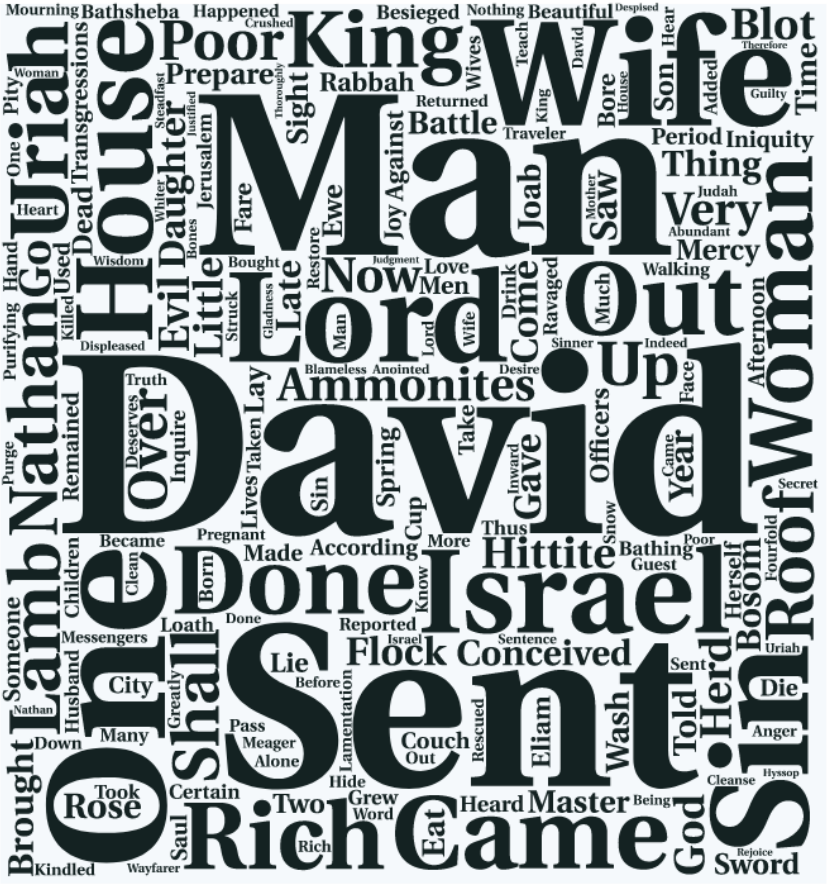

Reformation Sunday

David and Bathsheba

October 25, 2026

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GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Welcome

(+) Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Creating and renewing God,

You have made us in your image to carry your life-giving love as a blessing to all the world. Yet we fail again and again to live out your call. We place our trust in money and possessions, in flawed people and broken relationships, in the things that cannot sustain us. We do the things we do not want to do, and we fail to do the things we know you would have us do. Forgive us for all the ways we fall short. Open our eyes, hearts, and minds to your presence, and re-create us in your image each day, for the good of all that you have made. Amen.

The God whose love outpoured caused the world to be continues to pour this creative love on us. The God whose love outpoured in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ continues to pour this redeeming love upon us. Children of God, know that you are forgiven, and go forth refreshed and ready to answer God's call to love and serve the whole of creation, in Jesus' holy name. **Amen**.

(+) Gathering Song *Just As I Am, without One Plea* ELW 592

1 Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am; thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

(+) 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.

(+) *Glory to God* p. 121

Refrain

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

1 Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

2 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

Refrain

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

3 For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. *Refrain*

(+) Prayer of the Day

Holy God,
You hold us accountable for the ways in which we have turned away from you. Forgive us for all the ways we, like King David, fall short. Commit us to doing better—to recognizing our errors and making restitution for them. Remind us that you love us no matter what, and will be with us as we seek to live in your ways. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

1st Reading 2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9

11:1 In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

[2] It happened, late one afternoon when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. [3] David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." [4] So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. [5] The woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant…"

[26] When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. [27] When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, 12:1 and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. [2] The rich man had very many flocks and herds, [3] but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb that he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare and drink from his cup and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. [4] Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." [5] Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; [6] he shall restore the lamb fourfold because he did this thing and because he had no pity."

