

REFORMATION SUNDAY
October 25, 2026
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, MN

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

6:30pm, 8:30am **Hymn 656 (Maroon): A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**
10:30am **By Faith**

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 46:1-11)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
2 **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,**
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
3 **though its waters roar and foam,**
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
5 **God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;**
God will help her when morning dawns.
6 The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
7 **The Lord of hosts is with us;**
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
8 Come, behold the works of the Lord,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
9 **He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;**
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.
10 "Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"
11 **The Lord of hosts is with us;**
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

CONFESSION *(From Martin Luther, Small Catechism, Confession)*

"Confession has two parts.
First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven."

The book of Romans tell us, "For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." *(Romans 3:22b–24)*

Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.
O Lord, our God, we confess that during times in our lives when it feels as though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the sea, we have not looked to You as our fortress and strength. Too often we look to ourselves, not fearing, loving, and trusting in You above all things. We humbly ask that for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SONG: G640 (Green): Lord, Be Glorified

1. **In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In my life, Lord, be glorified today.**
2. **In my song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In my song, Lord, be glorified today.**
3. **In Your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In Your church, Lord, be glorified today.**

Readers: 6:30pm Joanne Keilen; 8:30am Nona Anderson; 10:30am Caitlyn Kruse

FIRST LESSON: Revelation 14:6-7
6 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. 7 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." (ESV)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON: 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. (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

▲ **6:30pm & 8:30am Hymn 582 (Maroon): God's Word is Our Great Heritage**

God's Word is our great heritage, And shall be ours forever
To spread its light from age to age, Shall be our chief endeavor
Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay
Lord, grant while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations

▲ **10:30am SONG: Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the Risen Lord**

GOSPEL READING: John 8:30-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[30] As he was saying these things, many believed in him.
[31] So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed 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 practices 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. (ESV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN G629 (Green): In Christ Alone

SERMON Better Together Pastor Miller

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

Please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it along to others. As it is passed back to the center aisle, please take the opportunity to note the names of others seated in your pew.

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

10:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

SONG: How Deep the Father's Love

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 794 (Maroon): The Lord, My God, Be Praised

10:30am SONG: Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone

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