

St. Olaf Lutheran Church
Sunday, October 26, 2025
Reformation Sunday

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

Welcome & Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
Amen.

***Hymn**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

ELW 504 v1 & 2

Statement of Faith

Olivia Clausen

Statement of Faith

Teagan Grandors

Statement of Faith

Brogan Miller

***Hymn**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

ELW 504 v 3&4

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**

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. Amen.

Please be seated.

Statement of Faith

Hayden O’Brion

Statement of Faith

Rylee O’Brion

First Reading: 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.

L: Word of God. Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

Statement of Faith

Ava Osorio

***Gospel: Luke 18:9-14**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 8th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord

⁹ [Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

P: The gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Jim McColley

***Hymn**

Savior Like a Shepard Lead Us

ELW 789

***Affirmation of Baptism**

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Confirmand *Olivia Marie Clausen*

Parents Michael and Carrie Clausen

Confirmand *Teagan John Grandors*

Parents Joe and Jodie Grandors

Confirmand *Brogan Rose Miller*

Parents Mark and Casey Miller

Confirmand *Hayden Jo O’Brion*

Parents Joseph and Alison O’Brion

Confirmand *Rylee Ann O’Brion*

Parents Joseph and Alison O’Brion

Confirmand *Ava Maxine Osorio*

Parents Eric and Lindsey Osorio

Confirmand *Brody Jacob Reimers*

Parents Jacob Reimers and Ashley Kuker

*** Prayers of Intercession**

God of grace,

Receive our prayer

***Peace** (*Feel free to share a handshake or hug*)

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Offering: *Please consider giving an offering for the mission and ministry of St. Olaf. We can continue to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ with your support and generosity. God bless you. Also, please pass the attendance sheets down your row and fill out your info.*

***Offering prayer**

Lord, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,

but on you, who richly provides for us.

Multiply what we have gathered

to bless all who are suffering and in need,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***Lord's Prayer**

***Blessing**

The God of righteousness,

who gives justice to the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry,

who sets the prisoners free,

✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

***Hymn**

The Church's One Foundation

ELW 654

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

Assisting in Worship

Presider: Pastor Emily Sauer-Alvarez

Assisting: Pastor Jim McColley

Organist: Jason Swedlund

Reader: Nancy Hamilton

Ushers: Craig Hamilton, Viv Nore, Karla Berg, Terry Hansen

Tech: Bob Younie