



Welcome to Bethesda Lutheran Church

A place of healing and reconciliation in Christ



REFORMATION SUNDAY CONFIRMATION

WITH HOLY COMMUNION

✝ October 25, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. ✝

✠ **GATHERING** ✠

**THE ASTERISK INDICATES WHEN THE ASSEMBLY RISES THROUGHOUT THE WORSHIP SERVICE.*

PRELUDE

A MIGHTY FORTRESS

BELLS CHOIR

INVOCATION

One Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Many Amen.

BAPTISM

SEBASTIAN ANDRÉS BUISÁN TWOMEY

ELW P. 227 & SCREEN

PRESENTATION

ONE God, who is rich in mercy and love mission for the life of the world.

To the Assembly

One People of God, do you promise to support Sebastian and pray for *him* in *his* new life in Christ?

Many We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

One I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

All I renounce them.

One Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

All I renounce them.

One Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All I renounce them.

One Do you believe in God the Father?

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

One Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All 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.

One Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?
All 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

One The Lord be with you.
Many And also with you.

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Many It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One We give you thanks, O God....., both now and forever.

BAPTISM

One *Sebi*, I baptize you in the name of the Father; and the son; and the Holy Spirit.
Many Amen.

Candidate receives Baptismal garment.

One We give you thanks, O God, ... the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.
Many Amen.

One *Sebi*, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
Many Amen.

WELCOME

One Jesus said, I am ... Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Many **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*GATHERING HYMN GOD OF PROMISE, LET THESE SIGNS OF GRACE ACS 959 – insert

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

ONE The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Many **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. Amen.**

✠ **WORD** ✠
(Readings on screen)

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

One Word of God. Word of life

Many **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

One Word of God. Word of life

Many **Thanks be to God.**

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SETTING 10

ELW P. 205

One The holy Gospel according to John

Many **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*GOSPEL | : John 8:31-36

One The Gospel of our Lord.
Many Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

REV. GRANT VANDERFORD

HYMN OF THE DAY

SOLI DEO GLORIA

ELW 878

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

One Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism

PARENT I present name/s, who *desire* to make public affirmation of *their* baptism

One Let us pray.
Merciful God, we thank you for these brothers, ... We ask this in the
name of Christ.

AFFIRMATION

One Earlier in the service,..... Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all
the earth?

Each Confirmand I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

One People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brothers* and
pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

Many We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

One Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God *him* to eternal life.

Many Amen.

One Let us rejoice with these brothers in Christ

**Many We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give
thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the
world.**

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One Hear us, O God.

Many Your mercy is great

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

One The peace of Christ be with you always.!

Many And also with you.

✙ MEAL ✙

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. You may place your offering in the plates as they are passed by the ushers. You may also scan the QR code to the right for online giving.



MUSICAL OFFERING

BY GRACE I'M SAVED

BELL CHOIR

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL

ELW 184

OFFERTORY PRAYER

One God of creation, 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.

Many Amen.

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOG

SETTING 10

ELW P. 206

One The Lord be with you.

Many And also with you.

One Lift up your hearts.

Many We lift them to the Lord.

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE:

ONE It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

SETTING 10

ELW P. 207

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

One: Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,... in your holy Church, both now and forever

Many Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

One: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Many Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

HOLY COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

SETTING 10

ELW P. 208

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

BY YOUR HAND YOU FEED YOUR PEOPLE

ELW 469

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

ELW 504

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

One 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, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Many Amen.

BLESSING

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

Many Amen.

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

Many Amen.

One The God of grace✠ bless you now and forever.

Many Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

SENDING HYMN

AT THE NAME OF JESUS

ELW 416

*DISMISSAL

One Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Many Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

TYLER PYLE

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	SERVING SUNDAY OCT 25, 2026	SERVING NEXT SUNDAY NOV 1, 2026
SUNDAY	Confirmation/Reformation Sunday	All Saints Sunday
PRESIDING MINISTER	Pr. Grant Vanderford	Pr. Grant Vanderford
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Tyler Pyle	Tyler Pyle
CHOIR/BELL DIRECTOR	Jillian Jaros	Jillian Jaros
ASSISTING MINISTER	New Confirmands	Andrew Sternhagen Schwenk
READER	New Confirmands	Alex Brings
ALTAR GUILD	Libby Sternhagen Schwenk	Jennifer Knutson
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	New Confirmands	HELP NEEDED
CLICKER	Terrie Wold	HELP NEEDED
CAMERA	Jane Johnson	Becky Erickson
USHERS		
CPOD	Heath Baxter	Sharon Olson

