Why we sing *Great God, Your Love Has Called Us* is to recognize a central truth of the Reformation: we come before God not because of our merit or righteousness, but because of God's gracious love. Brian Wren wrote this hymn in 1973, reimagining themes from Charles Wesley's And Can It Be? by expanding the language of bondage to include both the "inner chains" of our own brokenness and the social forces and systems in which we become entangled. We are called, as Martin Luther was, to examine the church and ourselves with courage, confess what is broken, and trust that God's grace is greater than our failures. As we sing, we remember that God's love calls us by name, sets us free, and sends us to live that freedom through service, reconciliation, and love as God makes all things new.

Congratulations to the Confirmands

Ethan Nixon	**Hailey Schroeder**
Parents: Clinton & Alison Nixon	**Parents:** Carla Buchman & Trent Schroeder
Prayer Partner: Rolf Mahlberg	**Prayer Partner:** Pastor Martin Lucin
Bible Verse: James 2:14	**Bible Verse:** Isaiah 41:10

Operation Christmas Child Boxes: Shoeboxes are an expression of God's love to a child and are sent throughout the world. Boxes are packed with school supplies, personal care items and new toys. This is an ongoing project, and several items have been collected. The following are items still needed to fill boxes to meet our goal of 50 boxes to be packed on Sunday, November 8. *Socks, stuffed animals, pencils, toy cars, small toys: yo-yo, slinky, puzzles, balls, games, reusable dinner ware: plates, cutlery, glasses, water bottles, Wow items: dolls, soccer ball with pump, friction vehicles, Cash: shipping postage and Gospel Booklet, $10/box*

The Coat Closet: The Coat Closet opened on October 1. Winter coats and warm boots are an ongoing need in our community. We are prepared to meet those needs due to abundant donations received since March of this year. However, we anticipate a need for additional men's small coats and youth coats sizes 8-16. With a storeroom available, donations will be accepted throughout the season, and we will be prepared when the temperature drops and the snow arrives.

CHOIR ANTHEM – "A Clean Heart" **(Benjamin Harlan; Glory Sound)**
Create in me a clean heart, O God. Create in me a clean heart. Renew my spirit, renew my spirit, Create in me a clean heart.
A heart that's free to give as You have given to me, a heart that's free to live as You have loved me, a heart that really cares, a heart that always shares. Create in me a clean heart.

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October 25, 2026 – Reformation/Confirmation (* = please stand)

GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
*GATHERING/PROCESSION SONG
ELW 358, "Great God, Your Love Has Called Us" (vs. 1 & 5 = ALL; vs. 2 = bass/lower voices; vs. 3 = Choir; vs. 4 = treble/higher voices)
*GREETING
*KYRIE (p. 138)
*CANTICLE OF PRAISE (p. 139) "Glory to God"
*PRAYER OF THE DAY
READING: 2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9 (Red Bible p. 248-249)
PSALM RESPONSE ELW 801, "Change My Heart, O God"
PSALM 51:1-9 (Red Bible p. 452)
PSALM RESPONSE ELW 801, "Change My Heart, O God"
NOISY OFFERING
CHILDREN'S SERMON
*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 142) "Alleluia"
*GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-41 (Red Bible p. 803)
CONFIRMANDS FAITH STATEMENTS
SERMON Pastor Jeannette
HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 546, "To Be Your Presence"
AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM
PROFESSION OF FAITH
APOSTLES CREED (p. 105)
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
*PEACE (p.143)
OFFERING/CGC MOMENT
CHOIR ANTHEM Sanctuary Choir, "A Clean Heart" (Benjamin Harlan; Glory Sound)
*OFFERING SONG ELW 186, "Create in Me a Clean Heart"
OFFERING PRAYER
*LORD'S PRAYER (p. 145)
*BLESSING
*SENDING SONG ELW 504, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God'
*DISMISSAL (p. 146)

