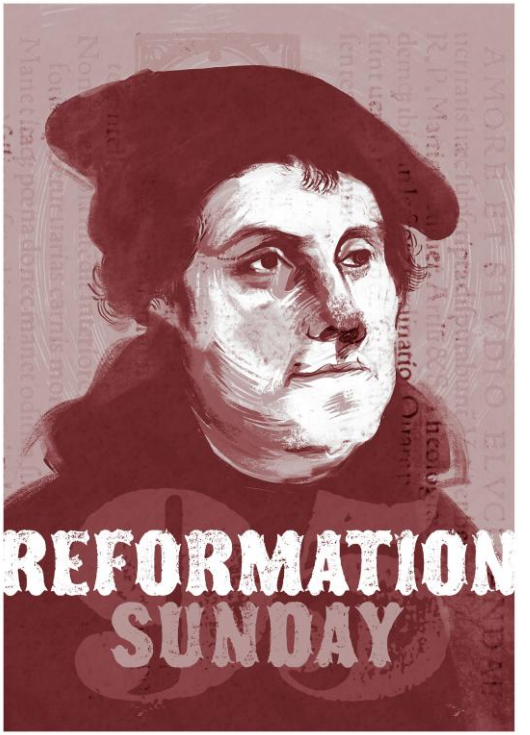
Sunday Worship Service



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Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2026

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
October 25, 2026
9:30 A.M.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: Cindy Josephson

GATHERING: "Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" ELW, #517

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEACE

CORPORATE PRAYER:
"Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church."

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS ELW, pp. 94–96

OPENING HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" ELW, #504

GREETING

KYRIE ELW, p. 184, vv. 3–4

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Here I Stand/A Mighty Fortress" Choir

WORD

1ST READING: Jeremiah 31:31–34

PSALM Psalm 46

2ND READING: Romans 3:19–28

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 188

GOSPEL: John 8:31–36

CHILDREN'S SERMON Kathy Harrison

Children leave for Sunday School afterwards, and will return for Communion.
Feel free to "pick them up" in the Fellowship Hall if you want them sooner.

HYMN: "Amazing Grace" ELW, #779

SERMON "Forward in Faith: Rooted in Grace" Pastor Barb Lemke

APOSTLES' CREED

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 into hell.*
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 *see inside back page*

PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Make Me a Servant"

Make me a servant, humble and meek.
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.

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HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER, GREAT THANKSGIVING, WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today 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.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION:

"Surely the Presence of the Lord" (Chorus only, 2X)

Chorus:
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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"We Come to the Hungry Feast"	ELW, #479
"What Feast of Love"	ELW, #487
"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"	ELW, #608

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

Sending

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Jesus, Still Lead On" (vv. 1& 4) ELW, #624

CORPORATE PRAYER:

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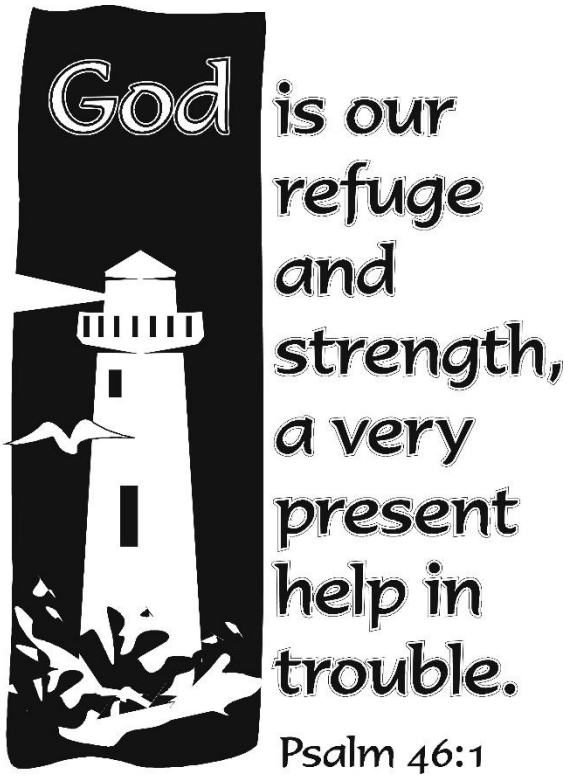
GO IN PEACE



Welcome!

We welcome all who gather for worship on this day and pray God's blessing on our time together!

Guests are invited to record their visit by signing the Guest Book located at the entrance to the worship space.

All worshippers are invited to sign the red attendance folder in the pew and pass it on to their neighbor to sign.

Upcoming Events

Missions for October – We are collecting non-perishable food and monetary donations for Aurora Interfaith as October's Missions focus. Please mark your checks as Missions in the note field.

Bible Study – We have multiple options for Bible Study groups that meet:
Groups studying season 5 "The Chosen":
–Sundays after church
–Wednesdays at 6 p.m. via Zoom
Groups studying "Paul's Letter to the Romans":
–Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
–Thursdays at 1 p.m. at the church
We would love to have you join us.

