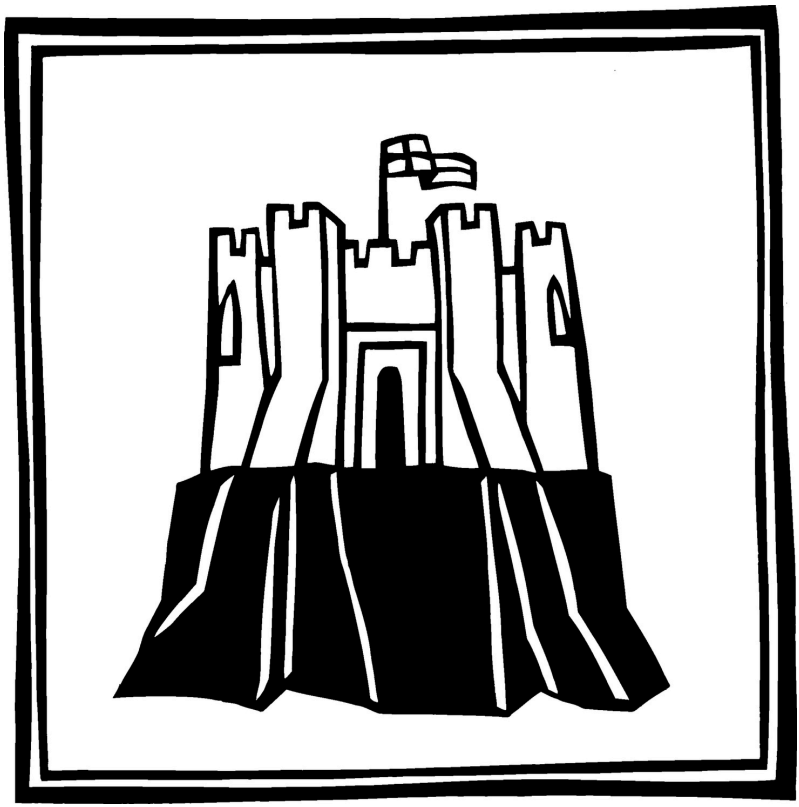
First Lutheran Church

Reformation Sunday

Lake City, Minnesota

October 25, 2026



Welcome to Worship!

First Lutheran Church

Office Hours: Mon - Fri: 8am - 4pm

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Pastors: Paul Miller, Kary Jonas

Director of Children's Ministry: Sara Thompson

Director of Youth Ministry: David Steenhoek

Music Administrator and Organist: Kerstin Suby

Congregational Administrator: Jennifer White

Custodian: Loren Prigge

Prelude *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* arr. by John Carter
Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word arr. by Anne Krentz Organ

GATHERING

Welcome / Announcements

Special Music Junior Choir (KFC)

Confession and Forgiveness
P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.
P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence for reflection.

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: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* #517

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.

Hymn of Praise *Glory to God* ACS#1087
(first verse, then repeat)

Prayer of the Day

Special Music *Foundations of Faith* Senior Choir, with Brass Ensemble

WORD

First Reading **Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18**
L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1
(Printed Psalm can be found in the front of red hymnal after page 338.)

Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 2:1-8**
L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation *Listen Now for the Gospel* ASC#972
refrain, ***verse 2,*** *refrain*

Gospel Reading **Matthew 22:34-40**
P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.
P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Paul Miller

Hymn of the Day *Spirit, Open My Heart* *ACS*#1043

Prayers of Intercession
P: Hear us, O God **C: Your mercy is great.**

Peace

Offering & Offertory *Peace* Bell Choir

Offering Response *We Are an Offering* #692

A special thanks to today's Brass Ensemble: Richard Zeller and Paul Miller, trumpets; Cheryl Luettinger, baritone; Tom Johnson, trombone

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving (spoken)

Holy, Holy, Holy ACS#1089

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer p. 145

Lamb of God *Now Behold the Lamb* #341

Communion
All who desire to receive the body and blood of Christ are welcome at the table. Individually sealed gluten-free wafers are available.

