



**Reforming:**  
**Who We Are Together**

# BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## *Solomon Dedicates the Temple*

REFORMATION SUNDAY & NEW MEMBER WELCOME

OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

8:30 AM & 10:45 AM

+ indicates to stand in body or spirit;  
**bold print** indicates congregational responses

*On Reformation Sunday, Lutherans honor the Holy Spirit's work among us renewing the church.  
As we welcome new members, we celebrate who we are together,  
how we change each other,  
and who we become together—  
the body of Christ, for the sake of the world.*

*Activist Marry Harris "Mother" Jones once said,  
"Reformation, like education, is a journey, not a destination."  
Today in this special service we commemorate the hard work done by Martin Luther and his colleagues  
and continue to engage our own reformation as people of God.*

*The regular order of service has been slightly adjusted to better complement the themes of the day.*

## ✠ GATHERING ✠

**PRELUDE** "Built on a Rock" arr. Aaron David Miller  
**(8:30)** "Bell Peal on Old 100th" arr. Linda R. Lamb

### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### + GATHERING AT THE FONT

Blessed be the Holy Trinity,  
the one who fashions us,  
the one who heals us,  
the one who reforms us again and again. **Amen.**

*Paul's letter to the Romans changed Luther's understanding of his faith, freeing him from the endless and anxious effort of trying to prove his worth to God, and instead emphasizing God's love. Today, hear the connections between a key passage and the language of confession and absolution.*

## **+ A READING FROM ROMANS (3:19-20) & CONFESSION**

A reading from the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Romans.

<sup>19</sup>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 held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

Reflecting on this truth, we pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

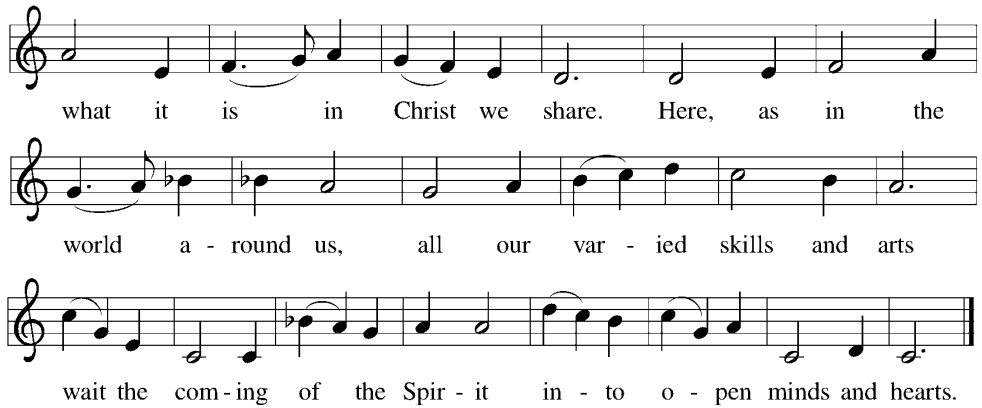
Gracious God,  
**when we remember the freedom and love  
you invite us to live in and with,  
all of our defenses for what we have done,  
all of our justifications for what we have left undone,  
are silenced.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**We confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.  
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We hear your word of love freely given to us,  
yet we expect others to earn it.  
We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us.  
Reform us to be a church powered by love,  
willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just,  
and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**





**READING** 1 KINGS 5:1-5; 8:27-30, 41-43

A reading from First Kings.

<sup>1</sup> Now King Hiram of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father; for Hiram had always been a friend to David. <sup>2</sup>Solomon sent word to Hiram, saying, <sup>3</sup>You know that my father David could not build a house for the name of the LORD his God because of the warfare with which his enemies surrounded him, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet. <sup>4</sup>But now the LORD my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor misfortune. <sup>5</sup>So I intend to build a house for the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD said to my father David, 'Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, shall build the house for my name.' ...

*The Temple, the "house for the name of the Lord God," is completed after seven years of construction. During his prayer of dedication, Solomon speaks these words:*

<sup>27</sup>But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! <sup>28</sup>Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; <sup>29</sup>that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. <sup>30</sup>Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive. ...

<sup>41</sup>Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name <sup>42</sup>— for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm — when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, <sup>43</sup>then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

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

## HOMILY

+ HYMN OF THE DAY “Sing a New Church” G&P #572 stanzas 1 & 2



1. Sum-moned by the God who made us Rich in our di - ver - si -  
2. Ra - diant ris - en from the wa - ter, Robed in ho - li - ness and



ty, Gath-ered in the name of Je - sus, Rich-er still in u - ni - ty:  
light, Each one bear-ing God's own im - age, Each one bring ing God de - light.

