

Welcome to
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Reformation
Sunday
October 24 & 25, 2026



PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING LITANY

P: O God, Gather us together this Reformation Sunday,

C: **That we may celebrate the witness of our forefathers and foremothers.**

A: Give us the same sense of courage that gave birth to the Reformation.

C: **Teach us how to honor the saints of God in ages past as well as in our present day.**

P: May the conviction of your grace that was once written upon their hearts be the same as it forms our own faith.

C: **Inspire us in the continuing reformation of the church and be present with us in our worship this day.**

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

Verses 1 and 4 will be sung by the congregation and the Choir.

Verses 2 and 3 will be sung by the Choir using an alternate text.

THE GREETING

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!**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. 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.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

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.

R: The Word of God, for the People of God!

C: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING

ROMANS 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine

forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

R: The Word of God, for the People of God!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Sunday

CHILDREN'S MOMENT & PRESENTATION OF BIBLE TO THIRD GRADERS

Following the Children's moment, children in pre-k through 5th grade are invited to gather for an activity by the chapel.

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #591

THAT PRICELESS GRACE

1 That price-less grace, that price-less grace, that price-less
4 That pre-cious word, that pre-cious word, that pre-cious

grace, which gave me life: Je - sus' life is price-less grace.
word, which brought me light: Je - sus' word is price-less grace.

That price - less grace is life for me.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the first line of the hymn with two vocal parts (1 and 4). The second staff contains the second line. The third staff contains the third line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 8:31-36

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

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. John 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: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Please be seated.

THE REFLECTION

HEATHER HAWN, MINISTER OF YOUTH & FAMILY

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW # 517

LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD

THE CREED

A: Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith as expressed in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: **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.

THE PRAYERS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

At this time you are welcome to share the Peace of Christ with those around you. Following the Sharing of the Peace you may be seated.

OFFERING AND OFFERING MUSIC

CHOIR

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart
Arr. Michael Burkhardt

Please stand.

OFFERING SONG

We Plow the Fields and Scatter



1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,
the seed-time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.



who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
No gifts have we to of - fer for what your love im - parts



the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
but what you most would trea - sure— our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

THE DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

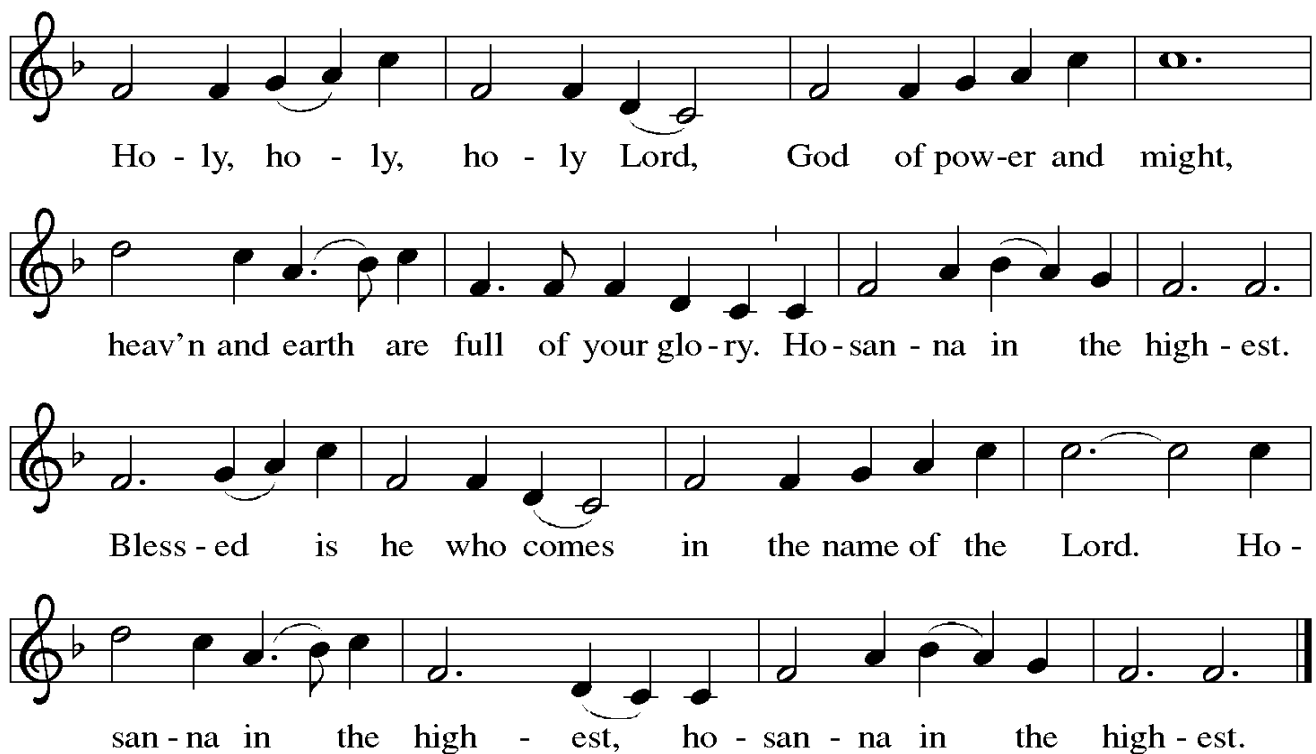
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

