Lord of Life
ANNOUNCEMENTS
for the Week of October 25, 2026

A Prayer after Worship

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*****Katherine Dubke** was commissioned by Lord of Life in 2017 to write a hymn for us in honor of the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther posting his 95 Theses. She crafted the words to "How Could I Stand, If Not for Christ" and we sing it this morning to the tune of *Es Ist Das Heil*.

A Reformation Celebration Potluck

Join us after the service today for our Oktoberfest celebration of Reformation. Brats and hotdogs are provided by the church. Attendees are invited (but not required) to bring a favorite side dish or dessert. All are welcome!

Fall Back Next Sunday Reminder

Daylight saving time ends next weekend, Nov. 1. We'll get an extra hour of sleep! Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour to enjoy that extra hour.



Sanctuary ceiling to be repainted during the week of 11/2 thru 11/6

The sanctuary ceiling will be cleaned, repaired, and repainted starting Monday, Nov. 2 through Friday Nov. 6. After the worship services conclude next Sunday, Nov. 1, we need all willing and able volunteers to help move all the furniture out of the main sanctuary space into the extension room 107. This is so the contractor can bring in scaffold and lifts to complete the project. Then on Saturday, Nov. 7, we need volunteers again to reset the sanctuary furniture in preparation for Sunday services; tentative start time is 10:00AM. Contact Scott Peters with questions.

It's a Bridal Shower - New Date!

All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend a bridal shower for Taylor Douglas, who will be marrying one of our newest members, Nathan Vaughn in January 2027. The shower will be on November 8, from 4PM to 6PM. If you would be interested in helping with the shower, please see Jessica Dula or Elizabeth Wilde. They are registered on Amazon.

Beautification Project

This month we are asking any who are interested in supporting the beautification project, to do so with a special one-time offering over and above your regular contributions. You can write a check with the words "Narthex Upgrade" in the memo line. There is also a special tab on our website under the giving page: https://planolutheran.com/giving/ if you wish to contribute online. Thank you so much for your contributions! We hope the upgrade will be a fresh and bright new look.

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to donate items for the personal care kits. All are welcome to come to help assemble and box up kits at church on October 30th at 9 AM.

Usher Volunteers Needed

We are looking to add new ushers for the late service. Ushers typically serve once per month, and occasionally twice during Advent and Lent. Duties include arriving 20 minutes before worship to distribute bulletins and welcome worshipers, and staying briefly afterward for a sanctuary walk-through. We primarily need late-service ushers, but early-service volunteers are also welcome. If you are interested, please contact Charles Hacker at 214-738-1544 (call or text) or charles.hacker@verizon.net.

October is LCMS Church Worker Appreciation Month

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod takes the entire month of October to kick off a yearlong observance of church worker appreciation during which we celebrate and recognize the ongoing faithful service of each LCMS congregation's called workers. October 11 is Pastor Appreciation Sunday and October 25 is Deaconess Appreciation Sunday, along with some other called positions.

Stewardship Thought in the Church Year

John 8:36 – "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." Today we celebrate Reformation Day! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel — but he also called himself "the apostle of good works." For, only by being set free by the Gospel, can we do good works. Jesus has set us free: His blood covers our sins, and now we stand before God as His beloved children, invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

Higher Things Youth Notes in the Church Year

Everyone loves the law because it promises control: follow the rules and life will work. But Christ reduces the whole law to love, exposing how little control we actually have and how far short we fall. The answer is not trying harder but the Gospel: Jesus, David's Son and David's Lord, fulfills the law in our place, serves sinners by His cross, and gives what our efforts never could—forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Life Thought in the Church Year

Our freedom from slavery to sin comes through the Son of God being nailed to a tree (John 8). The righteousness of God has come to us by faith. This sets us free from sin and also sets us free to love God and love our neighbors. The life we have from God, we live for the benefit of others (Romans 3). In so doing, we give glory to God for all that He has done for us (Revelation 14).

Christ for You this Week on KFUO

Tune in for "There Is a Redeemer", our study of the book of Job on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT)! On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT), we're wrapping up our study of Paul's letters to the Corinthians. Follow along as we pick up with 2 Corinthians 11. On Concord Matters (10/31 at 10 a.m. CT), Pastor Finnern and Rev. Dennis McFadden will be discussing Article 4 of the Epitome of the Formula of Concord, on good works. Where do our good works originate? Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfuo.org.

Serving Our Worship Today:

Pastor:	Rev. Joel Shaltanis
Organist:	Victoria Frinsko
Trumpets:	Fred Bernhardt, Aaron Olson
Trombones:	Michael Swann, Kevin Knight
Timpani:	Brian Wolf
Acolytes:	Sean Tweedie, Carter Bunger
Altar Guild:	Jessica Gavit, Heather Padgett, Kathy Hite
Elders:	Mike Kunschke
Greeters:	Dave Peters & Mary Farmer
Ushers:	George Munden, Charles Hacker
Sound:	Russ Wilkerson

This Week at Lord of Life - Today, Oct. 25, 2026

10:00 AM One Worship Service
Reformation Oktoberfest Potluck

Tuesday, October 27
12:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study
6:00 PM Handbells
7:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study

Wednesday, October 28
10:00 AM Midweek Bible Study
6:30 PM Jr. Confirmation
7:00 PM Adult Choir

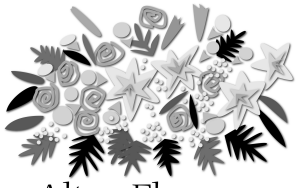
Friday, October 30
9:00 AM Comfort Makers/LWR Packing

Next Sunday's Readings
Nov. 1, 2026

Old Testament: Rev. 7:(2–8) 9–17

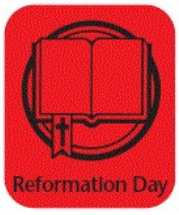
Epistle: 1 John 3:1–3

Gospel: Matt. 5:1–12



Altar Flowers

The flower arrangements on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Mike & Sherri Kunschke in celebration of their 39th wedding anniversary; and by Duffy & Cindy Carter in celebration of Jonah Carter's & Amy Crow's respective birthdays.



26104 Reformation Day (Observed) **October 25, 2026**

About the Cover: The Reformation was all about abiding in the Word of our Lord. Martin Luther did just that during his rediscovery of the Gospel, which resides plainly in the Lord's words of forgiveness. This forgiveness has been won for us by Jesus' death on the cross and delivered to us in His words. His words come to us with the water of Baptism to bring the power of His presence. Because of His Word, wherever we go, we know that Jesus is there. Wherever Jesus is, we also have truth and freedom.