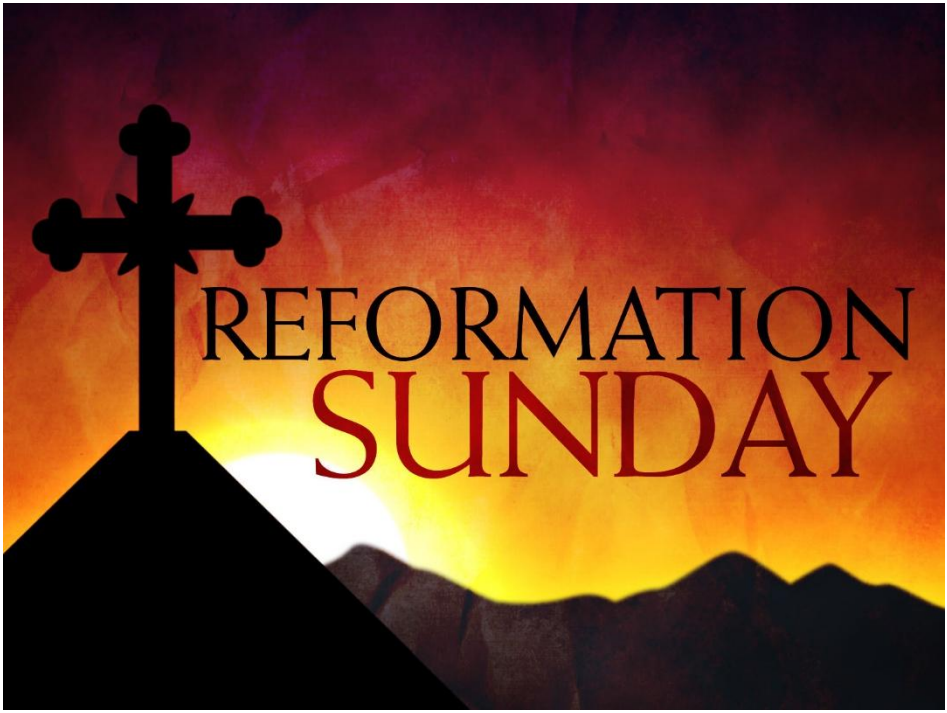
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH – Muskegon, Michigan



Reformation
Thursday, October 22, 2026
6:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 25, 2026
10:30 a.m.

WELCOME

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Welcome to this time of worship. We are especially grateful for those of you who are visitors. You make us more whole. First Lutheran is a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a church body committed to the welcome of the stranger and to the questions and doubts of all seekers.

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We are grateful you are here!
Thank you for your faithful giving.
Ways to give:
Scan the QR code below or use the "Simply Giving" program to make regular donations from your checking account. Download the form from our website and turn into the office.

The flowers on the altar are given by Barb Bonifield in honor of what would have been her and Gordon's 72nd wedding anniversary.

The eternal candle is given by Dick Miller in memory of his brother Neal Miller.

Announcements

Check out an Adult Electric Scooter in the library. Value at $309. See Evie DiPiazza to make offer**. Proceeds will go to the Julie Traver benefit taking place here on November 8th.**

Would you be willing to receive an email when **help is needed for setting up the Family Life Center for events?** If you could help, then you would go at the designated set-up time. Many hands make light work and your hands are needed. Please let the office know if you are willing to help.

Be sure to check out the **homemade cards for sale** on the countertop by the library. The cards have been replenished with new stock. Proceeds go to support our youth.

Elementary kids are invited to join in a Day of the Dead celebration on Sunday, October 25 (today) after worship. Join us for a craft and viewing of the movie "Coco".

Have you visited our **church library** lately? Barb Jammer has been hard at work keeping it organized and you really should check it out! There are fiction and non-fiction books available for reading, and also some study materials, DVD's, and also many puzzles to borrow. All ages are welcome to explore!

Our Fellowship Ministry has planned a **hauntingly good Halloween Costume Party and dinner** for Wednesday, October 28. Dinner will consist of severed chicken breasts, monster chicken nuggets, baked potato brains, Franken tots, corn casualties, and devilish desserts. Dinner is from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with a costume parade and prizes to follow. Sign up to bring a dessert if you dare!

If you have not turned in a pledge card and need one, you may get one from the office or from an usher. It is not too late to submit your pledge.

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Order of Service
Reformation

Prelude

Hymn **"Lift Every Voice and Sing" (10:30)** **#841(red)**
"A Mighty Fortress" (6:00) **#504(red)**

Greeting **(screen)**

Kyrie (6 pm only) **(screen)**

Hymn of Praise (6 pm only) **(screen)**

Salutation/Prayer of the Day

Special Music **"Speak the Truth in Love"** **Adult and Youth Choir**

First Reading **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

Psalm 46 (6:00 only) **(screen)**

Second Reading **Romans 3:19-28**

Gospel Verse **(screen)**

Gospel Reading **John 8:31-36**

Children's Message/Noisy Offering/Junior Church
This week's noisy offering will be used for The Hope Project.

