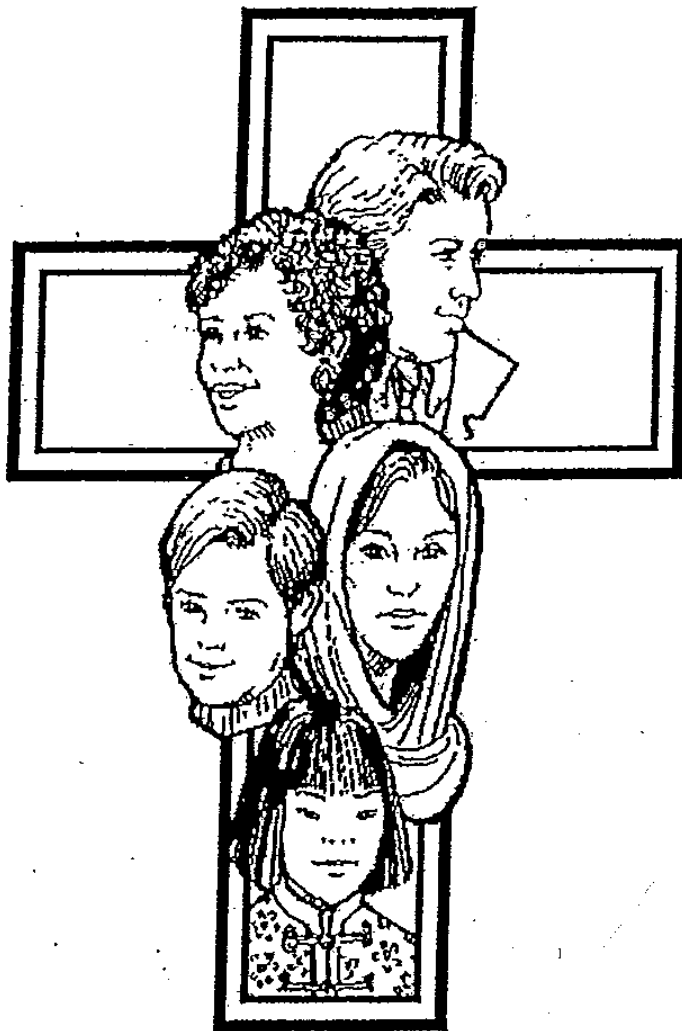


REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 29, 2017



*“If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples;
and you will know the truth,
and the truth will make you free.” John 8:31*

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Cross Lutheran Church

REFORMATION/CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book – Holy Communion Setting One

We encourage worshippers to use the time in the sanctuary before the liturgy begins for silent meditation and prayer. The entire assembly will read the Gospel together; pew Bibles can be found in front of you, children's Bibles and large print lessons are available from the ushers. Prayer for healing and anointing with oil is offered in the narthex during Holy Communion. Any worshipper wishing to receive these gifts may proceed there after receiving the host and the cup, and before returning to the pew.

***Bold Print** – indicates congregation responds as a whole*

** – indicates congregation should stand as able*

PRELUDE

Lift High the Cross

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSIOIN AND FORGIVENESS

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*OPENING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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*GREETING

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*HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort us in all temptations, defend us against all our enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 7:6-8

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PSALM HYMN

O God of Love, O King of Peace
Sung by the Congregation

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SECOND LESSON Romans 3:19-28

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*(P) The Holy Gospel according to John 8:31-36

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*(C) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*(P) The Gospel of our Lord.

*(C) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

How Firm a Foundation

ELW # 796

Please refrain from taking any pictures during the Rite of Confirmation.

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

LAY MINISTER: The following persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Ron’Darius Shakem Devonté Allen Miranda Jean Haagensen

Zachary William Henrickson

PASTOR: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God’s people, you have learned from his Word God’s loving purpose for you and for all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

CANDIDATES: I do.

PASTOR: Let us confess the faith of the church into which we have been baptized.

***ALL:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

PASTOR: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

To live among God's faithful people,
To hear his Word and share in his supper,
To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
To serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,
And to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

The candidates will answer:
"Yes, by the help of God."

PASTOR: Let us pray...Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made this daughter and these sons your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

***ALL:** **AMEN.**

PASTOR: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in _____ the gift of your Spirit; confirm her/his faith, guide her/his life, empower her/him in her/his serving, give her/him patience in suffering, and bring her/him to everlasting life. Amen.

***SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

OFFERING *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast* Martin Luther, Arr. Donald Johns

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* ELW # 884

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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DISTRIBUTION

To make the distribution of the Lord's Supper as easy as possible, we ask that people who wish to commune and who use a wheelchair or walker come to the front first to receive the Sacrament.

LAMB OF GOD

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<i>The King of Love My Shepherd Is</i>	ELW # 502
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<i>My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less</i>	ELW # 597
<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	ELW # 631
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***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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***CLOSING HYMN**

The Church's One Foundation

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***DISMISSAL**

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POSTLUDE

Take the Name Of Jesus With You

To Our Guests and Visitors Today: Every baptized believer who is of age is invited to receive the Lord's Supper as we worship. The invitation is extended to each of us by the Lord himself, because he is the host of the meal. We also believe that he is the meal; that is that "in, with, and under" the bread and wine we do receive the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. Please follow the directions of the ushers if you wish to commune. Children under the age of ten are invited to receive a Word of blessing.

Worshippers unable to commune at the front of the church...Please register with an usher and a lay minister will bring the Supper to you in your pew.