SUNDAY SERVANTS

ASSISTING MINISTER/LECTOR Morgan Vosburgh
ACOLYTE: Nelson Tarus
SOUND: Kevin Fleming
POWERPOINT: Pam Fleming
ORGANIST: Nancy Hofstee
CHOIR DIRECTOR: Eric Parrish
VAN DRIVERS: 10-25 Larry Woodbury (360-2689)
11-1 Matt Russell (360-5835)
GREETER: Doug & Julie Christensen
LIVESTREAM: Erin Makela
COFFEE: Rolf & Joan Mahlberg & Diana White

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday: 65 Attendance a year ago: 80
Attendance Last Wednesday: 20 Livestream: 377

Members: Gary Frodermann, Ardys Jacobson, Grace McGaughey, Laura Christensen, Bob Benson, Linda Towne, Mike Vosburgh, Logan Waldner, Shirley Frisch, Erin Schutte-Wadzinski, Wadzinski Family, Leroy Merkel, Alvin Kuehl, Dennis Zierke, Kathy Summers, Glenda Lais, Val Veen, Zach Kempema, Gayle Huehn, JoAnn Kruse, Charlene Wachter, Marilyn Frisch, Julie & Denny Christensen
Members in Nursing Homes: Joan Tofteland
Members in Care Facilities: Jean Black, Rosann Boots, Karen Lewis, Jean Bender
Family Members & Friends: Gordy Moore, Brad Milbrath (son of Vickie Milbrath), Bishop Charles Anderson, Mikeayla Engidaw, Connie Ness (friend of Vickie Milbrath), David King (friend of Kevin & Pam Fleming), Verna Hill, (mother of Mary Ingenthron), Avrey Smith (brother of Austin Peters-Smith), Aaron & Amy Koob (nephew of Dale & Debbie Koob), Rita Knutson, Wendy Frodermann (family of Eric & Lisa Milbrath), Rachael Felske (granddaughter of Karen Buchman), Suzy Wilson (cousin of Gayle Huehn), Ken Nunes (brother of Pat Elsing and Nancy Hellstrom), Vickie Bierman (sister of Lisa Waldner), Darlene Vaala (grandmother of Tiffany Neugebauer), Debbie Schannaw (daughter of Gayle Huehn), Rick Nunes (brother of Pat Elsing & Nancy Hellstrom), Kelly Reeves & family (Friend of Lisa Waldner), Maghan Fleming (Daughter-in-law of Kevin & Pam Fleming, Mark Richards, Joe Christensen (son of Nora Leinen & Gene Christensen), Butch Zeiner (Valerie Veen's brother), Josh Hansen (Mary Ingenthron's son)
Our service men and women and Love INC

FELC SCHEDULE FOR October 26-November 1, 2026

Monday – 26	9:00AM	Bulletin Deadline
	3:15-4:45PM	GriefShare @ Ecumen Meadows
Tuesday – 27		
Wednesday – 28	9:00AM	Early Risers Bible Study
	4:00-5:15PM	KFC (Kids for Christ)
	5:15PM	Meal
	6:00PM	Worship
	6:30-8:15PM	Confirmation
	6:30PM	Sanctuary Choir
	7:15PM	Youth Group
Thursday – 29	6:00PM	Beverages & Bibles @ Elks
Friday – 30		Pastor's Sabbath Day
Saturday – 31		*Happy Halloween*
Sunday – 1	8:00AM	Grace Lutheran Worship
	8:45AM	Sunday School
	9:30AM	Worship/Communion – Solomon's Wisdom
		All Saints Sunday
		Daylight Savings Time Ends

Radio Broadcast Sponsor:
(Service time is 8:00 am on the radio 104.3 FM.)

REMINDER: On Sunday, November 1, 2026, the time will change from Daylight Savings Time.

Sunday, November 1, 2026 will be our All Saints Service. We will be remembering all the members that have passed this last year. We will light one candle for all the saints of loved ones and friends that have passed. A letter has been mailed to the families with more details. Blessed be their memories!

Early Risers Bible Study will be moving to Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am starting on Wednesday, October 28.