

Reformation Sunday

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Setting # 3

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Prelude

Organ

“Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland”

Martin Luther
arr. Andreas Nikolaus Vetter

Welcome and Worship Notes

Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness (*left side*)

pp. 94-96

*Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

Response: **And also with you.**

GATHERING

*Gathering Hymn, **ELW No. 504**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

(Grand View Brass Accompaniment)

*Apostolic Greeting

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**Kyrie*

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*Hymn of Praise, *“Glory to God...”*

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*Prayer of the Day

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt— a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 46:1-7

(Read responsively, by whole verse)

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the
sea;**
- ³ though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- 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 the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
- ⁶ **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**
- ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading

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 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, ²⁵ whom 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; ²⁶ it 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. ²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Choral Anthem

“Everlasting Love”

Chancel Choir

words and music by Lloyd Larson

*Gospel Acclamation p.142a
*Gospel Announced “*The holy gospel....*” p.143
Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel John 8:31-36

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.”

*Gospel Proclamation “*The gospel of the Lord*”
Response: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon “*When the Church Becomes God*”

Pastor Emily Martin

*Sermon Hymn, **ELW No. 652** *Built on a Rock*
(Grand View Brass Accompaniment)

THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Apostles’ Creed p.105

*Prayer Litany, **ELW No. 752** Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

*Prayers of Intercession
Pastor: “Hear us, O God.”
Response: “**Your mercy is great.**”

*Great Thanksgiving p. 144

*Words of Institution “**In the night...**”

*Our Lord’s Prayer p. 145

Distribution of Holy Communion

*Communion “**Lamb of God**” p.146

*Post Communion Prayer

*Benediction

*Dismissal:

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: **Thanks be to God, and we will.**

SENDING

*Sending Hymn, **ELW No. 729** *The Church of Christ, in Every Age*
(Grand View Brass Accompaniment)

Postlude

Organ

“Medieval Fanfare and Recessional”

Walker Baylor

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday	9:00	Holy Communion
		Reformation Sunday
	10:00	Fellowship Coffee Hour
	10:15	Sunday School
	6:00-8:00	Alpha Course @ Luther Memorial (Lykke Center)
Monday		Church Office Closed
Wednesday	10:30	Stitchers
	5:30	Family Dinner
	6:30	Choir
	6:30-7:30	Confirmation Class @ Grand View Lutheran
Saturday	5:00	Holy Communion
		All Saints Saturday
Sunday	9:00	Holy Communion
		All Saints Sunday
	10:00	Fellowship Coffee Hour
	10:15	Sunday School
	6:00-8:00	Alpha Course @ Luther Memorial (Lykke Center)

Worship Leaders

Emily Martin	Pastor
Davis Robe	Chancel Choir Director
Brynn Fuller	Chancel Choir Student Director
Sawyer Shiffler	Organist
Brian Kinnan	Video Producer
Todd Jacobus	Usher
Shae Fuller	Acolyte
Bev Claxton	Lector
Olivia Hilton & Heather Jacobus	Communion Assistants

Attendance (in person): Saturday – 5
(online) Sunday – 40

Sunday – 90

ALTAR FLOWERS – are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dale Jacobus this Reformation weekend by Lisa Jacobus and his family. Open sponsor dates are: (November 15th and December 20th). Opportunities are available for 2026 see chart by elevator.

COMMUNION ELEMENTS - are given to the Glory of God this Reformation weekend. Open sponsor dates are: (November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th). Opportunities are available in 2026 see chart by elevator.

THIS WEEKEND – we gather to observe the Reformation movement as lead by Martin Luther during our weekend worship services.

THANK YOU – we wish to express our appreciation to the members of the Grand View Brass (Aaron Dugan, Brian Kinnan, Carl Stoutenburg and Paul Stoutenburg) who accompanied the hymns during our Sunday worship service.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Don Belcher, Janet Belcher, Joanne Burgess, Brian Dugan, Marilyn Erickson, Kris Ewing, Mike Golden, Cynthia Hayes, Jim Hoffman, Virginia Jacobson, Jackie Johnson, Susan Nordholm, Steve Renzi.