Hymn **"Only by Grace"** **#112 (purple)**

Sermon

Hymn **"By Grace"** **#25 (purple) (vv. 1-3, 5)**

New Member Reception

Announcements

Prayers

Peace

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving **(screen)**

Holy, Holy **(screen)**

The Lord's Prayer **Pastor Bill**

Communion

"All Are Welcome"	**(screen)**
"Come to the Table"	**#481 (red)**
"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"	**#504 (red)**
"Break Now the Bread of Life"	**#515 (red)**
"You are Holy"	**#525 (red)**
"Change My Heart, O God"	**#801 (red)**

Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Hymn **"Marching in the Light of God"** **#866 (red)**

Benediction

Dismissal

Postlude

Readings for Next Weekend	**(for 11-01-26)**
First Reading	Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm	Psalm 34:1-10, 22
Second Reading	1 John 3:1-3
Gospel Reading	Matt 5:1-12

Anyone interested in working on a **Habitat House here in Muskegon**? Please contact Kent Johnson 231-670-7758

On behalf of the Outreach ministry, **THANK YOU** for your generosity and support for Dar Al-Kalima School in Bethlehem, Palestine! We raised $1605 and served 90 people. Twelve adults and seven youth participated in the planning, prepping, and serving of the brunch on Oct 11. A huge **thank you** to the Debby Jaquith for her organization and famous French toast! If you were unable to attend and still want to donate, please see Paula. Thrivent Choice dollars may also be directed to support the Dal Al-Kalima Scholarship fund.

A spaghetti dinner fundraiser has been planned for Sunday, November 8 to benefit Julie Traver, a member of our congregation, who recently went through a major heart surgery. Join us after lunch for this important event.

Next week we celebrate All Saints' Day. Those of you who have lost a loved one whose service was held here at church or was presided over by Pastor Bill or Paula are asked to light a candle on their behalf during the service.

THOSE WHO SERVE 10/22 and 10/25

Assisting Minister	Bert Goodman
Lector Thurs. 6:00 p.m.	Sandy Young
Lector Sun.10:30 a.m.	Andy Luther
Servers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Laura Lucht, Annette Jack
Acolytes Sun.10:30 a.m.	Ben and Noah Rop
Head Usher	Jeff Lucht
Ushers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Adam and Matthew Badley Liam Simons
Junior Church	Ben Werling
Song Leaders	Mark Thogerson, Barb Elliott
Sound System	Nate Johnston
Information Stations	Amy Badley, Lisa Le
Counters	Sandra Fluharty, Diana Duell
Communion Bread	Lisa Le
Communion Set-Up	Lisa Le
Clean-Up Sun.10:30 a.m.	Lisa Le
Coffee Hour Hosts	Barb Bonifield
Building Lockers	Building and Grounds Ministry
Bus Driver Pick Up, Drop Off	Amber Thomas

THOSE WHO SERVE 10/29 and 11/1

Assisting Minister	Paula Dusseljee
Lector Thurs. 6:00 p.m.	Sabina Freeman
Lector Sun.10:30 a.m.	Annette Jack
Servers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Lori Archer, Larry Bringedahl
Acolytes Sun.10:30 a.m.	Sadie Thomas, Peyton Mock
Head Usher	Open
Ushers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Mark Thogerson, Phil Sielski Ed Wosinski
Junior Church	Chyrsta Irey
Song Leaders	Mary Schoonover, Emily Traub
Sound System	Jeff Thomas
Information Stations	Joanne Johnson, Gary Hansen
Counters	Sandra Fluharty, Diana Duell
Communion Bread	Kim Westerholm
Communion Set-Up	Kim Westerholm
Clean-Up Sun.10:30 a.m.	Kim Westerholm
Coffee Hour Hosts	Fellowship Ministry
Building Lockers	Outreach Ministry
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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

	Activity	Location
Sunday 10/25/2026		
9:15 a.m.	Faith Formation	Upper Room
9:15 a.m.	Confirmation	Gallery
9:15 a.m.	Youth Choir	Lower Music Room
10:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary & Online
12:00 p.m.	Bells	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Elementary Kids-Day of the Dead Celebration	Upper Room
12:00 p.m.	New Members Potluck	Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m.	Listening for the Word	Gallery
7:00 p.m.	AA	1st Floor Education Room
Monday 10/26/2026		
12:00 p.m.	Quilt Group	Quilt Room
3:30 p.m.	Lisa's Music Lessons	Lower Music Room
6:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous	Gallery
7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	1st Floor Education Room
7:00 p.m.	Cardio Drum Class	Family Life Center
Tuesday 10/27/2026	**Bulletin Deadline**	
9:00 a.m.	Pickleball	Family Life Center
9:00 a.m.	SHOP Group	Gallery
11:00 a.m.	Lisa's Music Lessons	Lower Music Room
4:00 p.m.	Lisa's Music Lessons	Lower Music Room
6:30 p.m.	Choir	Sanctuary
9:00 p.m.	Compline	Facebook
Wednesday 10/28/2026		
9:00 a.m.	Pickleball	Family Life Center
9:00 a.m.	Music Together Class	Lower Music Room
9:00 a.m.	ABC's of Cooking Class	Fellowship Hall
12:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting	Gallery
2:00 p.m.	Lisa's Music Lessons	Lower Music Room
5:30 p.m.	Wed. Night Dinner/Halloween	Fellowship Hall
6:10 p.m.	Bible Study	Upper Room
Thursday 10/29/2026		
9:00 a.m.	Music Together Class	Lower Music Room
12:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Gallery
4:00 p.m.	Burnished Brass Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Lisa's Music Lessons	Lower Music Room
5:00 p.m.	Hospice Cooking-for-One Class	Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
Friday 10/30/2026		
7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	1st Floor Education Room
Saturday 10/31/2026		
9:00 a.m	Worship and Music Meeting	Gallery