CROWN OF LIFE | LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 1st, 2026

Reformation Sunday
All Saints Day

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-We Gather as God's People to Worship Him-

OPENING HYMN **African-American Heritage Hymnal 442**
Sweet Hour of Prayer

PLEASE STAND

Minister says: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation says: And also with you.

-Introduction to Worship-

M: God, our Father, each day is a gift of your grace.
C: Your mercies are new every morning.
M: Guide our steps by the light of your word.
C: Shield us from harm and keep us from evil.
M: Better than life is your love.
C: Put joy in our hearts and praise on our lips. Alleluia!

-We Prepare Our Hearts-

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I know that I have been sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Forgive my sins and change my life.

We sing: *Have Thine Own Way*

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Thou art the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always living in me!

M: Jesus says to His people: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

M: Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, it is my privilege to declare to you that your sins are forgiven. You are a dear child of God. Let's praise His name.

We sing: *No Other Name But the Name of Jesus*

Chorus: No other name, but the name of Jesus
No other name, but the name of the Lord
No other name but the name of Jesus
Is worthy of glory, And worthy of honor
And worthy of power and all praise!

His name is exalted far above the earth;
His name is high above the heavens.
His name is exalted far above the earth;
Give glory and honor and praise unto His name.

Chorus

-We Pray Together-

M: I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from?

C: My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

M: He will not let your foot slip – He who watches over you will not slumber

C: My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

M: The LORD will keep you from all harm – He will watch over your life.

C: The LORD will watch over my coming and going, both now and forevermore. AMEN.

BE SEATED

-We Listen to God's Word-

FIRST LESSON *Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23*

10 Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. **11** Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. **12** So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: "Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions' den?"

The king answered, "The decree stands—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed."

16 So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!"

[17] A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed. [18] Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

[19] At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. [20] When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?"

[21] Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! [22] My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty."

[23] The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

We Sing: *Thy Word*

Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid and I think I've lost my way
Still, You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near
Please be with me to the end.

Refrain
I will not forget Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON *Romans 3:19-28*

19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are
under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world
held accountable to God. **20** Therefore no one will be declared righteous
in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we
become conscious of our sin.

21 But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made
known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. **22** This righteousness
is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no
difference between Jew and Gentile, **23** for all have sinned and fall short
of the glory of God, **24** and all are justified freely by his grace through the
redemption that came by Christ Jesus. **25** God presented Christ as a
sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be
received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because
in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand
unpunished— **26** he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the
present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have
faith in Jesus.

27 Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law
that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. **28** For we
maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the
law.

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 10:16-23*

16 "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as
shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. **17** Be on your guard; you will
be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues.
18 On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as

witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. [19] But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, [20] for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

[21] "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. [22] You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. [23] When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

BE SEATED

YOUTH MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY **Christian Worship 200**
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

SERMON ***Take a Stand For Your God***
Daniel 6:10-23

PLEASE STAND

CONFESSION OF FAITH *Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from

true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him, all things were made. For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried. On the third day, He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

BE SEATED

OFFERING **Christian Worship 293**
God's Word is Our Great Heritage

PRAYERS *The Lord's Prayer*

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.

THE SACRAMENT

M: Our Lord has given us a holy Supper in which we receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of His redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim His death until He returns.

C: Now have come the salvation and the power and kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ. To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

We Sing: *Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty*

Refrain: Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
who was and is and is to come.
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
Who reigns forevermore.

Father in heaven, how we love you;
We lift your name in all the earth.
May Your kingdom be established in our praises,
as your people declare Your mighty works.

Refrain

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

FOR ALL OF US: Paul instructed in I Cor. 11:28: "Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup." Questions like these help us examine ourselves:

- Am I sorry for my sin?
- Do I trust that Jesus has lived and died to save me from my sin?
- Do I believe that Jesus's body and blood are truly present to assure me of forgiveness?
- Do I intend, with God's help, to live a more God pleasing life?

WELS and ELS members may come and receive Christ's body and blood. Proceed up the center aisle as directed by the ushers.

FOR OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS: You may find that we regard Holy Communion with much greater seriousness than most churches today. The Bible teaches that communion is, among other things, a public statement of intimate unity and spiritual agreement with a church's teachings. Therefore, if you are unaware or unclear about what we teach and believe, you will want to compare your own beliefs with ours before communing with us. We are eager to establish this fellowship with you and look forward to your inquiry on how to enter into fellowship! Pastor Sternhagen is happy and ready to speak with you!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN **Christian Worship 397**
Just As I Am

THANKSGIVING HYMN *I Exalt Thee*

For thou O Lord, art high above all the earth
Thou art exalted far above all gods.

For thou O Lord, art high above all the earth
Thou art exalted far above all gods.

I exalt thee, I exalt thee, I exalt thee, O Lord
I exalt thee, I exalt thee, I exalt thee, O Lord.

C: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son, may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in His true body and blood the pledge of Your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. AMEN.

CLOSING HYMN *Go Now in Peace*

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Mid-Week Bible Class

Wednesdays | 7:00 pm CT

Google Meet

Serving at CoL:	**Today**	**Next Sunday**
Music	S. Phelps, E. Sternhagen	K. Jefferson, E. Sternhagen
Ushers		
Reader	Tony Smith	Edward Jefferson, Sr.
Altar	Carol Sternhagen	
Streaming	Noah Sternhagen	Noah Sternhagen
Refreshments	Linda Hall	
Cleaning	David Sternhagen	
Mowing		

CALENDAR

Tuesday	4:00 PM	Confirmation Class, Picayune, MS
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Online Bible Class *meet.google.com/swi-yycg-fbw*
Sunday	10:00 AM	Bible Class, Sunday School
Sunday	11:00 AM	Worship
Today	12:15 PM	Pre-Call Meeting with District President Schroeder
Today	2:00 PM	Council, Ladies Guild Meetings
TBD		Q3 Congregational Meeting

OFFERING	**Total Gifts**	**Budget Needs**	**Projected**
Last Week	$2,711.00	$2,859.15	
October	$10,602.00	$12,389.67	$10,602.00
Qtr-to-Date	$10,602.00	$37,169.00	$31,837.84
Year-to-Date	$121,174.70	$148,676.00	$146,563.53

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"...give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." II Corinthians 9:7

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