Distribution Hymns
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less #597
The Church of Christ, in Every Age #729

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

Blessing & Benediction

Sending Hymn *Mighty Fortress Is Our God* #504

Dismissal
P: Go out in joy. Be lead forth in peace **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott* J.G Walther

Update from Pastor Kary She returned home on Friday in record time after her quadruple bypass heart surgery on Tuesday. She is praying for no complications and will be resting, resting, resting.

Continue to lift Pastor Kary up in your prayers. Well wishes may be sent to: 3532 Parkside Circle W | Eau Clarie, WI 54701.

Flowers Today are given in honor of Pastor Kary Jonas as we keep her in our prayers during her recovery.

Keep in prayer: Cheryl Goudy (Sue Benson's sister), Lucy Youngren (great-niece of Mavis Hawkins), Rand & Bonnie Conway, Hazel Jonas (granddaughter of Shef & Deb Massey), Wally Dailey, Cecelia (Jean Benson's mother), Liam Jonas (Pastor Kary's son), Bonnie (Wally Dailey's sister), and Pastor Kary Jonas.

This Week at FLC:
Oct. 26 - Scouts Meetings, 6:30pm
Oct. 27 - Quilters, 8:30am
Oct. 28 - Bible Study, 8:30am; Pepin Plaza Service, 10am; Staff, 1:30pm; KFC, 3pm; Bells, 5:15pm; Confirmation, 6pm; Senior Choir, 7pm
Oct. 31 - Trick-or-Treat for the Food Shelf, 5-8pm
Oct 25 All Saints Sunday - Worship, 9am; Sunday School, 10am; New Member Welcome Session, 10am; Family Event, 4pm; Sea Scounts, 6:30pm

Pastry Puffins - The youth are selling Pastry Puffins to support camps & trips. Write your order on the order form at the Welcome Desk; leave checks in the locked left drawer. **Sale ends Oct. 28.** Delivery on Monday, Nov. 9.

Trick-or-Treat for the Food Shelf - On Sat., Oct. 31, from 5-8pm, our Confirmation students will be participating in Trick-or-Treat for the Food Shelf, collecting nonperishable food items to support the Lake City Food Shelf. If you'd like students to stop by your house or neighborhood to pick up some items, send a note with your address to David, david.steenhoek@firstlc.org or feel free to bring items to church the week prior or on Sun., Nov. 1.

New Member Sunday - Our next New Member Sunday is planned for Nov. 15. If you or someone you know is considering joining First Lutheran, we invite you to a New Member Welcome Session on Sun., Nov. 1 or Thurs., Nov. 5 to learn more about First Lutheran Church. Please contact Pastor Paul or Jen White in the office to sign-up for one of the sessions. Pastor Paul - paul.miller@firstlc.org or Jen White - jennifer.white@firstlc.org, 651-345-5003



FREE Night Lights! We received a donation of energy-saving LED night lights from Xcel Energy. Each family is welcome to take **two (2) Night Light 2-packs** after worship today.

Thank you to those who shared their time and talents this morning:
Lector: Jaxon Porisch
Greeter:
Acolyte: Brooklyn Denzer
Communion Assistants: Duane Holst, Chase & Karen Moechnig
Ushers: Jaxon Porisch & Bill Otto
Altar: Mary Santelman & Jane Simonton
Sound/Video: Health Oeltjen, Cheryl Luettinger, Julie Deschneau, Randy Zanto, Bruce Carlstrom, Peter Suby
Student Tech Assist: Will Stolzenberg
Coffee: Bill & LuAnn Otto

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Order Deadline: Nov. 1

Deadline set by florist.

First Lutheran will provide four large red poinsettia plants from Lake City Floral. Church members can purchase a medium red poinsettia plant for $25 or donate toward the large plants.

Please make checks payable to **First Lutheran Church**, and indicate **"Christmas Poinsettias" in the memo line.** Questions can be directed to Becky Schultze 651-380-2700 or schultze.becky@gmail.com

Submit all orders with this form at the Welcome Center or church office. Payment must be made with order.
Please do not leave order forms in collection plate.

Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____

_____ I would like to purchase a medium plant for $25
_____ or I would like to donate toward the plants - Amount _____

