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Reformation Sunday

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REFORMATION
Sunday

*Thank you for being the Body of Christ
gathered here this morning.*

We have committed as a church to pray for all those in our community who are living in the darkness of addiction. We have lit a candle in the front of the sanctuary as we pray for the light of Christ to break into their lives. Before worship begins, you are invited to light a candle for a friend or family member for whom you are praying.

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

As God's beloved children, let us call to mind our sin and our need for reconciliation with God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

Strong and faithful God, we confess that we have not lived as your holy people in the world. We have closed our hearts to your love. We have resisted your light. We have failed to proclaim your mercy. Forgive what we have done and what we have left undone, heal us with your abundant grace, and help us walk as children of the light. Amen.

God, who is gracious and merciful and slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, loves you as you are. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

"Now the Feast" - Kyrie and Hymn of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Choir

Jeremiah 31: 31 - 34

Reader: Mary Bug Smith

The Lord says, "The time is coming when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the old covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and led them out of Egypt. Although I was like a husband to them, they did not keep that covenant. The new covenant that I will make with the people of Israel will be this: I will put my law within them and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. None of them will have to teach a neighbor to know the Lord, because all will know me, from the least to the greatest. I will forgive their sins and I will no longer remember their wrongs. I, the Lord, have spoken."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Ephesians 2: 4 - 8

But God's mercy is so abundant, and his love for us is so great, that while we were spiritually dead in our disobedience he brought us to life with Christ. It is by God's grace that you have been saved. In our union with Christ Jesus he raised us up with him to rule with him in the heavenly world. He did this to demonstrate for all time to come the extraordinary greatness of his grace in the love he showed us in Christ Jesus. For it is by God's grace that you have been saved through faith.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

Gospel Verse

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Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (2x)

John 13: 31-35

So Jesus said to those who believed in him, "If you obey my teaching, you are really my disciples; you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

"We are the descendants of Abraham," they answered, "and we have never been anybody's slaves. What do you mean, then, by saying, 'You will be free'?"

Jesus said to them, "I am telling you the truth: everyone who sins is a slave of sin. A slave does not belong to a family permanently, but a son belongs there forever. If the Son sets you free, then you will be really free.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"All Are Welcome"

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**1) Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.**

**Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions. *Refrain***

*Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

**2) Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.**

**Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus. *Refrain***

**3) Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us. *Refrain***

**4) Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.**

**Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger. *Refrain***

**5) Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words within the Word.**

**Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter. *Refrain***

Apostle's Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

Each petition will end with "Lord, in your mercy,"
the congregation responds with **"hear our prayer."**

Offering *You may put your offerings in the box on the table at the back of the church -
or you are invited to make your offerings online on our website – americanlutheranchurch.net --
or mail them to American Lutheran Church at PO Box 653- Newport, WA 99156*

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

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'Holy, Holy, Holy'

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Words of Institution

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 forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

*Jesus welcomes ALL to his table to receive his love and forgiveness -- his life given for you.
Grape juice and gluten/soy/corn free wafers are available.*

Lamb of God

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Communion songs: #36 - 40 (white pages in the back of the book)

Blessing

Prayer

Benediction

Post-Communion Canticle

"Thanks be to You"

Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever!

Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever!

From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you forever!

Truth and justice you have taught us: thanks be to you forever!

Strong is your faithfulness, strong is your love,

rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.

Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever!

Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever! Thanks be to you forever!

Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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A gentle reminder: Please show care for one another and wear a mask if you are feeling under the weather at all.

This Week

Monday	10 am	Bible Study
Tuesday	10 am	Quilting
	Noon	Al-anon *note change
Wednesday	7pm	Choir
Sunday	9am	Youth Sunday School
	10 am	Worship

Remember in Prayer: Cyndy Akre, Grady, Kelly Allinger, Marjorie Lou Alliger, Scone Bender, Annika Britton, Julie Brown and family, Barbara Campbell, Colleen (friend of Dawn Morey), Ellie and Bobby Joe (at the request of Carlene Connelly), Shae Courtney (son-in-law of the Lewis'), Eirie, Angel, Angelito (at the request of the Schellers), Susan Fox, Dorothy Funden, Gladys Gerow, Ed and Lynda Heckman, Gary Heckathorn, Annika Hughes, Kapple family, Sandy Loskill, Dewey Moore (Cindy Robertson's dad), Jean Oxrieder, Joel Robertson, Robin (at the request of Cheryl Graff), Carol Rock, Sandy Rock (Joy Peralta's sister-in-law), Cheryl Schoesler, Judy Schoesler, Merle Simons (at the request of the Graffs), Lindsay Uhl (Barbara Campbell's sister-in-law), Chris Vullo (at the request of Judy Bell), Audrey Wilbur (Marva's great niece).

Announcements:

Every Sunday at 9:00 am youth Sunday School all kids are welcome!

Council/Committee Openings: All Church Council Officer positions are open:

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

Committee Openings:

Education – 1

Evangelism – 2

Mission and Social Concerns – 1

Property and Maintenance - 1

Stewardship – 2

Please contact Jeff Bell, Marva Heckathorn, Cindy Phillips or Judy Bell if interested.

Giving Update: September Actual Giving - \$13,877.88 - September Budget - \$17,083.33
September Variance - (\$3,205.45) - YTD Variance to General Fund giving budget as of September 30, 2025 is (\$8,448.83) Thank you for your faithful and generous gifts.

Second Harvest Mobile Market: Thursday November 6th at the Rodeo Grounds. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 9am, distribution starts at 10am. We would like to have a port-a-potty. If you could help with this, please talk to George Weisbarth.

The church is selling the organ. It is an Allen organ model no. MDS16. We are asking \$300.

On All Saints Sunday (Nov. 2): we will read aloud the names of saints who have died in the past 12 months. If there is someone whose name you would like included please contact the church office via email or drop a note in the offering box.

Sunday Nov. 2: In consultation with Bishop Meggan Manlove, seminarian Brenden Wiechert has been authorized to preside over the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

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If you would like to be on our church email list for announcements and prayer concerns, please send your email address to alc.churchoffice@gmail.com.