October 25, 2026 Reformation Sunday

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Order of Service:

Confession & Forgiveness	
Gathering Hymn: *Let Streams of Living Justice*	ELW # 710
Kyrie/ Canticle of Praise	
Prayer of the Day	
First Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34	
Psalm 46 (read responsively)	
Second Reading: Romans 3: 19-28	
Gospel Reading: John 8: 31-36	
Semon	The Rev. Denise Anderson
Hymn of the Day: *When the Poor Ones*	ELW #725
Apostles Creed	
Prayers of Intercession	
Sharing of the Peace	
Offering: Create in Me a Clean Heart	ELW #188
Offering Prayer	
Great Thanksgiving	
Preface/ Holy, Holy, Holy	
Thanksgiving at the Table	
Lord's Prayer	
Communion/Communion Hymn – *What Wondrous Love Is This*	ELW #666
Post Communion Blessing/ Communion Prayer	
Blessing/ Sending Hymn: *Love Diving, All Loves Excelling*	ELW #631

Mission Statement:

We are a church deeply and confidently rooted in the gospel of God's grace. Through worship, education, and fellowship, we are freed to give our lives joyfully in witness and service.

Taking the Word to Heart: {some invitations for you and/or your family to interact with this week's scriptures}

-Put "the truth" revealed in Jesus the Christ into your own words.
-Name ways you have been set free because of your faith in Jesus the Christ and your walk with God.
-Read the Ten Commandments/Words out loud. Thank God for placing a law for life in your heart.
-Speak your faith and be justified! Believe it. Act on it!

Mindfulness (set aside five minutes. breathe and read through three times. Which words or ideas hold energy for you? What images and feelings emerge in your imagination?)

""In the second half of life, we do not have strong and final opinions about everything, every event, or most people, as much as we allow things and people to delight us, sadden us, and truly influence us." — Richard Rohr, Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life

"Contemplation, sadly, helps you see your woundedness! That's why most people do not stay long with contemplative prayer, because it's not very glorious. It's a continual humiliation, realizing, "Oh my God, I did it again. I still don't know how to love!" — Richard Rohr, Radical Grace: Daily Meditations by Richard Rohr

Poetry Corner ***A Tear*** **by Rodney Bluml (inspired by the title of Richard Rohr's most recent book, *The Tears of Things*. How do you read it?**

The tears of things
Running along psyche's seam
Seem to expose the soul

Unexpected tears
Forced from within by forces
Cyclonic & angry

Words hurled as curses
Another ridiculous headline
Insufficient pay

Hungry youths at home
Alone without mentors
Or Guides to guide

Self images in shreds
Comparison contrast fail
The mirror hates me

Child ripped from mother
The Rio's black loveless divide
Betreays the tear's home

Christian Nationalism
Needles the sublime truth,
Christ lived for all!

Yet, tears can be healing
Revealing loves unattended
The heart seeks to mend

Threaded thoughts pierce
Jagged edged remnants,
A tug reunites

The pain of repair
Give way to new tears
Exposing a soul…

October is World Hunger Month

If you choose to contribute to this it can be added to the regular offering envelope.

Worship News

1 November, All Saints Sunday
8:00AM – Worship in person
9:15AM – Faith Formation/Adult Bible Study
10:15AM – Worship in person or online
***(Daylight Saving Time ends – remember to set your clock back)**

Worship Servants for Sunday, November 1:

	8:00AM	**10:30am**
Tech Minister	Kayleen Backhaus	Kevin Anderson
Reader	Sandy Arp	Gloria Klinefelter
Usher	Rich Mohr-Kelly	Barry Pickart

Ministry Schedule:

27 October, Tuesday: **1:30PM – Liturgical Study**
28 October, Wednesday: **7:00AM – Meditation/ Morning Prayer**
10:00AM – Luther Manor

All Saints Sunday, Sunday November 1st, 2026

November is the month our church chooses to consider "end of life" things and to remember those saints that have recently died. It is a chance for us to grieve together and to remember that they are still joined with us in the cloud of witnesses and communion of the saints. To help celebrate this reality, we invite you to share the names of loved ones who have died this past year by contacting Kayleen at office@lordoflife.online. We will speak your loved one's name during our services on 11/1, and you are invited to come forward during the service you are attending to light a candle in their honor.

Sunday Fellowship

If you are willing to bring treats for the fellowship hour between services, there is a signup sheet located in the gathering space. Your help with this is greatly appreciated!

Care in our Community

The Dubuque Food Pantry

The Dubuque Food Pantry is in need of plastic bags and cloth bags for fruits and vegetables and other groceries that they send home with clients. There is a box located near the mailboxes for your donations. If you have any questions talk with Gloria Klinefelter.

Hi all,
It's with mixed emotions that I share that due to recent life changes, I have decided to relocate at the end of this year. I spent quite a bit of time discerning this move, and I am confident in my decision and am very excited for this new opportunity. This move was sparked by my desire to grow in my professional career, but also so I can pursue my dream of starting my own business. I am also very blessed to share that I have met someone who shares this same desire, and together, we have been working extremely hard to lay the foundation of this new business, so that as soon as we move, we can get it off the ground. We are still exploring which state will be the best fit for us, and I will absolutely share our final decision once we've come to one.
I also wanted to thank my Lord of Life family for always being there for me throughout my life. You all mean so much to me, and I cherish all of my memories at Lord of Life. I will always hold a special place in my heart for you!
Overall, I feel happy, excited and at peace, but I certainly also feel the emotions of grief, knowing I will miss each and every one of you back home. I've said this phrase to several people, but it is so true: life is too short to not take chances. And I'd rather take a chance and fail, than live with the regret of never taking the chance at all.

Peace and blessings to you all.
~ Bri Ensign

We Remember the following members in prayer this week: David King, Pete & Stephanie Klein and family, Joe & Jill Klinebriel and family, Gloria Klinefelter, The Klinefelter children and families, Roger & Kathleen Klosterman and Marily Koehler

Birthdays for the week of October 25th

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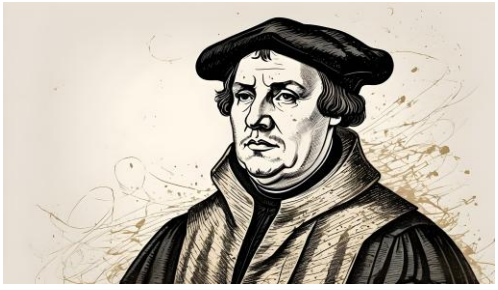
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