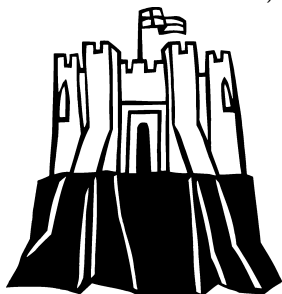


Reformation Sunday

Grace, Immanuel, St. John's, St. Paul's, St. Timothy's

October 26, 2025, 10:30am



- Affirming
- Courageous
- Caring

Welcome to Grace *We are glad you have joined us! The asterisk * signifies times when we rise in body or spirit as a sign of respect and posture for interceding with God.*

Land Acknowledgement

Pastor Luke Harris-Ferree (they/he), Grace

As we gather on the ancestral lands of the Myaamia, Ho-Chunk, Potawatomi, Kickapoo, Peoria and Oceti Sakowin peoples, let us pray that Christ's grace and peace will be with us, with thankful and respectful hearts we pray in Your Name, Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.

Centering Time

Aria (from the Goldberg Variations)

J. S. Bach arr. F. Sarudiansky

violin: Nura Aly (she/her), Grace

viola: Diane Mues (she/her), St. Paul's

cello: Vicki Mayne (she/her), Grace

A moment of silence is kept

Psalm 46: 1, 2, 7

God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,

and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Confession and Forgiveness*

Vicar Alex Linn (he/him), St. Timothy's

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ☩ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God, **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ☩ Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **Amen.**



Processional Song*

A Mighty Fortress

Red book #505

Organ: Christine Kraemer (she/her), *Immanuel*

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1805-1890, alt.; Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther; Text ©2006 Augsburg Fortress



1 A migh - ty for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 If we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing turns to
 3 Though all the world with dev - ils fill and threat - en to de -
 4 God's Word shall stand a - bove the pow'rs, shall end all their thanks-

fail - ing; our help - er frees us from the flood of
 los - ing; the righ - teous one fights by our side, the
 vour us, we trem - ble not, we trust God's will: they
 giv - ing. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe,
 one of God's own choos - ing. You ask who this may be:
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Though Sa - tan rant and rage,
 God with us is liv - ing. Let goods and kin - dred go,

for - sworn to work us woe, with guile and dread - ful might
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, the Lord of hosts by name.
 in fierc - est war en - gage, this ty - rant's doomed to fail;
 this mor - tal life al - so; though all of these be gone,

is armed to wage the fight: on earth there is no e - qual.
 No oth - er God we claim! None else can win the batt - le.
 God's judg - ment must pre-vail! One lit - tle word shall tri - umph.
 they yet have noth - ing won. The king - dom's our for - ev - er!



Greeting*

Vicar Alex Linn (he/him), St. Timothy's

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

People: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day*

Vicar Alex Linn (he/him), St. Timothy's

'Let us pray' is spoken in the native languages that represent our congregation

Pastor: Oremos / Let us pray...
Spanish / English

Sunday School Begins

Liz Laughlin (she/her), Grace

*This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34, bible p. 642

David Brunn (he/him), St. John's

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28, bible p. 915

Kit McCarthy (she/her), Immanuel

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*

Red book #169

Organ: Michael Stutzman (he/him), Grace

Music: Bob Moore, b. 1962; Music ©2006 Augsburg Fortress



Repeat alleluia



Reader: This is the Holy Gospel according to John the 8th chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 8:31-36, bible p. 871

Pastor Matthew Holmes (he/him), *St. Paul's*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Matthew Holmes (he/him), *St. Paul's*



Verse 1: Combined choir; Verses 2 - 5: All



1 O God of bless - ings, all praise to you! Your love sur -
 2 All praise for proph - ets, through grace in - spired to preach and
 3 All praise for mu - sic, deep gift pro - found, through hands and
 4 All praise for Je - sus, best gift di - vine through word and
 5 A bil - lion voic - es in one great song, now soft and



rounds us our whole life through. You are the
 wit - ness with hearts on fire. Your Spir - it
 voic - es in ho - ly sound; the psalms of
 wit - ness, in bread and wine; in - car - nate
 gen - tle, now deep and strong, in ev - 'ry



free - dom of those op - pressed; you are the com - fort of all dis -
 choos - es the weak and small to sing the new reign where might - y
 Da - vid, and Mar - y's praise, in word - less splen - dor and lyr - ic
 love song of bound - less grace, priest, teach - er, proph - et in time and
 cul - ture and style and key, from hill and val - ley, with sky and



tressed. Come now, O ho - ly and wel - come guest:
 fall; with them may we live your gos - pel call:
 phrase, with all cre - a - tion one song we raise:
 space, your stead - fast kind - ness with hu - man face:
 sea, with Christ we praise you e - ter - nal - ly:



So - li De - o glo - ri - a! So - li De - o glo - ri - a!

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: SOLI DEO GLORIA, Marty Haugen

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Affirmation of Faith* The Apostles' Creed Pastor Mark Sloss (he/him), *Immanuel*

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.

