
breaks all the weapons across his knee.

"Step out of the traffic! Take a long,
loving look at me, your High God,
above politics, above everything."

**11 Jacob-wrestling God fights for us,
God-of-Angel-Armies protects us.**

***GOSPEL: John 8:31-36**

Youth

The holy gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They 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'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

FAMILY MESSAGE

Abby Carrier and Alice Lanham

EPISTLE READING: Romans 3:19-28

Youth

A reading from Romans.

¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they 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.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Lia Kirk

***HYMN OF THE DAY "This Is Amazing Grace"**

Youth & UA

by Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro, & Phil Wickham

Verse 1

**Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The king of glory, the king above all kings.**

Verse 2

**Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The king of glory, the king above all kings.**

Chorus

**This is amazing grace,
This is unfailing love,
That you would take my place,
That you would bear my cross.
You laid down your life
That I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus I sing for, all that you've done for me.**

Verse 3

**Who brings our chaos back into order,
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The king of glory, the king of glory.**

Hymn continues next page

Verse 4

**Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The king of glory, the king above all kings.**

Chorus

**Yeah, this is amazing grace,
This is unfailing love,
That you would take my place,
That you would bear my cross.
You laid down your life
That I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus I sing for, all that you've done for me.**

Bridge

**Worthy is the lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the king who conquered the grave!
(repeat two more times)
Worthy is the lamb who was slain!
Worthy, worthy worthy! Oh,**

Chorus

**This is amazing grace,
This is unfailing love,
That you would take my place,
That you would bear my cross.
You laid down your life
That I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus I sing for, all that you've done for me,
All that you've done for me.**

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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Presiding Minister

The presiding minister introduces each new member or household.

**Mark & Terri Mackley
Griffin, Erin, Dax & Riley Klema
Rick & Dorothy Karrs
Luis, Jaime, Lilliana, & Camilla Alvarado**

CREED

Youth

...So, gathered by the Holy Spirit and trusting in God's love, let us join our voices and confess what we believe...

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

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

Presiding Minister

The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed. Those being welcomed respond. The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

WELCOME

Youth

Those being welcomed face the assembly. The assembly is addressed.

Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

The new members return to their places within the assembly.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Youth

**Ooooo, Ooooo, We lift up our prayers,
For the planet, for its people. (Ooooo, Ooooo)
We lift up our prayers**

*Prayers continue
next page*

For the church and its many shapes of steeples. (**Ooooo, Ooooo**)

We lift up our prayers

For the hungry, for the cold. (**Ooooo, Ooooo**)

We lift up our prayers

For the young and for the old. (**Ooooo, Ooooo**)

We lift up our prayers

For our joy and for our pain. (**Ooooo, Ooooo**)

We lift up our prayers

For the sunshine, for the rain. (**Ooooo, Ooooo**)

We lift up our prayers

For the dying, for the sick. (**Ooooo, Ooooo**)

We lift up our prayers

For our loved ones and the glue that makes us stick. (**Ooooo, Ooooo**)

We lift up our prayers

For our leaders, for their minds. (**Ooooo, Ooooo**)

We lift up our prayers

For your wisdom as to how we draw our lines. (**Ooooo, Ooooo**)

We lift up our prayers

For the world and its frantic pace. (**Ooooo, Ooooo**)

We lift up our prayers

For the places where we find deeper space. (**Ooooo, Ooooo**)

We lift up our prayers

For all yearning hearts beneath the sun. (**Ooooo, Ooooo**)

We lift up our prayers

For the chance for a prayer for everyone. (**Ooooo, Ooooo**)

We lift up our prayers

For our words and for our silence. (Pause)

Ooooo, Ooooo, Ahhhmen.

