



Reformation Sunday

Hope Lutheran Church Worship Service

October 25, 2026 10:00 a.m.

Live streaming on Facebook at HopeLutheranChurchCbus

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WELCOME

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: We confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

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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.

HYMN OF PRAISE "This is the Feast" (TFF pg. 48)

This is the Feast, of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain.

Whose blood set us free, to be people of God.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the Feast, of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God.

And join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the Feast, of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

For the Lamb, who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia

This is the Feast, of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Almighty God, gracious Lord,

C: 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.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

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. 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. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the

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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. 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: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**
behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who
breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

**"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will
be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING Romans 3:19-28

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

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held accountable to God. For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, the righteousness of God

through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 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; 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.

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

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"What a Mighty God We Serve" (TFF pg. 295) Go to This Far by Faith 295

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household;

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the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

"What a Mighty God We Serve" (TFF pg. 295) Go to This Far by Faith 295

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUNG PEOPLE SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "God is So Good" (TFF pg. 275) Go to This Far by Faith 275

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A. Hear us, O God.
C. Your mercy is great.

WE SHARE THE PEACE

A. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C. And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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QUIET TIME

OFFERTORY "Let the Vineyards" (TFF pg. 36)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest of seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all, unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table

with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: God of creation,

C: You send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

SANCTUS "Holy, Holy, Holy" (TFF pg. 38)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of power and might.

Heaven and Earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Eat This Bread" (TFF pg. 125)
"Now Behold the Lamb" (TFF pg. 128)

BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

CANTICLE "Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise" (TFF pg. 38)

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.
Send us with your promises, O God and lead us forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving, with shouts of thanksgiving, with shouts of thanksgiving,
Alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Sustaining God,

C: 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, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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BLESSING

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C: Amen.

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

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your ed. we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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DISMISSAL

A: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

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OCTOBER MILESTONES TODAY

Adam Viney (birthday) and Dan and Gwyn Abell (anniversary)

CELEBRATING THOSE WHO SERVE OUR MINISTRY

A special celebration is being held after worship today to recognize all who tirelessly serve our congregation. Plan to join us!

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

Whether it be by Absentee, at the Early Voting Center (1700 Morse Road), or on Election Day, November 3, your vote matters!. Check **vote4ll.org** for information. If you need transportation, please let us know.

HELPING FAMILIES CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Have you picked up a flyer at the font giving suggestions for toys and other items to help families celebrate Christmas this year? We will be including your donations in our next Food Giveaway on Saturday, November 21, from 10:00 a.m.-Noon. Note: No food giveaway will take place in December.

TRUNK OR TREAT BAGGING TODAY

Following worship this morning, we will be assembling bags to pass out for trunk or treat at the Driving Park Library this coming Saturday, October 31, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES

We are studying 1 Samuel on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom (see the link and phone number on the front page of this bulletin).

EASTSIDE FELLOWSHIP "GIVING THANKS" SERVICE

Mark your calendar for the Eastside Fellowship's 5th annual Giving Thanks worship service on Wednesday, November 18, at St. Phillip Episcopal Church, 166 Woodland Avenue. Information tables will be available at 6:30 p.m. (including Paraclete Post). Worship is at 7:00 p.m. Your donation of coats (new or gently used) and gloves will be taken to the November 18 worship service.

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OFFERINGS – OCTOBER 18, 2026

Received: \$111,540
Anticipated: \$114,171
Over/(**Short**): (**\$2,632**)

Capital Improvement: \$4,413
(Includes Mission Possible: \$2,910)

CLOSING OUT OCTOBER

28: Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

31: Caitlin Couch's Recital, Huntington Recital Center, Capital University, 12:00-12:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served in the lobby afterwards.

31: Trunk or Treat, Driving Park Library, 1:30-3:30 p.m.