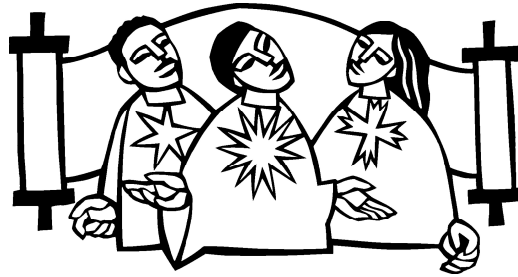


Erickson Lutheran Church
30 – 3rd Street S. W.

Sunday, October 25, 2026,
at 10:30 a.m.
Lay Service
Twenty Second Sunday after
Pentecost and Reformation
Sunday, Year A



Welcome

Call to Worship

Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

Children's Hymn *"Lord I Want To Be A Christian"*

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Text: African American spiritual

Celebration Candle

Confession and Forgiveness

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

*504 "A Mighty
Fortress Is Our God"*



Prayer of the Day

**O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Song of Praise

Scripture Readings

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18, Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17, Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 *(in red hymnal after page 338)*

Gospel Hymn **172 “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”**

Gospel ***Matthew 22:34-46***

Word of God Word of Life **Thanks be to God**

Reflection *Cathy Hackenschmidt*

Hymn of the Day ***"Let It Be Said Of Us"***

**Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion,
That with gladness we bore every cross we were given;
That we fought the good fight, that we finished the course
Knowing with in us the power of the risen Lord.**

Refrain

**Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song;
By mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.
'Til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.**

**Let it be said of us; we were marked by forgiveness,
We were known by our love and delighted in meekness;
We were ruled by His peace heeding unity's call.
Joined as one body that Christ would be seen by all. R**
Text: Steve Fry

Apostle Creed *(tune: Bradbury)*

We believe in God the Father, God almighty, by whose plan Earth and heaven sprang to being all created things began. We believe in Christ the Saviour, Son of God in human frame, Virgin-born, the child of Mary upon whom the Spirit came.

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a Lamb to slaughter led,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, He descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen, heaven's King to rule and reign,
To the Father's side ascended till as judge He comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit; In one church, below, above:
Saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven, Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
We shall rise with Him in glory to the life that knows no end.**

Prayers for the People

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sharing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering Hymn **689 “Praise and Thanksgiving”**

Offering Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer *(in red hymnal on page 221 right hand column)*

Blessing

Sending Hymn **650 “In Christ There Is No East or West”**

Announcements

Activities for the Week of October 26, 2026, to November 1, 2026

Tuesday, October 27 – Choir at 7 PM

Thursday, October 29 – Private Event Kitchen Rental

Friday, October 30 - Private Kitchen Rental

Sunday, November 1 – Service of Word followed by Potluck Lunch

All Welcome; All Saints Day

Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

Renewers of the Faith

Philipp Nicolai, died 1608; Johann Heermann, died 1647; Paul Gerhardt, died 1676; hymnwriters Monday, October 26, 2026
These great hymnwriters all worked in seventeenth-century Germany in times of war and plague. Nicolai, a pastor, lost 1,300 parishioners to plague, 170 in one week. He wrote "O Morning Star, how fair and bright" and "Wake, awake, for night is flying." Heermann's hymns, including "Ah, holy Jesus," often express the emotions of faith. Gerhardt, perhaps the greatest Lutheran hymnwriter, was a pastor in Berlin.

Simon and Jude, Apostles Wednesday, October 28, 2026
We know little about these apostles. Simon is listed as "the zealot" or Cananean in New Testament lists. Jude, also called Thaddeus, asked Jesus at the last supper why he had revealed himself to the disciples but not to the world.

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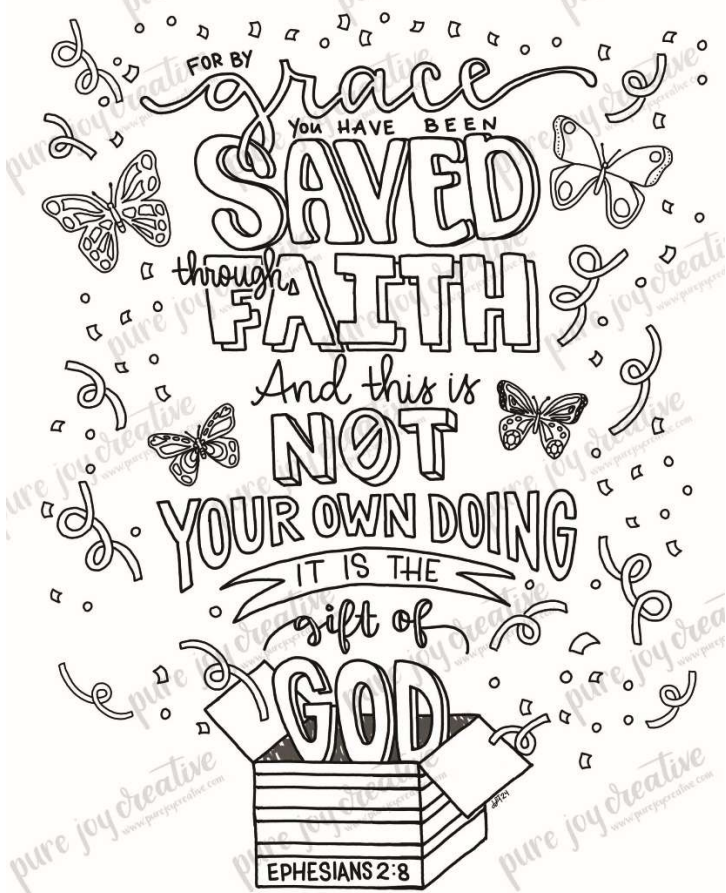
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Reformation Day

Saturday, October 31, 2026

By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, **the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.**



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