

Grace Lutheran Church

Welcomes You!



Join Us for
WORSHIP

By Grace you have been saved!
“We have decided to follow Jesus and
There’s no turning back!

Grace Lutheran Church

Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

Pastor Jim Helgren

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG - ELW #504 – “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS - ELW p. 94 *Please stand in body or spirit to receive forgiveness.*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the [†]Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

A: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the [†]Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen. *Assembly sits.*

GREETING - ELW p. 203

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: And also with you.

KYRIE - ELW p. 203**HYMN OF PRAISE - ELW p. 204a**

PRAYER OF THE DAY - Please see insert.

FIRST READING – Jeremiah 31:31-34 Please see insert. Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

A: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46 - Please see insert and read responsively

SECOND READING – Romans 3:19-28 Please see insert. Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

A: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – ELW p. 205a

Please stand in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P: The holy gospel according to

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL – John 8:31-36 Please see insert.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ. *The assembly sits.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW #729 – “The Church of Christ, in Every Age”

APOSTLES CREED - ELW p. 105

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN - ELW #884 - “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - p. 206 Response after each portion of the prayer:

P: Lord, in your mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER – ELW p. 208 *Please stand in body or spirit for the Lord's Prayer.*

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING - ELW p. 209 - Response after the blessing:

A: Amen.

DISMISSAL - ELW p. 209 - Response after the blessing:

A: Thanks be to God. *The assembly sits.*

SENDING SONG – ELW #654 – “The Church’s One Foundation”

POSTLUDE

We pray always for . . .

Pastor Steve Billington, Gerry Brezenski, Linda Daniels, Ford Ekhoff, Jerry Ekhoff,

Cheryl Hahn, Char Helgren, Aleisha McDonald, Diane Roesener, Richard Roesener,

Nick Weber, Jody Wellensiek & Will Yank

We also remember in our prayers . . .

Winfrida, Juliana, Hassan, and Evance, orphans sponsored in Tanzania

Announcements

TODAY 10/26/25 *Reformation Sunday*
Worship - 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Coffee & Fellowship Following Worship

*Please join us for fellowship in
the basement following
worship ☺*

WEDNESDAY 10/29/25
Confirmation - 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY 10/31/25
Trunk or Treat @ Grace Lutheran Church – 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY 11/3/25 *All Saints Sunday*
Worship with Communion – 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Coffee & Fellowship Following Worship
Talmage Fire & Rescue Pancake Feed – 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

*Please put items for the bulletins & newsletter in the secretary's box in the south office.
You may email the church office grace68329@gmail.com*

***You may contact Pastor Helgren by calling 402-864-4201 (church)
402-864-2113 (home) or 402-826-0613(cell)***

Trunk or Treat

Grace Lutheran Church Parking Lot
Friday, October 31, 2025 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

You are invited to come and join us at the church parking lot for “Trunk or Treat”. Bring your treats and your trunk and remember to decorate . . . the kiddies love it!! Treats, hot dogs, chips, and bottled water will be served. Come and join the fun for a “*howling*” good time.

Cream Chicken Dinner – Sunday, 11/16/25: Grace Lutheran Church will once again be hosting the Cream Chicken Dinner at the Cook Community Building. Many hands are needed for this endeavor. There are signup sheets on the table at the back of the church. We will need desserts, salads, and people to work shifts serving, organizing and manning the salads, desserts and drinks. People to setup the tables and chairs and take them down and also clear tables. This is a church congregation event and all are welcome to help. Please signup as this will help eliminate the need for phone calls. Thank you!