Newsletter Deadline – Please submit all contributions for the November newsletter to the office by Tuesday, Oct. 27.

All Saints Sunday – Please place your completed insert sheet for submitting names for inclusion in our remembrance of all the saints dear to our hearts at the November 1 service in the labeled basket as you depart today, or email the office.

This Week at Bethel
October 25–November 1, 2026

Sun	8:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	Bible Study
	11 a.m.	SLT Meeting
	3:00 p.m.	Tongans
	6–8 p.m.	Seligmann Recital
Mon	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	6:30 p.m.	TOPS
	6:30 p.m.	Prayer & Chair Yoga
Tue	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study *(Zoom)*
Wed	3:30 p.m.	Prayer & Chair Yoga
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study *(Zoom)*
Thu	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Team
	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study *(in-person)*
Fri	6:00 p.m.	Tongans Group
Sat	10:00 a.m.	Gamblers Anon. *(upstairs)*
All Saints Sunday		
	8:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	Bible Study
	3 p.m.	Tongans

Cards for Women's Prison Please bring in your spare greeting cards to place in the box by the entry for sharing with New Beginnings ministry at the Denver Women's Correctional **by TODAY**. We will take a break from collecting cards for the remainder of the year.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Thanksgiving for Families:

Scott & Tamara Smith, Natalie, Abigail
Brandon & Christina Spinnazola, Aria, Elia Dave & Barb Steinert

Recent hospitalizations, illnesses, and concerns:

Bob Kirkegaard *(Linda's brother, smoldering multiple myeloma)*
Don Kirkegaard *(Linda's brother, multiple myeloma return)*
Scotty Lou Brunstein *(Pastors' newborn great niece, collapsed lung)* Alberta Steinert *(Dave's aunt, 96, health)*
Rev. Wayne Josephson *(Graves' disease)* Gage *(Larry & Andrea's son, health)*

For the families who have lost loved ones:

The family of Cecil Tapey *(Deloris DeLapp's brother)*

For our homebound members and friends:

Wil Wertz – Jim Craig – Josh Carter

For those diagnosed with cancer:

Patti Schoenfeld Rev. Mike Lemke
Linda Kirkegaard Wendy *(Kim Evancho's friend)*
Derik McLin Bob Bliss Patrick Stephenson
Summer Stephens *(Doris Freund's niece)*
Karen Ryberg *(Sylvia Cowan's niece)*
Ruth *(Joni Dammen's friend & roommate)*
Cecelia Morrissey *(Debbie Diedrich's friend, breast)*
Paula Tveit *(multiple myeloma)*
John Beiler *(Debbie D.'s acquaintance, terminal bone)*
Susan Riley *(Lorraine Chamber's friend, breast)*
Kathy Suess *(Mary Sellinger's friend, breast)*
Robyn Smith-Serratore *(breast)*
Gary Lantis *(Andrea Newport's brother-in-law, chemo)*
Dennis Schmidt *(Kathy Harrison's brother, pancreatic)*
Ryan Blankenship *(Patty Garcia's friend, lymphoma)*

For those dealing with ongoing concerns:

John & Casey Howshar
Delores Rasmussen & Dan Rasmussen
Eyes: Marvin Bohrer & Bonnie Frank
Ray Johnson Danny Cowan
Kaylee *(friend of Hamptons)*
Gerald Kelley *(Carol Smith's significant other, Alzheimer's)*
Frank Ruhs *(Ev Kelley's brother, heart health)*
Caroline Hailey-Kesler *(Linda Hailey's granddaughter rare kidney disease)*
Matthew Zenn *(Bob's grandson, heart health)*
Mary Sellinger *(health)* & Michael *(son, stroke recovery)*
Carol Einertson *(heart & kidney health)*
Ron McBroom *(Dana's husband, heart surgery)*
Gypsy *(health, housing)* and the Hendricks *(her friends)*
Andrea French *(migraines)*
Scott Crosby *(infection recovery)* & wife Dawn
Sylvia Cowan *(leg infection, heart health)*
Daughtry Family *(Pr. Barb's friends, husband ALS, hospice)*
Maya Ortega *(mental health, employment)*
Charlotte Larson *(pacemaker surgery recovery at home)*
Noah *(Ron Freund's relative, health issues)*
Leo *(Barb Steinert's father, 90, fall injuries)*
Robin Storm *(Deloris DeLapp's niece, Parkinson's)*
Eleanor Sims *(hospice at home)*
Diana *(Doris Freund's friend, deployment)*

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Worship Team for today:

Presider: Pastor Barb Lemke
Pianist: Cindy Josephson **Hymnists:** Ron & Doris Freund
Reader: _ **Greeter:** **Usher:** Marv & Ev Kelley
Communion Asst.: Sean Gordon & **Screen/Sound:** Travis Kleven
Video FaceBook & YouTube: Jamie Villante

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