*Refrain*



Let us\_\_ bring the gifts that dif - fer And, in\_\_ splen - did, var - ied



ways, Sing a new Church in - to be - ing, One in faith and love and praise.

## WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS (8:30)

New members are invited forward to affirm their baptismal promises.

*Angela & Erik Eliason, Ollie & Haakon*

*Marne and Sharon Prescher*

*Megan Shoup, Deilianna, Ciercina & Anoren*

*... Voices lift up how faith changes, how God's promises in baptism continue to hold us, how humans tend to trust in the world's power and ways of valuing and loving, and that while the church isn't perfect, God nevertheless works in and among us ...*

Together with your siblings in Christ, I ask you to profess your faith in God and reject sin. We make these bold statements not because we are absolutely certain about these things, but because we are always becoming faithful to them and learning to wrestle with these claims about our relationship with God. We join our voices with our new members to remind us that we are all in this together.

*The full assembly stands in body or spirit.*

We invite you as new members to stand with us in defiance of the forces of sin and evil, trusting that the same Spirit who had the power to raise Jesus Christ from the dead is alive in you.

People of God, do you reject the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that pull us away from God? If so, say, "We do!"  
**We do!**

**+ APOSTLES' CREED (8:30)**

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

**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.**

**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.**

**+ HYMN OF THE CELEBRATION "Sing a New Church" G&P #572 stanzas 3-5**



3. Trust the good-ness of cre - a - tion; Trust the Spir - it strong with - in. Dare to  
4. Bring the hopes of ev-'ry na - tion; Bring the art of ev - 'ry race. Weave a  
5. Draw to - geth - er at one ta - ble All the hu - man fam - i - ly; Shape a



dream the vi - sion prom - ised, Sprung from seed of what has been.  
song of peace and jus - tice; Let it sound through time and space.  
cir - cle ev - er wid - er And a peo - ple ev - er free.

*Refrain*



Let us\_\_ bring the gifts that dif - fer And, in\_\_ splen - did, var - ied



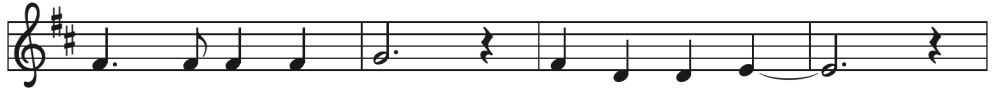
ways, Sing a new Church in - to be - ing, One in faith and love and praise.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** “*Though the Earth Shall Change*” ACS #1035

*This refrain and “A Mighty Fortress” are both based on Psalm 46. A soloist will sing it once at the beginning of the prayers; the assembly is invited to join at the end of each petition:*



Though the earth shall change, though the moun-tains trem-ble,



though the wa - ters rage, you, God, are here.



Though the na - tions war, though the peo - ples bat - tle,



though the em - pire fal - ters, we will not fear.

**+ SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

We pass the peace of Christ beyond our congregation and this moment through our offerings of time, talent, and treasure. Use this QR code for a one-time gift or to schedule an automatic donation through Simply Giving. Online giving cards (in the back of hymnal), checks or cash may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed.



**ANTHEM (8:30)** “*Blessed Are They*” Jean Pasquet  
**(10:45)** “*Didn’t My Lord Deliver Daniel*” arr. Lloyd Larson

**+ OFFERTORY** “*We Give Thee but Thine Own*” ELW #686 stanzas 1 & 2



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

✠ MEAL ✠

+ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major and 4/4 time. The melody continues from the previous section. The lyrics are written below each staff. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures.

+ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

We praise you, all-holy God, our maker, our redeemer, our keeper,  
for the universe beyond our knowing, for seas and forests and fields,  
for the spirit of change you show in the color of leaves and the chilling of water,  
for the preparation of creatures for their seasonal restorative slumber.



We praise you for reformers throughout the ages,  
for Elijah and Elisha and their persistence and courage,  
for Isaiah and Jeremiah and their truth and hope,  
for Mary Magdalene and Paul and their openness and dedication,  
for Martin and Katie Luther, Bach and Bonhoeffer, and all servants of your reformation.  
We praise you, O God, for Jesus Christ, who saves us from sin and leads us toward the kingdom,  
embodying forgiveness, granting us grace, and setting us free.