Prayers of the Church A. M.: Reforming God,
People: Receive our prayer.

Sharing the Peace of God* Pastor Luke Harris-Ferree (they/he), *Grace*

Pastor: The peace of God be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Song **La Paz del Señor** **Red book #646**
Piano: Jimmy Morehead (he/him), Immanuel

La paz del Señor, la paz del Señor, la paz del Resucitado:
la paz del Señor a ti y a mí, a todos alcanzará.

The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the peace of the Risen Lord Jesus:
the peace of the Lord is for you and for me, and also for all of God's children.

Gathering of Gifts *Thank you for your generosity. All cash gifts will be given to Sumud, the ELCA Churches' response to occupation and injustice in Palestine and Israel.*

Offertory Umoja Tunaimba (United We Stand) Victor C. Johnson
Combined Choir; *Percussion: Gerald Daye (he/him), Grace;*
Piano: Jimmy Morehead (he/him), Immanuel



Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving*

Pastor Luke Harris-Ferree (they/he), *Grace*

Pastor: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to God.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Eucharistic Prayer*

Holy, Holy*

Setting 1

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution*



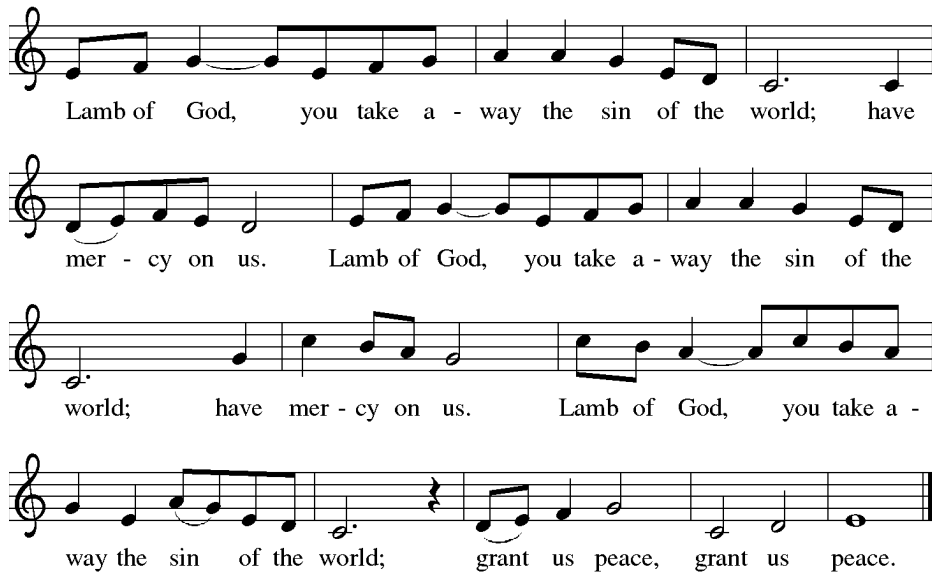
The Lord's Prayer*

Pastor: *Let us pray as Jesus taught us in the many languages, images, and traditions by which we have been blessed:*

Our Mother and Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Lamb of God*

Setting 1



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Pastor: These are the gifts of God for the People of God! **People: Thanks be to God.**

Distribution of Communion



Communion Song

Here is Bread

Red book #483

Piano: Kurt Westerberg (he/him), St. Paul's

System 1:

Chords: C, G/B, Am, E⁷, F/A, C/G, G

1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us,
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us,
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us,

System 2:

Chords: F/A, Am, G/B, C, G/B, Am, E⁷

he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine,
 he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace,
 he is with us. We'll pro-claim till he comes

System 3:

Chords: F/A, C/G, G, C, Fm/C, C, Gm⁷, Bb/C

Christ is with us here. here.
 feast on Je - sus Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

System 4 (Refrain):

Chords: FM⁷, F⁶, Em⁷, Am⁷, Dm⁷, Gm⁷

In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is

System 5:

Chords: Bb/C, C, Bb/D, C/E, FM⁷, F#dim⁷

life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment,

System 6:

Chords: Em⁷, A⁷aug, Dm⁷, G⁷, C

by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

Text and music: Graham Kendrick; Text and music ©1993 Make Way Music, admin. Integrity Music, Inc.



Communion Song

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup Red book #492

Piano: Kurt Westerberg (he/him), St. Paul's



Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
- 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - dant, nev - er turn a - way.
- 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
- 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.



in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!
God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.
Those who seek the Lord will lack noth-ing; taste, and have your fill.
Rise to tell God's great-ness for - ev - er, won-drous deeds pro - claim!

Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain; *With One Voice*, stanzas, based on Ps. 34; Music: STONERIDGE, Jeremy Young;
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Post Communion Blessing & Post Communion Prayer*

Announcements

Farewell and Godspeed for the people of St. Timothy's

Benediction*

Pastor Mark Sloss (he/him), *Immanuel*

Common Prayer: From Conflict to Communion. Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017

Response: **Thanks be to God!**



Sending Song*

May the God of Hope Go With Us

Purple book #984



¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz!
May the God of hope go with us ev - 'ry day,



Al mun - do en cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad.
to a world in need with news of joy and peace.



Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da - nos tu luz,
May the God of jus - tice speed us on our way,



luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.
bring - ing light and hope to ev - 'ry land and race.



O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos
Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our



de tu a - mor. Lu - che - mos por la paz,
joy with all; work - ing for a world that's new,



fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.
faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.

Text: Alvin Schutmaat, 1921–1988, alt.
Music: ARGENTINA, Argentine folk melody

Sending*

Leader: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

People: Thanks be to God.



Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Emma Lou Diemer

Organ: Christine Kraemer (she/her), Immanuel

After Worship—Please join for a shared coffee hour in the downstairs Parish Hall!

Thank You to Today's Leaders

Preaching: Pastor Matthew Holmes

Presiders: Pastor Luke Harris-Ferree,

Vicar Alex Linn; Pastor Mark Sloss

Music Director: Michael Stutzman

Strings: Nura Aly, Vicki Mayne, Diane Mues

Percussion: Gerald Daye

Organ: Christine Kraemer

Piano: Jimmy Morehead, Kurt Westerberg

Livestream: Jeanine Brownell

Assisting Minister: Rachel Stark Inch

Lectors: David Brunn, Kit McCarthy

Cantor: Amanda Straw

Crucifer: Vicar Alex Linn

Altar Care: Elizabeth Meadows,

Elizabeth Van Nice

Ushers: Patrick Brady, Aaron Van Nice

Bread: Dave Utech

Flowers: Dorothy Nagelbach

Potluck Coffee Hour Lead: Elizabeth Van Nice

Godly Play: Liz Laughlin

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Today & This Week at Grace

Marie on Vacation thru 11/7

For *general needs*, call the office or email
Sally S (2sally4grace@gmail.com); please
send all *Gracenote submissions* to Pr. Luke

Wonderful Wednesday—Oct 29, 6pm

Free weekly meal with Grace friends.

Next Sunday: November 2, 2025, 11am

All Saints Day

**Clocks change next Sunday: turn them
back 1 hour and enjoy some extra sleep!**

Pr. Luke Harris-Ferree preaches, presides

Texts: *Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31*



Prayers

In our prayers: (For healing, protection, or other needs) Barry Buck; Nancy VanBrundt; Bob Lamont; Chrissy B; Steve; our Community of Care Partners; for the unemployed and all struggling with financial pressures and anxieties; for those serving in our military, their families; for our enemies; for all suffering effects of extreme weather around the world. For David, brother of Soraida.

We give thanks for the lives of: Elaine, friend of Janet Wright; Derisha, daughter of Larry Stiefvater; Bob, uncle of Janet Wright. We ask for comfort for all who mourn.

The Grace Prayer Network: To join or send a prayer request, contact Connie Wood: 847-869-2289, Mary Mrugalski, or prayergraceevanston@gmail.com

Events and News

Got Gracernote? Most event details are in our weekly email. [Contact the office](#) to receive Gracernote weekly.

Online Directory Log in to Breeze, click on “People” for directory access. <https://graceevanston.breezechms.com/login>

Wonderful Wednesday Dinners Join at 6pm for a free meal & kids’ crafts. Free to all.

Little Free Pantry Donate cash (note *LFP*) or food; see Gracernote for items needed.

Calendar

- Oct 26 Reformation Sunday, **10:30am**
Joint Worship at Grace
Education Hour, 9:30am
Coffee Hour Potluck post Worship
Vision Keepers Event
- Oct 27 Marie on Vacation *thru Nov 7*
- Oct 29 Wonderful Wednesday, 6pm
Council Meeting, 7pm
- Oct 30 Men’s Breakfast at [Le Peep](#), 8:30am
- Nov 1 Indoor/Outdoor Cleanup, 9a-12p
- Nov 2 Change Clocks!
All Saints Worship, 11am
Ofrenda Gathering, 10am
- Nov 6 Women’s Group at Grace, 9:30am
- Nov 7 Game/Pizza Night, 6pm
- Nov 9 RSVP deadline for 11/15 Retreat
- Nov 15 Belonging Retreat, 1-5pm
- Nov 16 Crop Walk Grocery Card Sale



Reconciling in Christ Statement

As the people of God at Grace Lutheran Church, Evanston, IL, we are called to be affirming, courageous and caring. We welcome ALL who hear God's Word and experience God in their lives, including persons who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, & persons of all gender identities, expressions, and sexual orientations. We invite everyone to participate fully in worship, the sacraments, service, and leadership no matter one's race, culture, ethnicity, age, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic position, family structure, background, place on one's faith journey or anything that divides us as God's beloved children. We are committed to the work of anti-racism, social and economic justice, and environmental care.

We strive to follow the invitation from Jesus to love one another in all that we say and do. You are made in the image of God and your identities are sacred in this place. There is a place for you here, you are welcome to come as your authentic self, named and claimed as a child of God.

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