

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

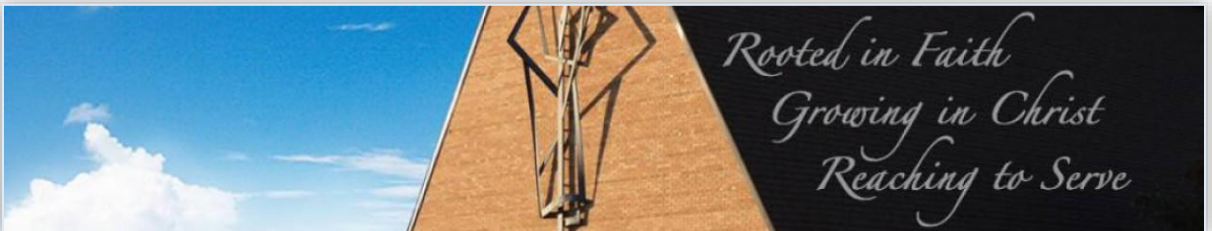
*Reformation Sunday*



**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

Virginia, MN

Pastor Liz Cheney



## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

ELW# 504

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.**

## THIS IS THE FEAST

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

The musical notation consists of five staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff is the refrain, followed by the 'Alleluia' section. The second part of the hymn begins with a first ending bracket. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of

all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**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.



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**Congregation:**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**Cantor:**

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## GOSPEL: John 8:31-36. The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

<sup>31</sup> Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup> 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'?"

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON

*Pastor Liz Cheney*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

ELW# 807

### APOSTLES CREED

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**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

*Let Justice Roll Like a River*

*Refrain*



Let jus - tice roll like a riv - er, and wash all op -  
pres - sion a - way. Come, O God, and take us,  
move and shake us; come now, and make us a - new,  
that we might live just - ly like you.

**SHARING THE PEACE** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OFFERING** Thank you for your continued financial support of OSLC! Whether you join us in person or online, the ministry & missions of Our Savior's depend on faithful giving. You can give the following ways:

- + online links can be found by accessing our website at <https://www.oslcmn.com/>
- + Using the QR code found here:
- + Contacting the church office to set up regular automatic giving
- + Dropping off or mailing in your offering



## CHOIR OFFERTORY

*Nearer, My God to Thee*

*John Gardner, 1917-2022, Oxford University Press*

**OFFERING PRAYER** Lord of the harvest, 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**LORD'S PRAYER** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy. All are welcome.

**COMMUNION HYMNS:****Lamb of God**

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.

**Built on a Rock**  
*The Church's One Foundation*

**ELW# 652**  
*(time permitting) ELW# 654*

**TABLE BLESSING**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

**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.**

**SENDING HYMN****Soli Deo Gloria****ELW #878****DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE****Kristen Weikum, Organist**

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## **WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS**

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Fred, Scooby, Larry, Pete, Jake, Laurie, Mike, Matthew C, Mark O., Marge, Dana, Doug, Matthew, Bill, Mark, Dena, Jeff & family, community members with cancer: Dan, Gary, Steve. Rick & Betsy, Gordon, Ross (post-transplant surgery), Doug J, Doris, Shari, Anna, Jeanette, Aaron, Shawn, Nicole, Gayla-heart, Sarah, Brandy, Rick, Janet, Tom, Lynn M., Archer, Sharon, Mary, Debbie (community, cancer), Leanne, Addy, Deb, Cliff, Lorraine M., Eric, Kyle, Pr. Art, Bob D, John W., Luddy, Gerilyn, Phyllis, Wally, Tedd, Ralph, Chuck, Sue.

***Call Janet Heglund, the prayer chain leader @ 218-749-6143 for prayer needs.***

***Or Ginny Ahrlin @ 1-218-749-0056, the text prayer chain leader. If you are in need of any pastoral care or if you or someone you know would like a visit, please call Pastor Liz Cheney at 218-780-8907 or the church office at 218-741-6207.***

### **CONTACT US**

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YouTube Page "Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Virginia MN Office"

### **OFFICE ADMIN HOURS: CLOSED MONDAYS & HOLIDAYS.**

**OPEN TUESDAY – FRIDAY, 9AM - 5PM.** There will be times we're away from the office doing errands, for this reason, please call ahead if you plan on coming to the church or need assistance!

### **PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS**

Pastor Liz will be here Tues. - Thurs. & off Fridays.

Call @ 218-780-8907 or email at [lizcheney44@gmail.com](mailto:lizcheney44@gmail.com)

### **STAFF**

**Pastor:** Rev. Liz Cheney

**Secretary:** Colleen Brown Jacobson

**Bookkeeper:** Carole Rutka

**Custodian:** Steve Gagnon

**Musicians:** Kristen Weikum, Mark Ongalo, Jen Fredrickson, Anna & Jim De Foe



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# Community Closet Challenge

**Thank you for participating in our challenge, it's been helping!**

We're listing affordable items in the bulletin for what works best in the Community Closet, and what is most needed for the week.