CALLED HOME ARNOLD (ARNIE) ERICKSON –our brother in Christ (Arnold Erickson) passed away on Saturday October 10th. Visitation was at 10:00 am Saturday October 17th; and Service was at 11:00 am Saturday October 17th both being held at Grand View Lutheran Church. Please keep in your prayers; Marilyn, Brian (Betty) Erickson, Kathi (Don) Bieghler, Michael (Julie) Erickson as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; along with Arnold's extended family and friends during this time of loss.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS – you will find blank Prayer Request cards in the Narthex on the rectangular table. Please complete both sides of the card; prayer requests put on back of the card. You may leave them in Pastor Emily box outside the Church Office.

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE - to reach Pastor Emily send an e-mail to emartin@gvlc.org or contact the Church Office at (515) 266-8074, you can leave a message on the Church Office phone.

LAWN MOWING SPONSORSHIP – you can designate contributions to the Mowing or Snow removal fund for future usage.

DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS - the next quarterly devotional booklets (October thru December 2026) are available in the Narthex. The Word In Season (Regular print only); Christ In Our Home (Regular and Large print).

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR – you will find sign-up sheets located on bulletin board outside kitchen area of the Fellowship Hall. Open Host Dates: October 2026 thru February 2027.

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CHOIR REHEARSALS – the Chancel Choir have resumed rehearsals on **Wednesdays at 6:30 pm** in the Sanctuary; and a short Sunday rehearsal before worship service. They will begin singing regularly at our 9:00 am Sunday worship service. Welcome back Chancel Choir members.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – has resumed on **Sundays at 10:15 am**. Students come after worship to Fellowship Hall for refreshments then proceed upstairs to classroom for class.

FAMILY DINNERS RESUME – have resumed on **Wednesdays at 5:30 pm**. The suggested price is **\$4.00** per person or **\$10.00** for families. Menu: **Spooky Surprise**.

ALPHA COURSE – starting on **Sunday evenings October 4th thru December 6th from 6:00–8:00 p.m. in the Lykke Center at Luther Memorial Church**; a nine-week opportunity to explore faith, ask questions, meet new people, and have conversations that matter. Each week will include a meal together, a teaching, and time for conversation around the table. Pastor Emily asks would you be willing to host the meal for one week, or if you would be interested in helping host a table discussion, please reach out to her on either or both of these requests. You don't need to be an expert to help lead a discussion. Questions and materials will be provided.

CONFIRMATION CLASS – began on **Wednesday October 7th from 6:30-7:30 pm** at **Grand View Lutheran Church**. Please let Pastor Emily know if you have children or grandchildren who would be of age so she can reach out to their family; questions please direct them to Pastor Emily at emartin@gvlc.org.

NEXT WEEKEND – **Saturday October 31st at 5:00 pm; Sunday November 1st at 9:00 am** we will gather to observe All Saints Day during our weekend worship services. We will remember those who were called home since our last year's observance. Susan Lingwall, Richard (Rich) Gates Sr., Steve Rutz, Pastor Paul Axness, Pastor Keith Lingwall, Judy Stammeyer, Karen Anderson, Eric Linford, Robert Cooper, and Arnold (Arnie) Erickson. We will celebrate those who began their life in Christ: Josephine Hilton, Amelia Jacobus, Claire Bunn and Elaine Jacobus.

NEXT WEEKEND DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS – please remember to set your clocks back one hour before you retire to slumber on Saturday October 31st otherwise you will be early for worship and wonder where the other worshippers are.

WELCA MEETING – Luther Memorial and Grand View Lutheran women will meet on **Thursday November 5th at 9:30 am** in the church classroom. Program will be presented by Ken Jones in sharing experiences from his cruise to Norway.

FALL CLEAN-UP DATE – the Property Committee has set the Fall Clean-Up date to be **Saturday November 7th from 9:00 am to Noon**. Please mark your calendar and help us prepare the Church and Parsonage buildings and grounds for the winter season.