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Reformation Day, Observed

8:00 & 10:30 AM

October 25, 2026

OUR THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS: LOVE AND ZEAL, A GOOD MIX FOR 2026!

"Never be lacking in zeal, but maintain your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord."~Romans 12:11

We welcome you to Our Shepherd. It is a joy to have you with us today! We pray that you will be strengthened and uplifted through our worship.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude: A Mighty Fortress . . . J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 644 – The Church's One Foundation

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

Exhortation

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: *But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Confession of Sins

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: *Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*

Absolution

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise: LSB 947 – All Glory Be to God on High (10:30, Vs. 1 Choir, Vs. 2-4, All)

*All glory be to God on high
And thanks for all His favor;
No harm can touch or terrify
A child of God forever.
God shows His good and gracious will
And grants His peace, the world to fill
All strife at last has ended.*

We praise and laud and worship You;
We give You thanks forever,
O Father, for Your rule is true
And just and changes never.
With boundless pow'r, Your mighty reign
Fulfills whatever You ordain.
Lord, grant us ev'ry blessing!

O Jesus Christ, the only Son
Begotten of the Father,
Your saving death has made us one
With God and with each other.
O Lamb of God, to You on high
In our distress we sinners cry,
Have mercy on us, amen!

O Holy Spirit, our delight
And source of consolation,
Protect us from the devil's might
Through Jesus, our salvation.
Who by His death upon a tree
Has rescued us from misery:
To this we hold forever.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: 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. Amen.

Scripture Readings (Back of Bulletin)

New Testament Reading: Revelation 14: 6-7

Anthem (10:30): God is our Refuge . . . A. Pote

*God is our refuge and strength;
A present help in time of trouble
Though the mountains shake
In the heart of the sea,
Though the waters roar and foam,
We will not fear.*

*Come and behold the work of the Lord,
The awesome acts of God.
He is in the midst of his people,
In all the earth.
He is the Word, we are his hands,
He will lead us.
He is the air, we are his song,
We will celebrate his presence
All the day long.*

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Epistle: Romans 3: 19-28

Holy Gospel: John 8: 31-36

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God!

Nicene Creed: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: LSB 656 – A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Children’s Message

Message from the Word:

Sermon Theme: The Reformation in 10 minutes

Sermon Text: Romans 1: 16-17

Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Responsive Prayer

P: I will speak of your testimonies before kings, O Lord,
C: *and shall not be put to shame.*
P: I will bless the Lord at all times;
C: *his praise shall continually be in my mouth.*
P: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
C: *let the humble hear and be glad.*
P: Come, O children, listen to me;
C: *I will teach you the fear of the Lord.*
P: The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
C: *none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.*
P: I will speak of your testimonies before kings, O Lord,
C: *and shall not be put to shame.*

Prayers/Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution/The Lord’s Supper (10:30 a.m.)

The Bible is specific about who should attend the Lord’s Supper (1 Corinthians 10: 16-17; 11: 27-30). We invite those who wish to confess their sins and believe they receive Christ’s body and blood in this sacrament, for their forgiveness, to join us at the Lord’s Table for their spiritual strengthening.

Communion Anthem: How Firm A Foundation . . . A. L. Page

*How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?*

*“Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!*

*“When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.*

*“Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov’reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”*

Post-Communion Canticle: Thank the Lord

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ryone what He has done. Let ev’ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Layon of Hands (10:30): Prayerful send off for God’s Work Today trip to South Africa

Closing Hymn: LSB 794 – The Lord, My God, Be Praised

Benediction

Postlude: 8:00 – A Mighty Fortress . . . F. W. Markull
10:30 – March Heroique . . . G. P. Telemann/C. Callahan

Thank you to our Brass Players at the 10:30 service today:
Trumpets - Brett Murphey and Kathryn Krubsack
Horn - Sue Walker
Trombone - Matthew Walker

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: Flowers are given to the glory of God this weekend by Joe and Chris Purpero in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary. God’s blessings to them!

FIRST-TIME VISITORS: Welcome to our guests and visitors! Please take home an Our Shepherd gift bag located on the table in the narthex as a “thank you” for being here!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME: Daylight Saving Time ends next weekend. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before bed on Saturday, October 31!

ALTAR GUILD: We are seeking volunteers to set up and take down communion on the Saturday 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 a.m. service. Sign an attendance card if you can help, and you will be contacted.

BLANKET-MAKING: Sign up if you can help with our annual blanket making project on Sunday, November 8th after the late service until 3:00, and Saturday, November 14th from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided on both days. Come when you can and stay as long as you would like! ***We also are collecting new socks and gloves for men, women, and children.***

If you would like to work at home, please sign out blankets on the sheet provided downstairs.

SERVE AT THE EBENEZER BREAKFAST: On Saturday, November 7, 2026, we are asking for 4-5 volunteers beginning at 7:30. See our website for the sign-up link.

SERVE AT THE EBENEZER FOOD PANTRY: On Saturday, November 21, 2026, we are asking for eight volunteers to distribute food to those in need. Please see our website to sign up.

COLLECTION OF WINTER ITEMS: If you knit or crochet, there is yarn available in the room off the nursery. Please take what you would like to create hats, mittens, and scarves to be donated to those in need. Completed items can be left in the church office.

GRIEFSHARE GROUP: This new group will meet for a 2-part series, **Surviving the Holidays**. The meetings are Thursday, November 12 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, December 10 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Please go to Griefshare.com to register. On the homepage, click on “find a group” and you will see Our Shepherd’s listings. *GriefShare is a welcoming support group for people grieving the death of a family member or friend.* All are welcome. If you know someone that would benefit from this support, please invite them to attend. On Thursday January 14, we will begin a 13-week series. You are encouraged to attend any week; the sessions are self-contained. These meetings will be from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday	Women’s Bible Study	2:00 PM
Monday	Adult Bible Study	6:30 PM
Monday	Bell Choir	3:30 PM
Tuesday	Share Our Strengths (S.O.S.)	6:00 PM
Wednesday	Men’s Bible Study	6:00 AM
Wednesday	Women’s Bible Study	9:30 AM
Wednesday	Bell Choir	6:45 PM
Wednesday	Senior Choir	7:30 PM
Saturday	Worship Service	6:00 PM
Sunday	Worship Service	8:00 AM
Sunday	Sunday School	9:30 AM
Sunday	Teen and Adult Bible Study	9:30 AM
Sunday	Worship Service	10:30 AM

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The Word Today is aired locally on Sunday mornings at 7:45 on WJYI 1340 AM and at 8:30 on WRJN 1400 AM.

Listener Responses to The Word Today

Awadhi (India)
I'm from Nepal. The first time I heard about this program in 2023. the program came specifically from the book of 2 Timothy, as it was the first time I was reading that book and at the same time listening to my Awadhi song, I will never forget that moment. I feel so empty and God’s presence fills in my life. drops of tears coming up. I felt the presence of the ETERNAL CREATOR Jesus. How God has been touching my life such strongly that I can't describe it. Here is a small part of the book that the Creator spoke to (Paul) that He is going to pour His life for the sake of the gospel. Everything shown in the vision, you must be faithful. And Paul till His death became obedient and sacrificed his life for Jesus and the Gospel. After the program, I determined that I also should share the gospel and play a part of role in God’s mission. Today I give thanks to the TWR Radio Program which is helping to raise God’s people for His ministry.