Our part of the challenge will be finding where these items are on sale & listing them in the bulletin, and your part of the challenge can be deciding what's easiest for you to donate.

The weekly **closet challenge** items will cost \$10.00 and under.

**1. SPAGHETTI SAUCE IN JARS @ WALMART**

\$1.76/EA, OR 6 FOR \$10.02

**2. MILK, HALF GALLON SIZE, @ WALMART**

\$2.06/EA, OR 4 FOR \$8.24

**3. PEANUT BUTTER, PETER PAN BRAND @ WALMART**

\$2.47/EA, OR 4 FOR \$9.88

**4. CRYSTAL FARMS CHEESE BLOCKS, 4/\$10 @SUPER ONE, OR SLICES @2.97 EA.**

FOR SLICES: 3 FOR \$8.91

**5. 18/20 OZ CONTAINERS OF JAM/JELLY AT WALMART, GREAT VALUE BRAND, VARYING PRICES.**

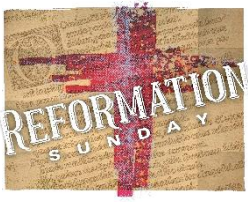
Approx. \$1.98 to \$2.66 \*the smaller size is what people prefer in our Community Closet.

*You're always welcome to shop at your favorite store,  
and buy the food & brands you prefer if it's more convenient.  
Items that are always in need, regardless of our challenge list are:  
**peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce in jars, shampoo & bodywash.***

*Thank you for helping!*

THANK  
you





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

#### **TODAY IS REFORMATION SUNDAY!**

**TRUNK OR TREAT TODAY!** Come join us this afternoon with your vehicle - be here to park by 3:15pm for safety, kids will be in the parking lot! You don't have to decorate your car if you don't have an idea for it, or the time, but we ask that you bring enough candy to hand out at your vehicle for 300+ children- Walmart has big bags for this. If you would like to help out inside, we need 1-2 people to hand out treats at the games in the narthex. Let Pastor Liz or Colleen know if you are able to help. Thank you~

**ADULT FORUMS RETURN** These are held the first Sunday of each month during the school year. Grab a coffee & treat, then listen to the interesting topics we have scheduled for this year's **Adult Forums!** Our next forum is **NOV. 2<sup>ND</sup> with Shelley Svatos, "Advent Wreath Meaning & History."**

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY IS NOV. 2nd THAT IS NEXT SUNDAY!** If you have lost a loved one this year, please let Pastor or the office know if you would like them honored during the worship service.

**LIFT NEWS!** All youth grades 3-12<sup>th</sup> are invited- we have a group for all ages & Confirmation. THIS WEEK, OCT. 29<sup>TH</sup> IS OUR LAST LEARNING SESSION FOR THE FALL. **NOV. 5<sup>TH</sup> IS A FREE FUN DAY AT MESABI FIT, 6-8PM, SWIMMING, GYM, PIZZA & TACOS. ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!**

**CHOIR PRACTICE** You are invited to attend practice on **Wednesdays at 4pm** in the Sanctuary and see what it's all about. Or you can ask our Choir Director, Jim De Foe, questions you may have about joining the OSLC Choir!

**RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS** Check out the bulletin board on the way to the office & pick up a card in any envelope with a small task on it. Return it to the board when you've completed your task. Next, find the "Kindness Matters" basket, now located in the office, for a treat as a "thank you" for your kind act!

**WORSHIP SPONSORSHIP** If you're interested in sponsoring Livestream and local TV Broadcast in honor of someone, or a special event (wedding anniversary, birth of children, baptism date) or in memory of a loved one who has passed, you may do so in any amount from \$25 - \$100- it keeps our system up to date. Sign-up sheet is on the kiosk.

**FURNACE/PIPE PROJECT:** You can see our progress on the display in the narthex. *Many Thanks to all who helped us get to our first payment for the project!* All gifts - *big or small*- are appreciated. If you would like to give to the project specifically, we have included a new QR code in a box on the last page of these announcements for your convenience.

**THANKSGIVING BASKETS** We will be setting up the sign-up sheets next week already! Check out the kiosk next Sunday on the side facing the east doorway for them. The crew will be organizing the baskets to send out the Monday before Thanksgiving if you want to assist with this ministry on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>.