PREACHER: Pastor Robert Preuss
CELEBRANT: Pastor Amy Oslund
LAY MINISTERS: Dan Erickson Allison Hawley March
ANOINTING MINISTER: Mandy Tolly
ACOLYTE: Perri Linroth
YOUTH READER: Perri Linroth
USHERS: Doug Oslund – Captain, Simon Oslund, Nora Oslund, Sharon Crist
GREETERS: Bob and Kim Brynildson
MUSICIANS: Emily Tryggestad; Tong Cheng; Hands, Hearts and Voices Choir
NURSERY: Emelia Knutsen
COFFEE SERVERS: Rose Macioch and Marion Lindstrom

Today is Confirmation Sunday, a day for us to celebrate with Ron’Darius Allen, Miranda Haagensen and Zach Henrickson along with their families – the Rite of Confirmation. On this day, their public confession of faith serves as a reaffirmation of their baptism into Christ and they become voting members of Cross Lutheran Church. Please join us after today’s service to share in the celebration with our Confirmands as the guests of honor. The flowers on the altar are placed there to the glory of God and in honor of our Confirmands by the congregation.

Today in Adult Education we continue our study of Luther’s Small Catechism and the Apostles’ Creed. On November 5th we’ll take a break from our study of the Catechism to watch the DVD “Rick Steves’ Luther and the Reformation” produced by PBS. If you are not able to attend, these sessions are now being videotaped and are available on our website: www.crosslutheranchurch.org. Please join us for our education opportunities.

Reformation Worship Service
Tuesday October 31st
6:45pm

We are celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the start of the Reformation with a special worship service on Tuesday October 31st. On that day in 1517, Martin Luther nailed his *95 Theses* to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Please join us on Tuesday October 31st at 6:45pm for this special worship service.

TODAY is the LAST DAY to purchase tickets for the German Dinner that will be served before the Reformation Worship Service on Tuesday October 31st at 5:30pm. We will be having brats and sauerkraut, potato salad, strudel and more. Please see Jamie Gudknecht to purchase your tickets. The cost for the dinner is \$6.00. NO tickets will be sold at the door.

Christmas Plant Orders

NOW through NOVEMBER 15th DEADLINE

Christmas Flower orders are now being taken. Red or White Poinsettias in 6 ½” pots - \$10.00 or 8” pots - \$17.00 or Cyclamen in 6 ½” pots - \$10.00 in pink/purple shades are available. Please complete the order form located in the basket on the shelf in the narthex and place the envelope with your check made out to Cross Lutheran Church in the offering plate. ORDER DEADLINE is November 15th.

United Sisters Dinner and Meeting
Wednesday November 1 at 5:30pm

We meet to review the Craft and Bake Sale and to plan for the Christmas Brunch. ALL confirmed women of the church are members of the United Sisters. Please come to enjoy the fellowship of our meal and to help plan for our church’s activities. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board across from the kitchen if you would like to provide a portion of our meal. If you need a ride – contact Sherry Batterman.

Family Service Center
Thursday November 9th from 5:30pm – 6:00pm

We serve the meal at the Ramsey County Family Service Center every second Thursday of the month. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please see Sherry Batterman. We are always in need of servers. Thank you!

CALLING ALL YOUTH 6th – 12th Grades!
Pool Party!
Friday November 10th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm
EXCLUSIVE use of the John Glenn Middle School Pool!

A 53rd Sunday will be held on November 19th. We ask that you prayerfully consider adding an additional weekly donation to your financial support for Cross Lutheran Church and its activities. Envelopes were sent in the November issue of Cross Currents. Envelopes will also be available the morning of November 19th in the bulletin. Thank you for your continued support.

It’s not too soon to plan for Thanksgiving November 23rd! All Kindergarten – 8th graders are asked to help with our Thanksgiving procession. During the service you will carry items we are thankful for to the altar while the congregation sings hymns. If you are interested, please let Pastor Bob know or sign up on the yellow sheet in today’s bulletin. We rehearse for this on Wednesday November 22nd at 5:30pm. Our Thanksgiving Day Worship Service is at 10:00am.

We are also planning a Cross Lutheran Christmas Pageant with participants of ALL ages. If you are willing to be in the pageant – Please contact the Church Office.



Be a good steward of the earth; if you aren’t taking your bulletin home, please drop it in the recycling bin in the narthex. Thank you!



THIS WEEK AT CROSS

- Today, October 29**9:30am Reformation and Confirmation Worship Service
10:45am Coffee Hour in honor of our Confirmands
10:45am Sunday School/TEEN Classes
11:00am Adult Education Class
12:30pm – 4:00pm Dwelling Place of God End Time Church
- Tuesday, October 31**9:30am – 11:00am II Corinthians Bible Study
5:30pm German Dinner – Reservations Required
6:45pm Reformation Worship Service
- Wednesday, November 1**5:30pm United Sisters Dinner and Meeting
6:30pm Confirmation Class
7:15pm Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, November 2**3:30pm Worship Service at The Shores of Lake Phalen
6:30pm Bible Milestone
7:00pm 7th Day Adventist
- Saturday, November 4**.....9:30am 7th Day Adventists

TURN CLOCKS BACK – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

- Sunday, November 5**9:30am Worship Service All Saints Day
10:45am Sunday School/TEEN Classes
11:00am Adult Education Class
12:30pm – 4:00pm Dwelling Place of God End Time Church

Today you will find in the bulletin a table prayer. We know that our Lord is the source of all blessings, and that it is most fitting for us to give thanks before we eat. Some people always pray the same prayer. Others prefer to pray different prayers – some don't pray at all. A different prayer will be included each month to help us all in this daily devotion.



Table Prayer:

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. Amen.

Stewardship Verse
John 15:16-17



“You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”