

October 29, 2023—Reformation Sunday

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

Liturgy and hymns are in the Red Hymnal unless otherwise noted.

Gathering *Indicates to stand if you are able

Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship *(on insert)*

* "Rise, Shine, You People!" #665

* Greeting **pg. 138**

* Prayer of the Day

Word

Jeremiah 31:31-34 *(page 694 OT in pew Bible)*

Psalms 46 *(on screen)*

Romans 3:19-28 *(page 134 NT in pew Bible)*

* Gospel Acclamation **pg. 142**

* Gospel: John 8:31-36 *(page 88 NT in pew Bible)*

*(after announcement of Gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord**)*

*(response after reading of Gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ**)*

Message

"Wash, O God, our Sons and Daughters" #445

Affirmation of Baptism **pg. 234-236**

* Prayers of the Church

* Sharing the Peace

Meal

* Offering

* The Great Thanksgiving **pg. 144**

* "Holy, Holy, Holy" **pg. 144**

* Words of Institution

* The Lord's Prayer

* "Just As I Am, without One Plea" #592 vs 1 & 4

Communion Distribution *You are welcome to come to the altar to receive Holy Communion. If you prefer, gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. Just ask the server.*

* Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Blessing

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #504

Dismissal and Bell

Remember in your prayers

Anita Stoker, Marla Miller, Mick Rose, those affected by COVID-19, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, natural disasters, violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound. Continue to pray for the overseas missionary we support, Reverend Dr. Philip J. Knutson and Lou Knutson serving in South Africa.

upcoming events and announcements

THANK YOU to Pastor Seyward Ask for leading us in worship this morning.

COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP Join us in the fellowship hall for coffee and treats. This morning's fellowship time is in honor of our confirmation students.

FALL DINNER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We need your help to make this year's fall dinner a success! Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.

SILENT AUCTION IS OPEN! Check out the items up for bid (hosted by Zielsdorf Auction). Bidding runs through Monday, November 6. Don't miss it!

THANKOFFERING COLLECTION containers are available in the Narthex. Please pick one up and collect your loose change. Money from this collection goes to support the life-changing ministries of the Women of the ELCA. We will collect the offering during worship on Sunday, November 12 or they can be dropped off at the church office.

HELP NEEDED! First Lutheran is in need of worship servants! If you are willing to help serve as an usher/head usher, communion preparer, communion server, nursery attendant or an audio/video tech, please contact the church office. Training will be provided!

ELEMENT meets on Wednesday, November 8th from 6:00-7:30pm at First Lutheran and **SR. FUSION** meets from 7:00-8:30pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL upcoming classes will be held on Sundays, November 5th and November 19th from 8:30--9:30am. Students are encouraged to attend worship on the Sundays that classes do not meet.

REMIDER! If you or someone you know is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or home-bound and would like a pastoral visit or Holy Communion, please contact church office at 320.589.3242. Hospital and nursing home staff can not contact the church without permission.

Today's Worship Servants: Sunday, October 29

Ushers: Al Harris, Ward Voorhees, Linda Holland **Lector:** Cathy Anderson

Communion: Liz Harris (*bread*) **Nursery:** Robi Bowman

Comm Servers: Emilie Brustuen, Ray Bowman, Judy Buro

Acolyte: Abigail Anderson & Brenna Jergenson

Video: Steve Wagner **TV slides:** Chance Buro

Next Week's Worship Servants: Sunday, November 5

Ushers: Dick Smith, Dennis Feuchtenberger, Judy & Chance Buro

Lector: Vicki Dalager **Nursery:** Jone Anderson

Acolyte: Wes & Jennie Odello

Communion Prep: Laurie Feuchtgenberger (*bread*)

Communion Servers: Bob Dalager, Doug & Sharon Ehlers

Video: Tony Feuchtenberger **TV slides:** Giana F.

welcome

First Lutheran Church, ELCA

Chosen by Christ - Empowered to Serve

200 East 5th Street, Morris, MN 56267

Phone: 320-589-3242

Website: www.flcmorris.org

Facebook: *Morris-First Lutheran Church*

YouTube: *First Lutheran Church - Morris MN*

(all services are live streamed via Facebook and YouTube)

Office email: office@flcmorris.org

TODAY: Sunday, Oct 29

Reformation/Affirmation of Baptism

9:30am: Worship with Holy Communion

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship

Monday, Oct 30

no events scheduled

Tuesday, Oct 31

11:00am: Pastor's Text Study

Wednesday, Nov 1

4:30-7:30pm: Fall Dinner

Silent Auction runs through Nov 6

Thursday, Nov 2

no events scheduled

Friday, Nov 3

no events scheduled

Saturday, Nov 4

8:00am: Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran

Sunday, Nov 5 All Saint's Sunday

Daylight Saving Time ends

8:30am: Sunday school

9:30am: Worship with Holy Communion

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship

2:00-4:00pm: Girl Scouts

CALL TO WORSHIP

Love Divine, you have called us **and placed us under prairie skies.**

In our diversity you have called us **as your body for this time and place.**

For the healing of the world, you have called us **and empower us with your peace and courage.**

To new adventures you have called us **to go and plant seeds of faith.**

You call us to worship, here and now! **Thanks be to God!**

2023 Confirmation Students

Abigail Marie Anderson

Parents: Ryan & Laura Anderson

Baptism: November 1, 2009

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

–Psalm 27:1

Brayden Matthew Carlson

Parents: Matthew Carlson and Marissa & Brian Knutson

Baptism: November 2, 2008

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

–Philippians 4:13

Dane Robinson Dybdahl

Parents: Terry & Jill Dybdahl

Baptism: March 22, 2009

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight. –Proverbs 3:5-6

Brenna Jo Jergenson

Parents: Rob & Peg Jergenson

Baptism: September 21, 2008

For though I fall, I will rise again. Though I sit in darkness, the Lord will be my light. –Micah 7:8

Owen Joseph Nesvig

Parents: Mark & Crystal Nesvig

Baptism: 2009

For with God nothing shall be impossible. –Luke 1:37

Connor Steven Siegel

Parents: Chris & Bobbi Siegel

Baptism: September 28, 2008

Fear not for I am with you. –Isaiah 41:10