

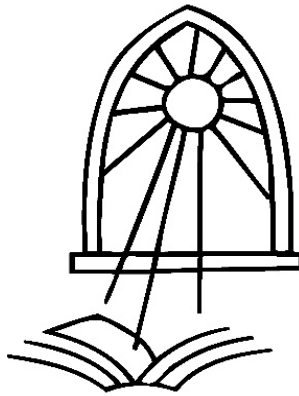
# SUNDAY- OCTOBER 26TH, 2025 -9:00 AM

## EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MT. HOREB

*A family in faith, reaching out to share in God's love  
with all people.*

### WELCOMING WORD

*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.*



### WE WELCOME ALL TO ELC!

*Everyone. Without exception. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, faith traditions, physical or mental abilities, financial resources, family status, or personal struggles. We are committed to being an anti-racist community. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will work to extend God's grace, love, justice, and dignity. You belong here. Your story and your life are valuable. In Christ's love, we welcome you.*

MINISTERS  
INTERIM PASTOR

ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH  
KAREN HOFSTAD



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 26, 2025 | Reformation Sunday | 9:00 AM  
(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / C = Congregation)

**PRELUDE** Diane Dangerfield

**+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #532** *Gather Us In (vs.1, 2, 4)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (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.**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONGS** *My Life Is In You, Lord  
He Knows My Name*

**GREETING**

**+KYRIE** pg. 138

**+HYMN OF PRAISE** pg. 139 *“Glory to God in the Highest...”*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: 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.

**C: Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the 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. <sup>34</sup>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.

**Romans 3:19-28**

<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 will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>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; <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

+L: The Gospel according to John, Chapter 8.

**+C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL**

**John 8:31-36**

<sup>31</sup> Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup> 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?’” <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup> So, if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

+L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**+C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM** *I Love To Tell The Story*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** Pastor Karen Hofstad

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**+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN # 592** *Just As I Am*

**ORDER FOR AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM** (insert)

**+THE PRAYERS** (pg. 143)

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING PRAISE TEAM** *Ordinary Miracle*

**CONFIRMATION SLIDE SHOW**

**+OFFERTORY #186** “*Create in me....*”

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**+THE LORD’S PRAYER** (pg. 145) (right hand column)

**COMMUNITY WORD**

**+BLESSING**

L: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (see screen)  
(Congregation and Choir)

**+DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**“I am God’s child, deserving of love and respect, and God will use me to change the world.”**

## DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 26, 2025

**SHARE:** What was a high point/low point of your day?

**READ:** Read the daily readings to deepen your understanding:

**Monday,** Romans 3:19-28, Righteousness through Faith

**Tuesday,** Luke 6:20-31, Blessings and Woes

**Wednesday,** Amos 5:12-24, Seek Good and Not Evil

**Thursday,** Psalm 17:1-9, Prayer for Deliverance

**Friday,** Acts 24:10-23, Paul's Defense

**Saturday,** Exodus 3:13-20, God's Name Revealed

**TALK:** Consider some of these ideas:

**“If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”—John 8:31b-32**

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

- What are the benefits from “dwelling” in Christ? What promises do we hear from John 8:31-32?
- What are some of the characteristics of the Jeremiah 31:31-34 “new covenant”?
- When it comes to climate crisis/science, how does Psalm 46 provide both comfort and a call to action?
- When is one time you vividly remember receiving “grace as a gift” (Romans 3:24)?

**PRAY:** Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**BLESS:** The God of peace, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.  
**Amen.**

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