

First Lutheran Church

Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025



*Rooted in Christ,
Growing in Faith,
Bearing Good Fruit!*

First Lutheran Church
930 Poyntz Ave.
Manhattan, KS 66502
www.flcmhk.org

Prelude

Bell Choir (10:00 am) "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" arr. Bode & McChesney

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.
(*Silence for reflection*)

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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 the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation"

ELW #654

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

First Reading

Lector: The first reading is from 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

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.

⁸ **Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ **"Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**

¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading

Lector: The second reading is from 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.

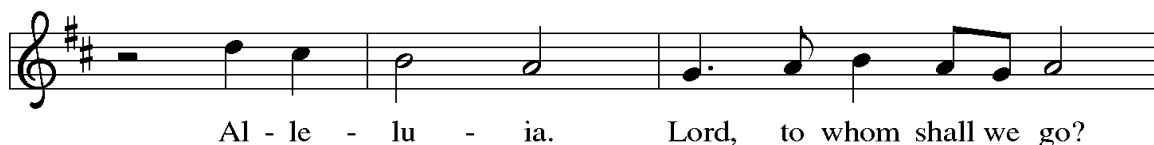
²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading

P: The Holy Gospel according to John 8:31-36

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon "The Gospel: Sing it Again!"

Hymn of the Day

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

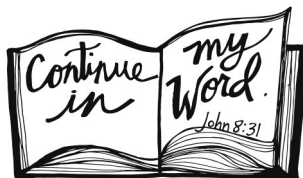
ELW #504

Apostles' Creed

P: Let us confess our faith together using the words of the Apostles' Creed

C: 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 Intercession

P: Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

Prayer Requests: Carrie Brzuchalski, Kathleen Elser, Margaret Freshnock, Patty Klima, Judy Lundberg, Ted Potter, Matthew Schindler, Cliff Spaeth, Connie Winter

Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all. **C: And also with you.**



Offering *An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. To give online, go to www.flcmhk.org or scan this QR Code.*

Choir (10:00 am) *"Come, Holy Spirit, Come"*

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface and Holy, Holy, Holy

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

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first staff begins with a whole note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, C5, and a quarter rest. The second staff continues with quarter notes D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6, and a quarter rest. The third staff has a half note G5, followed by quarter notes F#5, E5, D5, C5, B4, A4, G4, and a quarter rest. The fourth staff starts with a whole rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6, and a quarter rest. The fifth staff has a half note G5, followed by quarter notes F#5, E5, D5, C5, B4, A4, G4, and a whole note G4.

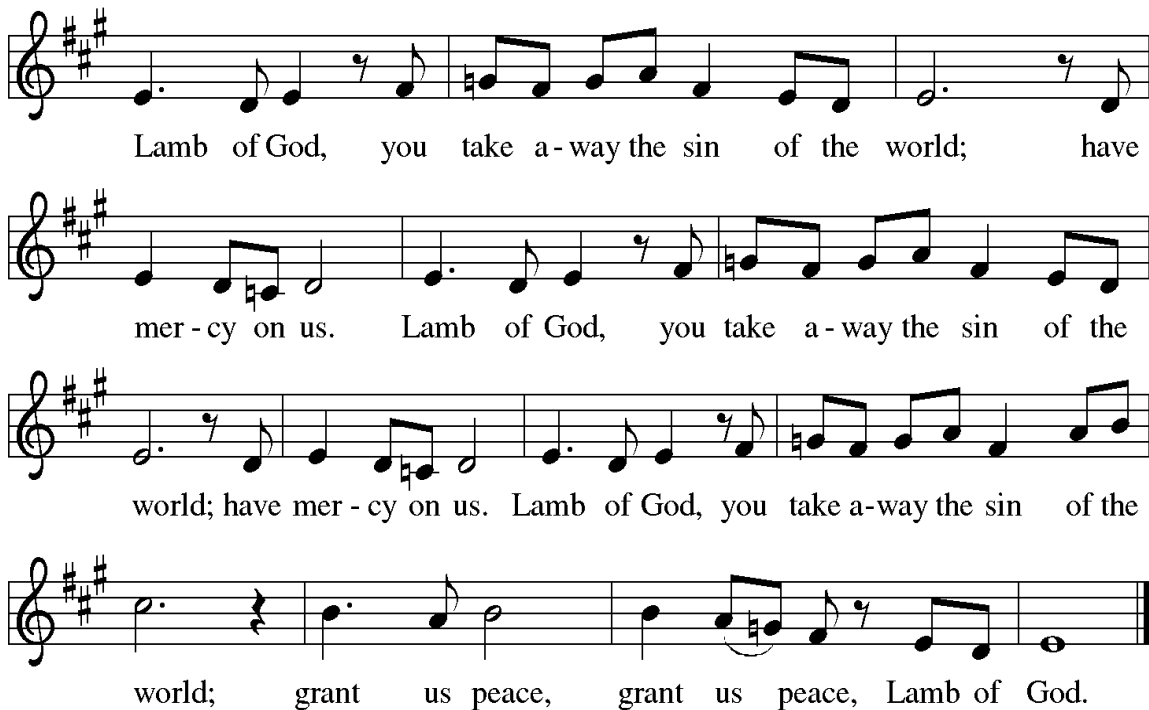
Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

Holy Communion

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Should you desire a blessing, please cross your arms when you are at the table. Grape juice and gluten free wafers available in tray. Please let an usher know if you would prefer Communion taken to you in your pew.