INTRODUCTION INTO THE PEACE

Youth

PEACE "Alleluia Song" by David Graham

Youth & UA

Chorus

A-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia,

A-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia

A-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia,

A-la-la-la-la-le, le-lu-ia

Verse 1

Shake another hand, shake a hand next to ya.
Shake another hand as you sing this song,
Shake another hand, shake a hand next to ya.
Shake another hand as you sing this song, . .
(Chorus)

Verse 2

High another five, high a five next to ya.
High another five as you sing this song
High another five, high a five next to ya.
High another five as you sing...
(Chorus)

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Verse 3

Bump anotha rump, bump a rump next to ya.
Bump anotha rump as you sing this song
Bump anotha rump, bump a rump next to ya.
Bump anotha rump as you sing ...
(Chorus)

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG "My Lighthouse"

Youth & UA
by Chris Llewellyn & Gareth Gilkeson

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*OFFERING PRAYER

Youth

Generous God, you give us rain to help the earth grow, food to fill our tables, and people to love and care for us. Everything we have is a gift from you. Help us share what we have, use our gifts and talents to help others, and show your love through the things we say and do. Teach us to be generous, kind, and caring, so that everyone can experience your goodness. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

*DIALOGUE

Youth

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***
Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them to the Lord.***
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

It is right, and it is our joy...

...to praise your name in a song that never ends:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW PG. 144 "Holy, Holy, Holy"**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Presiding Minister

On the night Jesus was betrayed,
He took some bread and gave thanks to God.
He broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said
"Take and eat it. This is my body given for you.
Whenever you eat this, remember me."

After supper, Jesus took a cup and gave thanks,
He gave it to his friends to drink and said,
"This cup is a new promise in my blood,
It is for you and everyone so that sins can be forgiven.
When you drink this, remember me."

So we remember—his love, his life, his death, and that he's alive again. We bring this bread and this cup with thankful hearts, grateful that we get to be part of what God is doing in the world. Send your Spirit here, on this bread and this cup, and on us—your people. Bring us together. Fill us up with your love. Grow our faith. Help us live like Jesus—every day. Through Jesus, with Jesus, and in Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we give you thanks and praise, God—now and forever. **Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Youth

...So, let us join our voices and pray together, just as Jesus taught us...

**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**

Youth

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

Believing in Jesus Christ, we invite ALL to the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Receive the host, then take one of the small cups. Wine is the outer rings and grape juice is the inner rings. Gluten-free wafers are available. Follow the directions of the ushers to return to your pew leaving cups in bowls provided. The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION HYMN "Dance With Me" (Youth) by Evan Earwicker

This is holy time

We're gathered together

To worship you

To love one another

And as we pray,

And as we sing,

And as we dance,

And as we dream

Oh Lord I beg of you, just this one thing..,

Won't you dance with me, throughout the heavens and below the sea

And up on the mountaintop

Roll with the breeze, come carry me,

Lord, won't you dance, with me?

Words and Music by Evan C. Earwicker.
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COMMUNION HYMN "One Name Under Heaven"

Youth

By Michael John Clement

One name under heaven,

Whereby we must be saved (2x)

Forgiven of our sins, baptized in the water

Filled with the Holy Ghost

And washed by the blood of the lamb. (2x)

Free, truly free my friend,

Free by the blood of the lamb

Free, truly free my friend,

Free by the blood of the lamb.

Words and Music by Michael John
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God's gonna move this place,

God's gonna move this place

God's gonna turn the whole world upside down. (2x)

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

Youth

The assembly stands to receive the blessing.

May Jesus' love fill our hearts, may his gifts of bread and wine give us strength, and may he keep us together in his love, today and always.

Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Youth

Let us pray.

Loving God, thank You for feeding us with this meal of grace and love.

As we go from here, help us be brave and follow Jesus every day.

When we feel worried or unsure, remind us that you are with us. When we feel happy and strong, help us share that joy with others. Let the love we have received here give us strength to help others, hope to share, and kindness to show everyone we meet. **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

Youth

May God's love fill your hearts, may Jesus' grace remind you that you are always loved and forgiven, and may the Holy Spirit ✠ guide you, bless you, and give you peace, today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN "Build Your Kingdom Here"

by Rend Collective
Youth & UA

Verse 1

**Come set Your rule, and reign
in our hearts again.**

Increase in us, we pray.

Unveil why we're made.

**Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,
like wildfire in our very souls;**

Holy Spirit, come, invade us now.

We are Your church;

We need Your pow'r in us.

Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first.

We hunger and we thirst;

Refuse to waste our lives,

for You're our joy and prize.