THE PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight.

He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.

He took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

He fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people;

He stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free those who trust in you.

He is the one who, handed over to death, destroyed death.

He is the one, who lying in a borrowed tomb, rose victorious over the grave.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his life, death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church;
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus

Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A: As our Savior Christ has taught us, together we are bold to pray.

C: 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.

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

AGNUS DEI



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

At Grace, all are welcome to the Table of the Lord. At the ushers invitation, you are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available as an additional substitute. As you return to your seat using the side aisle, there is a basket to dispose of your individual communion cup. Those who would like a blessing are also welcome to come forward. Simply ask Pastor for a blessing instead of taking communion.

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW # 471

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

After all have communed, you are invited to stand.

TABLE BLESSING

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love. May we follow in the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

P: The God of love draw you into full accord to be of one mind, living as the body of Christ.

C: **Amen.**

P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances.

C: **Amen.**

P: The God of grace bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

ELW #652

BUILT ON A ROCK

THE SENDING

P: Go in peace.

A: Encourage one another.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS! You are God's gift to us today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor and come worship with us again.

PLEASE NOTE: Our Sunday worship is live streamed on Facebook.

DRIVE-IN CHURCH - If you are joining us on Sunday in the parking lot, please tune your radio to 90.3 FM.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Sharon & Dick Zilles' wedding anniversary, by Dick Zilles. **(Radio Broadcasts can be heard each Sunday morning at 9:30 am on Eagle 99.1. Anyone wishing to sponsor a radio broadcast [cost is \$72.50 and please make checks payable to BAS Broadcasting.], should contact the church office.)**

THIS WEEK, AS YOU PRAY, please remember: Diane Berryman, Janet Bowles, Krista Culbert, Peggy Dorr, Angie Martin, Jamie Montooth, Jackie Mowry, Mary Nossaman, Rilee Overmyer, Tim Rutherford, Connie Wasserman, and Bob Wickert.

HOSPITAL VISITS! If you, or a member of your family, are in the hospital, please call the church office and let us know.

HEARING DEVICES are available at the Usher station at the back of the Sanctuary. Please return after worship so that they can be charged and ready for the next service.

PRAYER LIST REQUESTS - If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer and would like to be added to our prayer list, please write their name on the back of our *Welcome Cards*. You are welcome to indicate what prayers are needed, i.e. "has an upcoming surgery" etc. Names submitted for our prayer list will remain on the list for four (4) weeks. Our goal is to keep the prayer list ever flowing and as up to date as possible.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday from 9 am to 4 pm.

SUBMISSIONS FOR OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWSLETTER should be sent to Tricia at dabrunztricia@yahoo.com

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

STANDING AT THE OPEN DOOR 2026 STEWARDSHIP

GATHERINGS – Much like our campaign last year, we will once again gather around the table to share a meal and conversation. Please scan the QR code for a full list of dates, times and menus. We look forward to sharing a meal with you!



SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

A Community Christmas Concert



Presented by ...