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, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymns

"Baptized and Set Free"

ELW #453

"We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus"

ELW #451

Post Communion Prayer

P: God of abundance, with this bread of life you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Jesus Shall Reign"

ELW #434

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Stewardship Update

Income for September — \$51,638.94
Expense for September — \$39,969.10
YTD Income (as of 9/30) — \$372,387.75
YTD Expense (as of 9/30) — \$349,206.63

September Designated Giving
Meadowlark Hills, \$250.00

Who FLC Is & Statement of Inclusion

First Lutheran Church was founded by Swedish immigrants. We seek to know God and our neighborhood, to grow the gifts that God has given us, to raise up disciples of Jesus Christ, and to go into the world to serve God and God's people. We are a part of the mission and ministry of the wider church through our denomination, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). We affirm with St. Paul that in Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, and we welcome all people regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or religious affiliation.

Worship Helpers

8:15 am Worship Helpers

Altar Guild	Russell, Sherrie
Communion Assistant	Fritschen, Mike
Lector	Jerabek, Dave
Unlock	Fritschen, Mike

10:00 am Worship Helpers

Altar Guild	Russell, Sherrie
Communion Assistant	Denton, Darrell
	Drach, John
	Nelson, Dylan
Lector	Grieshaber, Nancy
Greeter	Adams, Susan
Usher	Adams, Mitch
	Adams, Susan
Acolyte	Haverlah, Nathan
	Hedden, Madison
Livestreamer	Heinitz, Joran
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Announcements

Attendance Register — Please fill out and give the usher your attendance card when you commune. If not communing, please place it in the box in the narthex.

Hearing Assist Devices — Located in the coat room in the narthex. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

Large Print Hymns Available — Located on a table in the back of the sanctuary.

Designated Offering for October — Flint Hills Breadbasket & Crop Walk

Announcements

Welcome! — Thank you for worshipping at FLC today! A card in the pew pocket gives a brief description of FLC, but you can find much more at www.flcmhk.org

Community Service Dream Team Meeting Today — For anyone interested in planning for FLC's role in community service, please join in the conversation after worship in the fellowship hall. Susan Adams will be leading the discussion.

AED Training Today — Training for the AED portable device will take place in the parlor after both services. Anyone is welcome to attend. Marc Heinitz will be leading.

Fellowship Team Meeting Tuesday — 10 am, this Tuesday: Join in a conversation and brainstorming session to consider ways FLC might further fellowship in the future! All are welcome to attend. Pastor Stephen will facilitate discussion.

A Successful Stewardship Campaign! — Thank you to all who responded so enthusiastically to FLC's 2026 Stewardship Campaign! Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure position First for thriving ministry into the future. If you would still like to submit a time/talent or pledge, please contact the office.

Third Quarter Giving Statements — Pick up your financial giving statement today! Copies are available in the narthex. Contact Dave Bollman, FLC financial recorder, with any questions at financialrecorder@flcmhk.org or call the office.

Lutheran Campus Ministry Meals — Thank you to those who have volunteered to provide a Sunday meal for students. Every spot is full through December. We greatly appreciate your support!

Fall Mental Health Training Series — To be held at the Manhattan Library. Class times are November 3 & 10, 5-9 pm; and December 1, 6:30 pm. Visit the library website at <https://mhklibrary.org> for additional information.

All Saints Sunday Next Sunday — Come for a special worship as we remember those who have gone before and toll the bells for FLC members who have died this past year.

Welcome to FLC's New Bookkeeper — A warm welcome to Paula Kane, FLC's new bookkeeper! We are blessed to have a highly qualified, personable, and professional new employee. Thank you to the hiring team: Janet Carlson, Sheryl Toburen, Sue Drach, and Pastor Stephen.

Calendar of Events

26	OCT, SUN	● All day	Reformation Sunday
		● 8:15 – 9am	Worship
		● 9 – 9:45am	Sunday School - "Take Courage Family Celebration" Children's Ministry Center
		● 9 – 9:45am	Vocal Choir Practice Music Room
		● 9:15 – 9:45am	AED Training Parlor
		● 10 – 11am	Worship Sanctuary
		● 11am – 12pm	Community Service Dream Team Fellowship Hall
		● 11 – 11:30am	AED Training Parlor
● 11:15am – 12:15pm	Confirmation Youth Room		
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27	OCT, MON	● 6 – 7pm	A.A. Poyntz Avenue Group Room 28
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28	OCT, TUE	● 10 – 11am	Fellowship Team Parlor
		● 7 – 9pm	Flint Hills Masterworks Chorale Fellowship Hall
29	OCT, WED	● 10 – 11am	Staff Meeting Music Room
		● 6 – 7pm	Hand Bell Choir Practice Music Room
		● 6:30 – 8pm	Youth Group Youth Room
		● 7 – 9:30pm	A.A. Poyntz Avenue Group Room 28
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30	OCT, THU	● 10 – 11am	Adult Bible Study Music Room
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1	NOV, SAT	● 7 – 10:30am	A.A. Poyntz Avenue Group Room 30
		● 8:30 – 10am	First Men's Group Gathering Prairie Star Restaurant in Meadowlark
		● 5 – 6pm	A.A. Poyntz Avenue Group Room 28
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2	NOV, SUN	● 8:15 – 9am	Worship
		● 9 – 9:45am	Sunday School Pre-K thru 6th Children's Ministry Center
		● 9 – 9:45am	Vocal Choir Practice Music Room
		● 10 – 11am	Worship Sanctuary

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