[7] Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; [8] I gave you your master's house and

your master's wives into your bosom and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah, and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. [9] Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites."

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

2nd Reading Psalm 51:1-9

51:1 Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy,
blot out my transgressions.
[2] Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
[3] For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
[4] Against you, you alone, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.
[5] Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
[6] You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
[7] Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
[8] Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
[9] Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

Gospel Acclamation p. 198

Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 21:33-41

P: The gospel according to Matthew…

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

21:33 [Jesus said,] “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. [34] When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. [35] But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. [36] Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. [37] Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ [38] But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ [39] So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. [40] Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” [41] They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

and serve only him.’ ”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song *God, When Human Bonds Are Broken* ELW 603

1 God, when human bonds are broken
and we lack the love or skill
to restore the hope of healing,
give us grace and make us still.

2 Through that stillness, with your Spirit
come into our world of stress,
for the sake of Christ forgiving
all the failures we confess.

3 You in us are bruised and broken:
hear us as we seek release
from the pain of earlier living;
set us free and grant us peace.

4 Send us, God of new beginnings,
humbly hopeful into life.
Use us as a means of blessing:
make us stronger, give us faith.

5 Give us faith to be more faithful,
give us hope to be more true,
give us love to go on learning:
God, encourage and renew!

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

Assisting Minister: God of mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Peace

MEAL *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

Offering

We give thanks to God and to you for your gifts and offerings. Our offering plate is located near the baptismal font at the entrance of the church, and we invite you to place your offering in the plate as you enter worship or at any time.

Offering Song *Let Us Break Bread Together* ELW 471

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

Offering Prayer

Holy God,
all of creation—all that is—comes from you and belongs to you. Free us from our attachments to our earthly possessions, and receive from them these offered gifts out of what you have given us, for the ongoing work of your love for all the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving (spoken) p. 129

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…
… we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, Holy, Holy p. 200

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Thanksgiving at the Table and Words of Institution

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,…
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant…
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.
In the night in which he was betrayed…
Do this for the remembrance of me.
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection…
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.
Amen.
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate…
And let the church say, Amen.
Amen.
Join our prayers and praise
with your prophets and martyrs of every age...
Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever. **Amen.**

(+) The 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.

Communion

We will receive communion at the altar railing. Please wait to come forward until directed by the usher. The wafer will be placed in your hand. Please take a prefilled cup from the communion tray and then place it in the empty tray as you leave the altar. The cups in the center contain grape juice; the others have wine.

We can bring communion to you at your seat if that is helpful – just let the usher know. Prepackaged communion kits are also available near the entrance to the sanctuary if you would prefer to commune that way.

Lamb of God p. 201

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table
to serve a needy world.
As you have blessed us,
may we become a blessing to others,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

SENDING *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Announcements

(+) Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
Amen.

(+) Sending Song *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* ELW 504

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

2 No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

3 Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

4 God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

(+) Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS – October 25, 2026

This week at CTV

Today **Reformation Sunday**
Coins in Your Pocket Sunday
Fellowship following worship
AA Meeting, 4:30 PM

Coming up…

11/1 **All Saints Day** – Worship, 9:30 AM
Solomon's Wisdom – 1 Kings 3:4-28; Matthew 6:9-10
Fall Stewardship emphasis, *A Legacy of Faithfulness,* **begins** – Week 1: *A Legacy of Wisdom and Love*
Daylight Saving Time ENDS – turn clocks back 1 hour
Fellowship following worship
AA Meeting, 4:30 PM

Names of the faithful departed for All Saints Sunday
If you have a loved one who has died in the past year and you would like us to lift up their name as part of our All Saints Day observation in worship on November 1, please write down their name on the sheet on the credenza in the entryway.

November Food Pantry Wish List

Hamburger Helper	Crackers
Rice A Roni	Jelly
Ravioli	Oatmeal