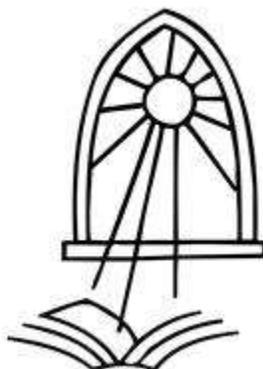


# Reformation Sunday

October 28, 2018



## Area Churches Together ACT Parish

### DeGraff/Murdock Area

Bethesda Lutheran  
Buffalo Lake Lutheran

### Pennock Area

Mamrelund Lutheran  
St. John's Lutheran

### Sunburg Area

Hope Lutheran  
Monson Lake Lutheran

# Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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

**Amen.**

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.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

LBW 229 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

**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. Amen.**

## First Reading

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 being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now, apart from 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 faith in 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 show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove

at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.  
<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

## 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.”

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

## Sermon

Hymn of the Day LBW 230 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

## Apostles’ Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.\* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

## Prayers of Intercession

## Offering

## Offertory

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

## 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; and 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.**

## Benediction

## Announcements

## Sending Hymn

LBW 369 The Church's One Foundation

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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## **Remember in Prayer**

Janice Lindgren, Mary Rood, Lisa Carlson, Sandy Gjerde, Elaine Sjelstad, Al Lesteberg,  
Roland Froehlich, Kelly Rodenberg, Donna Melin, Kris Baker,  
The Family of Arlene Rudningen and The Family of Marvin Bengtson

## **November 2018 Worship Schedule**

St. John's - 8am  
Buffalo Lake - 8:15am  
Bethesda and Monson Lake - 9:30am  
Hope - 10:45am

Nov. 4: Revelation 21:1-6a, John 11:32-44  
Nov. 11: Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44  
Nov. 18: Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25, Mark 13:1-8  
Nov. 25: Revelation: 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37

'Coming Home for Christmas' at the 2018 Dinner Theater at Green Lake Bible Camp. This year the theatre is only performing on one weekend which includes only one matinee performance. We have 30 tickets reserved for **Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** for the **12:30 matinee**. Tickets are \$40 each which includes a delicious four course meal and theater with music. **ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>** as we need to return any unused tickets. Payment must be received by **November 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Please mail your check payable to **ACT Parish** to: ACT Parish, P.O. Box 88, Murdock, 56271; or cash can be given to Jan Bjornjeld. For registration contact Jan at 875-3921 (leave your message if there is no answer); or email Jan at [jgbjorn@gmail.com](mailto:jgbjorn@gmail.com).



### **Today, Sunday, October 28**

10:30am - 1pm - Bethesda's Soup & Sandwich Luncheon  
10:45am - Hope's Confirmation and Worship  
Noon - Mamrelund council meeting

### **Tuesday, October 30**

9:30am - Coffee & Conversation at Bethesda  
1pm - Coffee & Conversation at Hope

### **Thursday, November 1**

9:30am - Esther Circle at Bethesda

### **Friday November 2**

6pm - **ACT Outing at Budger's in Maynard**. Menu choices: small fillet, chicken Kiev, shrimp, perch or ribs and includes a house salad with Ranch or French dressing and baked potato. Thirty (30) places are reserved. Budger's does not accept credit cards - **checks or cash only**. To sign up, please contact Jan at 320-875-3921 (leave message if no answer) or email her at: [jgbjorn@gmail.com](mailto:jgbjorn@gmail.com).

### **Saturday, November 3**

7am - Men's Bible study and Breakfast at Sherrie's Café, Kerkhoven.  
9am - Noon - "Uffda Day" at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Atwater. Coffee 9-10am & Scandinavian Meal from 10am-Noon.

### **Tuesday, November 6**

9:30am - Coffee & Conversation at Bethesda  
1pm - Coffee & Conversation at Hope

### **Wednesday, November 7**

5-7:30pm - St. John's Lutheran Church, *Raymond*, "Ham Supper" Adults \$10, Ages 6-11 \$5, Ages 5 & under eat free. All take outs are \$10

**Thursday, November 8**

9:30am – Lakeland Pastor’s meeting at Calvary Lutheran Church, Willmar.

**Saturday, November 10**

6:30pm - St. John’s “Card Night” will be held at *Bethesda Grand in the newly remodeled Enrichment Room.*  
(enter through the main entrance)

**Tuesday, November 13**

9:30am – Coffee & Conversation at Bethesda

12-5pm - The Red Cross is coming to the Murdock City Hall. The appointments are from 12 - 5 PM. The last appt. is at 5:00PM. For appointments, please contact Alice Randt, 875-4556.

1pm - Coffee & Conversation at Hope

**Wednesday, November 14**

6:30pm – Bethesda’s Women of the ELCA

6:30pm – Confirmation at Hope

**Thursday, November 15**

2pm – Bethesda’s Esther Circle hosted by Elsa Olson

W.O.W. “Women of Worship Outing” (formerly MOPS)

**Friday, November 16 – Saturday November 17**

4pm-Depart from Mamrelund in Pennock for the “7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade Jr. High Youth Gathering” at the Willmar Conference Center and return to Mamrelund on Saturday around 11:30am.

**Saturday, November 17**

10-11am (Free will donation, public viewing) – Kerkhoven Lutheran Church “22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Table Fair-*Farm, Flannel & Frost.*” Silent Auction starts at 10am. All proceed, after expenses, go to Safe Avenues.

**Monday’s, November 19 & 26, December 3, 10, 17 & January 7**

3-4pm – Willmar’s Rice Hospice Program will be offering “Healing Hearts Bereavement Support Groups” for individuals who have experienced the death of a loved one. They will be discussing grief pertaining to the upcoming holidays and how you can prepare for it. Support Groups will be held in the lower level of Lakeland Health Center (Family Practice Medical Center.) Enrollment is open to anyone in the community. They just ask you to please pre-register before Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. For more information please call Kathy Tweten at 320-231-4764.

**Tuesday, November 20**

9:30am – Coffee & Conversation at Bethesda

1pm - Coffee & Conversation at Hope

**Wednesday, November 21**

7pm – ACT Parish Thanksgiving Eve Service at Hope. Followed by coffee & dessert

**Friday, November 23**

10am-2pm – “ACT Parish Craft & Bake Sale” at the Willmar Kandi Mall. Items for the bake sale & crafts can be dropped off at Nancy Stredde’s at 332 Terrace Dr. SW in Willmar by Thurs. Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> or brought to the mall by 9:30am on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you need your item picked up or if you are able to work at the event, please contact Nancy at 230-231-3808 or email her at [firststep@charter.net](mailto:firststep@charter.net). Money raised will go toward the ACT Parish general fund.



**Sunday, November 25**

No Sunday School at Bethesda

9:30am – Lay Led service at Bethesda

**Tuesday, November 27**

9:30am – Coffee & Conversation at Bethesda

1pm - Coffee & Conversation at Hope

**Wednesday, November 28**

6:30pm – Confirmation at Hope