The Toledo Symphony

December 3, 2026 ~ 7 PM

Tickets: \$15/Adults

\$10/ Seniors (65 and older)

& Students (18 and under)

Grace Lutheran Church, 705 West State Street, Fremont Ohio

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP!

Ushers Needed!

Ushers are needed on
Thursday, December 3 for the
Community Christmas Concert
performed by The Toledo Symphony.
If you are interested in volunteering
please contact John Avers
at 419-307-3882 or talk to him
before or after Sunday worship.

FALL CLEAN-UP – Help Grace get ready for winter! We are asking for help cleaning up the courtyard (trim bushes, clean out landscaping, etc..) on November 14 from 9 am – noon. A sign-up sheet will be available at the back of the sanctuary next weekend or you may call the church office to add you name to the list of helpers.

NOW THAT SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION BACKPACK BUDDIES HAS RETURNED AND NEEDS OUR HELP! We are currently in need of the following items: oatmeal packets, Nutri-Grain bars, cold cereal, breakfast bars, Pop Tarts, individual mac-n-cheese cups, pasta cups, cans of soup, individual heat and eat soups, individual serving cups of peanut butter, cups of applesauce, fruit cups, sandwich crackers, pudding cups, cookies, Goldfish crackers, fruit snacks, chips, pretzels, granola bars, Teddy Grahams, microwave popcorn, Ritz crackers, Rice Krispie Treats, yogurts, beef sticks, and Oatmeal Cream Pies. We are also accepting monetary donations. These gifts help us to fill in any gaps in donations. Your check should be made payable to LIFT and please write Backpack Buddies on the memo line.

YOUTH NEWS!

YOUTH COMMITTEE will meet on November 4 at 5:30 pm in the library. All parents and youth are welcome to attend.

THE WAY OF LOVE CONFIRMATION RETREAT on November 15 from 12:30 – 6:30 pm (doors will open at noon) at Grace Lutheran. Cost for the retreat is \$5 for pizza and snacks. The event will include a Bible Study with Bishop Daniel, poverty experience, putting our faith into action and we will serve a community meal. Questions contact Pr. Stacy from St. John's Sandusky at Stacylauer@gmail.com or Pr. Matt Wheeler from St. John's in Fremont at matthew.wheeler612@yahoo.com. Registration is also available by scanning the QR code.



SERVING IN WORSHIP		
	Saturday – 4 pm	Sunday – 9 am
GREETER: NARTHEX	Thomas O'Brien	Dave & Rae Ann Cooper
GREETER: BAKER ST.		Marcella Widmer
WORSHIP ASSISTANT		Becky Seibert
READER	Tanya Schardt	Helen Biddinger
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Wendy Bailey	Cecilia Boucher
DEACONS/CLOSERS		Jerry Letzring
SUNDAY GUEST MUSICIANS	Trumpets: Weston Bollinger & Kaleb Meadows Trombones: Arryn Meeker & Henry Rofkar	



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THIS WEEK AT GRACE OCTOBER 25 – NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Today REFORMATION SUNDAY

8:15 – Choir Rehearsal
9:00 – Worship/Third Grade Bible Presentation
10:15 – Confirmation
12:30 – LIFT Board Meeting at St. John's
3:30 – Pack 302 Halloween Party - Sandusky County Fairgrounds

Monday

11:30 – PB & J²
1:00 – Bible Study with Maureen – Lounge
6:30 – Bible Study with Pr. Bailey
7:00 – Dartball vs. St. John's

Tuesday

5:30 – Juggling Act, The Garrison

Wednesday

5:00 – Mid-Week Youth Huddle
5:15 – Handbells
5:30 – Parent's Support Group
6:00 – S.L.A.M.
6:30 – Jesus, Games & Crafts (Youth)
6:30 – Choir

Thursday

11:30 – Soup Kitchen

Friday

Saturday ALL SAINTS DAY

4:00 – Worship/Noisy Offering/Bridge of Hope Food Pantry Collection

Sunday – ALL SAINTS DAY/NOSIY OFFERING/BRIDGE OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

8:15 – Choir Rehearsal
9:00 – Worship
10:15 – Confirmation
4:00 – Halloween Hospitality at Birchard Park

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 132

Called to Present the Light of Christ!