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And so with this bread and cup we proclaim the mystery of our faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Send your Spirit, your breath, your fire,  
your law, your grace, your freedom.  
Bless this meal and all those who share it:  
use it to fire our bellies and nourish us for renewal and reformation,  
and for service to the world, that we might be bearers and signs of your mercy.  
We praise you, all-holy God, mighty Fortress, gentle Champion, powerful Shield,  
today, tomorrow, and forever. **Amen.**

**+ THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**+ EL PADRE NUESTRO**

**Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos,  
santificado sea tu nombre;  
venga a nos tu reino;  
hágase tu voluntad,  
así en la tierra como en el cielo;  
el pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy;  
y perdónanos nuestras deudas  
así como nosotros perdonamos  
a nuestros deudores;  
y no nos dejes caer en la tentación;  
mas líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino,  
el poder y la gloria,  
por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.**

## LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## HOLY COMMUNION HYMN *"Built on a Rock"* ELW #652

### + TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### + PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ✠ SENDING ✠

### + BENEDICTION

May God, who makes all things new,  
Jesus Christ, who raises the dead;  
Holy Spirit, who calls and enlightens,  
- the holy One-in-Three—bless you, now and forever. **Amen.**

### + SENDING HYMN *"The Church's One Foundation"* ELW #654

### + DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE *"A Mighty Fortress (also quoting Toccata and Fugue in D Minor, BWV 565)"* arr. Rick Seaton

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Inger Hanson & Pastor Ben Schori  
 Acolytes: (8:30) Teddy Waters (10:45) Keely Hendershot  
 Assisting Minister: (8:30) Rolf Kragseth (10:45) Noa Marohl  
 Readers: (8:30) Shea Engle (10:45) Jack Pribyl  
 Ushers: (8:30) Dale Turnacliff, Torin Engle, Shea Engle, Nathan Broughton  
 (10:45) Thisbe Jothen, Magdalene Bateza, Brandon Atzinger  
 Sacramental Ministers: (8:30) Pastor Phil, Olia Jorgenson, Ingrid Jorgenson,  
 Ruby Dahl, Hannah Broughton  
 (10:45) Ian Schleif  
 Altar Care: (set) Phyllis Larson (clean) Phyllis Larson, Ruth Hoekstra  
 Altar Care: Communion Cup Cleaner (8:30) Mary Loven

Director of Ring Forth & Brio: Jill Mahr  
 Choir Director: Peter Schleif  
 Keyboards: Megan Engel  
 A/V Technicians: Sam Dwyer, Asher Engle, Nathan Hoekstra, Brent Kivell

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## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

October 20	in person attendance
8:30 am	156
10:30 am	71
Total	227

### 2024 Financial Status (YTD as of end of Sept)

Revenue           \$ 659,611  
 Expenses         \$ 693,175  
 Net Deficit       \$ 33,564


\*Please note these numbers are not yet audited.


Offering—General Operating Budget	2024 Budget monthly goal: \$80,771
Plate Offering Sept 22 & Sept 29	\$17,599
October 5th online giving	\$11,692
October 12th online giving	\$3,332
Plate Offering Oct 6 & Oct 13	\$14,801
October 19th online giving	\$14,977
October 26th online giving	
Plate Offering Oct 20 & Oct 27	
October 31st online giving	
<b>October Total</b>	<b>\$62,401</b>

# THIS WEEK

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 9 AM - 3 PM

## MONDAY

12:00 pm  **Bible Study @ the Vault** (1520 Clinton Lane) Join Pastor Inger to look at the text for next week.

6:30 pm  **Resonance Bell Choir** (Adults)

## TUESDAY


9:45 am **Staff Meeting**

## WEDNESDAY


3:30 pm **Limitless**

5:45 pm  **Bistro**


6:15 pm **Ring Forth Youth Bell Choir**

7:00 pm  **7th & 8th Grade Confirmation**

**9th Grade Mentor Kickoff Gathering**

 **Hangtime**

**Church Choir**

8:05 pm  **Brio Youth Bell Choir**

## THURSDAY

8:30 am **MOB (Men of Bethel)** (Room 54)

9:30 am **FAB (Faith & Books)** (Youth Room)

## SATURDAY

3:15 pm **St. Olaf Handbell Choir Kids' Concert**

## NEXT SUNDAY...

The text of the day will be **1 Kings 17:1-16 [17-24]** (with Luke 4:24-26).



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