**THIS WEEK @ OSLC:**

10/26 TRUNK OR TREAT 4-6PM, BE HERE AT 3:15 IF YOU ARE BRINGING YOUR VEHICLE, OR ARE HELPING OUT

10/27 6PM BOY SCOUTS

10/29 9AM -2PM QUILTING  
12-3PM COMM.CLOSET  
4PM CHOIR PRACTICE

**6PM LIFT@MLC**

10/30 5:30PM CUB SCOUTS

11/02 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

\***SANCTUARY:** ORGAN PRACTICE WILL NOW BE 2:30PM, M-T-W

Join  
us



Grab a coffee & join us for this year's Adult Forums after worship - first Sunday of the month:

*OCT: Thank you, Tucker Nelson, for presenting on Habitat for Humanity*

*NOV: Shelley Svatos - Advent Wreath Meaning & History*

*DEC: AEOA Services*

**JOIN US FOR A SPOOKTACULAR**



**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup>**

**Time: 4-6pm**

**Location:** Our Savior's Lutheran Church Parking Lot  
1111 8<sup>th</sup> St S Virginia, MN

Hot dogs, hot cocoa, Cotton Candy,  
games and prizes inside! **FREE!**

Sponsored by:  
Our Savior's, Gethsemane, Messiah, Peace United, Boy Scouts Troop 4129

**Bring your car/suv and join in the fun!**

Please park your vehicle by 3:15pm for safety reasons. You can also take turns helping in the kitchen or handing out candy at the games.



**OSLC Choir**

Please join us for  
a time of devotion, learning  
& singing together!

Practices are held Wednesdays  
@ 4:00pm  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Virginia, MN





## Mark Your Calendars!!

- **November 5, 6-8pm** - Fun Night @ Mesabi Fit (All ages!): Pizza, Pool, Gym
- **December 3, 6:30pm** - Advent Spiral Service at Messiah
- **December 10, 6:30pm** - Advent Visual Arts Service at Our Savior's
- **December 17, 6:30pm** - Blue Christmas Service at Gethsemane
- **January 7, 6-8pm** - LIFT Resumes at Gethsemane Lutheran Church for All Church Living in Faith Together: We will share a meal, worship, and move through the Blanket Exercise as we think about what it means to be a person of faith in this wonderfully diverse world!

## WANT TO GIVE SPECIFICALLY TO OUR HEATING & PIPE PROJECT?

We've created a new QR code to give electronically toward this project through our giving app. It's a quick way to give & makes a big difference. Every gift helps - together, we can do this!

Check out the 'update board' in the narthex to see where we're currently at.



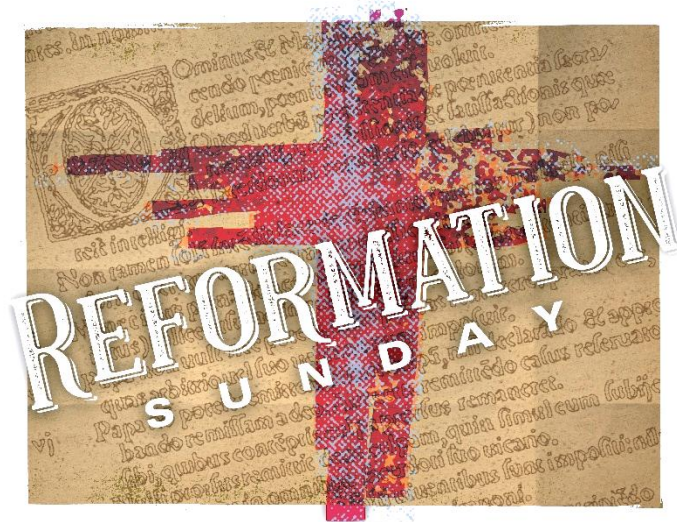
## WE HAVE HEAT!!

It will not be cold this Sunday in the  
Sanctuary!

JK Heating was by this Thursday and  
started the furnace for us! It will be nice  
in the sanctuary.

But... You can still *wear your red flannel,  
sweater, mittens or scarf in honor of  
Reformation Sunday.*

See you Sunday!



## **God Pause for Friday, October 24, 2025**

Luke 18:9-14 (NRSV)

[Read Luke 18:9-14 on biblegateway.com](#)

<sup>9</sup>He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' <sup>14</sup>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."

Devotion

When I read this gospel story, I wonder about the reversals God sees in me that Luke speaks of. Many of us can look back to a time when we had to pick between two difficult choices and wondered how we could be justified in doing what had to be done? There are others who may have had to choose between tithing and buying medicine for a child, or men and women in the military who may have been put into a situation of having to choose whether to follow orders of a superior or their own conscience. It's easy to look at the Pharisee and regard him with contempt and praise the tax collector because we think his heart was in the right place. But we don't know the heart, and we are not to judge. We are blessed to know we don't receive what we deserve but rather God is merciful to us in spite of what we do or even what is in our hearts when we are not humble.

Prayer

Merciful God, create in me a clean heart, a humble heart, a heart without judgement of others. Forgive me when I think too well of myself. Thank you for the grace you have granted to me. Amen.

Rev. Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett '15 M.Div.Pastor, First English Lutheran Church and Zion Lutheran Parish, Ortonville, MN