To see the captives' hearts released;

Verse 2 (continued)

**The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.
We are Your church;
We pray, revive this earth.**

Chorus

**Build Your kingdom here.
Let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand.
Heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire.
Win this nation back.
Change the atmosphere.
Build Your kingdom here, we pray!**

Verse 3

**Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r,
reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty, changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this;
Awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are Your church;
We are the hope on earth.**

Chorus

**Build Your kingdom here.
Let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand.
Heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire.
Win this nation back.
Change the atmosphere.
Build Your kingdom here, we pray!**

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DISMISSAL

Youth

**Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE "The Milk Song"

Youth

Origin unknown; based on the song 'Love Round' of Songs
and Creation, Inc. © 1987.

Prayer List – Week of October 25, 2026

We pray for those in need of Christ's healing touch

NEW TO OUR PRAYER LIST

10/18 – Lori Daquila (Meints'), Mary Jo Thies-Dietrich (Bohlmann)

10/11 –Darlene & Patrick Gould, Joyce McFarland (Lay)

Jonathan Burton (Barry)

ONGOING MEMBER CONCERNS

Bert Crouthamel

Yvonne Daily

Rose Kuhns

Betty Freshcorn

Richard Andree

Mike Campbell

Kathy Crouthamel

Dora Hepner

The Katt/Watson Family

Joe Watson

Troy Brueggemeier

Thelma Rodriguez

Mickey Castor

Tim Smith

Brenda Gerding

Sandra Taylor

Kathy Jenkins

Ralph Hepner

Allen Cheek

OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS

Tom Saldin (Priede)

Terri Mackley(Michael)

Jeanette Wolfe (Lindgren)

Ashley Wilson (Crosby)

Bob Pihl (Missbach)

Ann Maurer (Maurer)

Chris Adams (Castor)

Karen Brown (Perrone)

Scott Eidam

Jahn VandePutte (Cheek)

Kathy Dowsett (Milo)

Karen Kreitmayr(Milo)

Layla Lebovic (Heckley)

Fred Bondzeit (Davies)

Mary Funk

Peggy Gomez (Tilo)

Woody Erickson (McCarty)

Dylan Laliberte (Gould)

Janet Haulman (Fast)

Miles Brown (Vickers)

Steve Mateus (Albisu)

Richard Taylor

Shane Rose (Armstrong)

Ian (Hills)

Stephanie Williams (Hall)

Leila Ritari

Judy Zimmerman, (Milo)

Pr. Wayne Gollenberg (Milo)

Brenda Giroux (Laettner)

Jim Laughner (Davies)

James DeBoer (Davies)

The Iavarone Family (Hills)

Valerie & Andy (Meints)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

The floral arrangement on the altar is in honor of Rob & April Reinhart's wedding anniversary.

We welcome you to Grace Lutheran Church!



Grace is a place of faith, hope and healing for ALL.

*We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced,
LGBTQ+, rich, poor, black, brown or white.*

*We extend a special welcome to crying newborns, squirming children,
and frazzled moms and dads.*

*We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or like some of us,
who can't carry a note in a bucket.*

You're welcome here if you're "just browsing", just woke up or just got out of jail.

*We don't care if you're more Lutheran than Martin Luther,
or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism.*

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*We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet,  
and to teenagers who are growing up too fast.*

*We welcome starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians and junk-food eaters.*

*We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted.*

*We welcome you if you're having problems, down in the dumps  
or if you don't like "organized religion",  
we've been there too.*

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We offer a special welcome to those who are left-wing, right-wing, or middle of the road.

*If you are here only because you are visiting grandma
and she wanted you to go to church with her, we welcome you.*

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both.

We welcome those in flip flops or three-piece suits.

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*We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now.*

*We welcome vacationers, snow-birds, year-rounders, seekers, doubters....and you!*

*We welcome you to Grace Lutheran Church,  
because we are a "house for all sinners and saints",*

*Gathered by the grace of God.*

***Grace is a place of faith, hope and healing for ALL.***

**WORSHIP LEADERS – October 25, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.**

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Rev. Jennifer S. Michael

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*Connecting People to People, People to Christ, and People to their role in the world!*

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