Confirmands: Sebastian Buisa'n Twomey, Orion Huss, Dante Thorn, Nolan Wenaas

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH*

✠ OCT 25 - OCT 31, 2026 ✠

TIME	DAY	Event
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8 Worship

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH*

± OCT 25 - OCT 31, 2026 ±

SUNDAY	
9:30 A.M.	Worship
10:45 A.M.	Fellowship
MONDAY	
10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.	Office Hours
10:00 A.M.	Lectionary Study - Lounge
TUESDAY:	
10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.	Office Hours
1:00 P.M.	Fun and Fellowship at the Linden
WEDNESDAY	
9:00 A.M.	Quilting
10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.	Office Hours
6:00 PM/ 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.	Bell set-up/rehearsal 6:30
6:30 P.M.	Confirmation
7:30 - 8:30 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	
10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.	Office Hours
3:45 P.M..	BAS Chapel-Sanctuary
FRIDAY	
ALL DAY	Office Closed
9:00 P.M.	NA Meeting

*Afternoon of fun
& fellowship*

Where: The Linden (1500 7th St S, Moorhead)

When: Fourth Tuesday of the month

Time: 1-4 p.m.

October 27
November 24
December 22
January 26



OUTREACH
& YOUTHWORKS
DOROTHY DAY

The need at local missions is constant.
Please continue to **bring non-perishable food items** to support these programs.
(i.e. canned vegetables, soup, beans, boxed cereal, pasta, etc.)

CHURCHES
UNITED
MICAH'S
MISSION

Volunteers **set up & serve the evening meal** on the fourth Monday of every month from 5-7 p.m.
Contact the office or talk to Sandy Retzlaff or Joel Westby for more info!

ADULT FORUM

NOVEMBER 1
FOLLOWING WORSHIP



JOIN US FOR A CONVERSATION ON "WORKING THROUGH GRIEF & LEARNING TO EMBRACE LIFE'S BLESSINGS"

PRESENTED BY DEB HADLEY & DENISE HADLEY
WITH THE KT HUMBLE HEARTS ORGANIZATION

All Saints Sunday

November 1st



I vant to take your blood....



And donate it to Vitalant for use at local hospitals since **not much** is scarier than a blood shortage!

Sign up for our Dec 9th blood drive online
<https://www.bethesdamhd.org/events>

or talk to Mary Wenaas



WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 9
3 - 6:30 P.M.

SIGN UP AT
BETHESDAMHD.ORG/EVENTS

ADULT FORUM NOVEMBER 15 FOLLOWING WORSHIP



JOIN US FOR A
CONVERSATION ON
**HONORING OUR
NEIGHBOR'S
FAITH: HINDUISM**
WITH DR. VIJAY
GABA, BOARD
MEMBER FOR THE
HINDU TEMPLE OF
FARGO-MOORHEAD

BETHESDA ALL STARS CHILDCARE CENTER

WE'RE HIRING

PART TIME LEAD TEACHER/SUB

- ✓ EARNED SAFE AND SICK TIME
- ✓ FLEXIBLE HOURS
- ✓ NO NIGHTS OR WEEKENDS
- ✓ POSITIVE, FUN WORK ENVIRONMENT

APPLY TODAY!

Requirements:

- Early Childhood, Child Development, or Education Degree Preferred
- Experience in an early childhood setting
- Must pass a background check
- Must complete required training including cpr and 1st aid
- Must be caring, reliable, flexible, and patient

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MUSIC MINISTRY

at Bethesda

WEDNESDAY REHEARSALS
HANDBELLS 6:30-7:30 P.M.
CHOIR 7:30-8:30 P.M.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

ONLINE

WORSHIP
ASSISTANTS
NEEDED!

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reconciling IN CHRIST

LEARN MORE: [BETHESDAMHD.ORG/ABOUT](https://bethesdamhd.org/about)



Gathering Hymn
God of Promise, Let These Signs of Grace

ACS 959

Refrain



God of prom - ise, let these signs of grace



kin - dle in our hearts a song of praise.



1 Life - giv - ing wa - ter soak - ing our dry - ness,
2 Word of pro - claim - ing, breath on the wa - ter,
3 Oil of a - noint - ing, fra - grant with pow - er,
4 Bright light of Eas - ter cleav - ing the dark - ness,
5 Robe of a - dop - tion grow - ing God's fam - 'ly,



drown - ing our sin each day, mak - ing us new—
plant - ing your prom - ise— the voice from a - bove:
nam - ing us ho - ly while hold - ing our pain—
shin - ing up - on and with - in us to - day—
wrap - ping our bro - ken - ness in the di - vine—



Refrain

mer - cy come stream - ing from you.
"This is my child, my be - loved."
mark of the life that we gain.
bea - con of hope on the way.
love be - come sym - bol and sign.

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