St. Olaf Lutheran Church
Sunday, October 25, 2026
Reformation Sunday

Welcome to worship here at St. Olaf on this Reformation Sunday – we are glad you have joined us for worship! 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. Today we rejoice with Joseph Alvarez III, Gavin Blow, Rachel Horrell, Ashton Kuker, Brentley Osorio, Krewe Seltz, Isabelle Stickrod, and Rylan Trushcheff as they make confirmation of their Christian faith through the rite of Affirmation of Baptism. 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

***Processional Hymn** *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* **504 v1-2**

***Call to Worship**
P: Today we celebrate a step of faith – confirmation, commitment, and the courage to grow.
C: We come with joy, knowing God walks with us through every season of change.
P: Jesus reminds us: do not worry about tomorrow – look at the birds, the lilies, the wide open sky.
C: In the midst of questions and new beginnings, we choose trust over fear and faith over worry.
P: God is already in the future, just as God is here in this moment.
C: With hearts full of hope, we worship the God who provides, who guides, and who makes all things new. Amen.

Please be seated

Statement of Faith **Joseph Alvarez III**

Statement of Faith **Gavin Blow**

Hymn *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* **ELW 504 v3-4**

Statement of Faith **Rachel Horrell**

Statement of Faith **Ashton Kuker**

*****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 **Brentley Osorio**

Statement of Faith **Krewe Seltz**

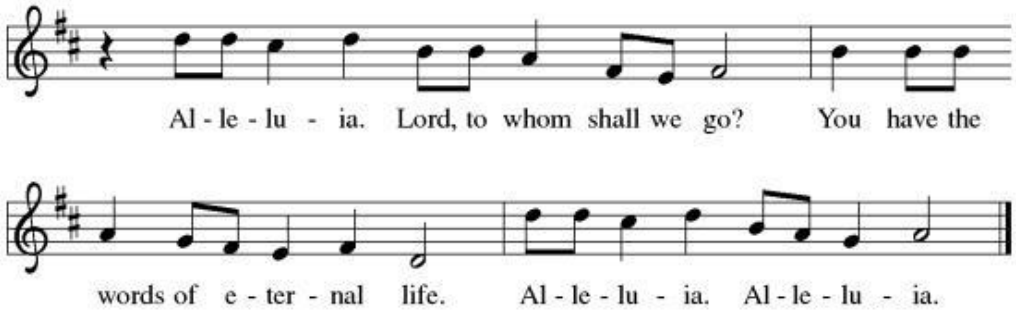
First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34
31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with
the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I
made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the
land of Egypt—a covenant 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 **Isabelle Stickrod**

Statement of Faith **Rylan Trushcheff**

***Gospel Acclamation** (Alleluia)



***Gospel: Matthew 8:31-36**
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 8th chapter
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 **Pastor Jim McColley**

***Hymn** *Amazing Grace* **ELW 779 v1-3**

***Affirmation of Baptism** **pg 234**

Confirmand ***Joseph Ruben Alvarez III***
Parents Joseph Alvarez Jr & Jessica Alvarez
Mentor Karla Berg

Confirmand ***Gavin Richard Blow***
Parents Shane Blow and Tricia Ross
Mentor Abie Seltz

Confirmand	***Rachel Rose Horrell***
Parents	Scott Horrell and Emily Sauer-Alvarez
Mentor	Viv Nore

Confirmand	***Ashton David Kuker***
Parents	Ryan and Melinda Kuker
Mentor	Katie Bills

Confirmand	***Brentley Joseff Osorio***
Parents	Eric and Lindsey Osorio
Mentor	Jason Trushcheff

Confirmand	***Krewe Richard Seltz***
Parents	Joshua and Abigail Seltz
Mentor	Katie Bills

Confirmand	***Isabelle Mary Stickrod***
Parents	David and Elizabeth Stickrod
Mentor	McKayla Smith

Confirmand	***Rylan David Trushcheff***
Parents	Jason Trushcheff and Jessica McDonald
Mentor	Angie Trost

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

***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**
God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.

All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.
Amen.

***Lord's Prayer**

***Blessing**
Almighty God, Father, Son+, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.
Amen.

***Hymn** *Lift High the Cross* **ELW 660**

***Dismissal**
Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

Assisting in Worship
Presider: Pastor Emily Sauer-Alvarez
Assisting: Pastor Jim McColley
Organist: Jason Swedlund
Crucifer: Joseph Alvarez III
Acolyte Rachel Horrell and Krewe Seltz
Reader: Viv Nore
Ushers: Mitch Craigmile, Viv Nore, Karla Berg, Terry Hansen
Tech: Bob Younie

Required weekly offerings to cover expenses: *$*11,975
10/18
Offering: $18,493.24
A*ttendance:* 107
Ignite Attendance: 120

September Offering: $35,455
Required monthly offerings to cover expenses: $51,890