

Morning Star Lutheran Church

Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

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SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

GREETERS: 9 a.m. Alberta Melchiorre, Roger Lyman

11 a.m. Barbara Carter, Betty Jackson

USHERS: 9 a.m. Tom Freeburn, Bob Burnell, Elizabeth Wood, Michael Wood

11 a.m. Debbie Swayney, Buddy Swayney

COMMUNION: 9 a.m. Cindy Fliss, Rick Fliss, Robin Logan, Meredith Earp, Della Sperlbaum, Charles Messer, John Perry

11 a.m. Jackie Willard, Kim Thibault, Ray Brooks

READER: 9 a.m. David Kluttz

11 a.m. Ray Brooks

ALTAR GUILD: 9 a.m. Liz & Grace Baker

11 a.m. Doug Doak

COUNTERS: Kris Lynch & Joe Pittman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S prayer concerns list, Taking Faith Home, latest *Beacon*, and children's bulletins are located on the credenzas in the Narthex. Seasonal devotional books are also available. Please take your bulletin home or recycle it in the Narthex bin.

RETURN 2026 COMMITMENT CARDS Return your Commitment Card as soon as possible, to commit to the church's 2026 ministry. The annual Plan for Ministry begins with YOUR pledges and commitments.



AUTUMN GET-TOGETHERS RUN FROM OCTOBER 22 - NOVEMBER 19 Autumn Get-Togethers are a chance for us to build community and grow in faith and discipleship. Meals will begin each Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. in the FLC Gym, followed by Faith Formation Classes for all ages around campus at 6 p.m. RSVP in Church Office on Sunday or by Monday of the week of the dinner.

CONGREGATIONAL HEARING on All Saints Sunday, November 2 at 10:15 a.m. in the Worship Center.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING Sunday, November 9 at 11:15 a.m. in the Worship Center following Unified 10:00 a.m. WELCA Sunday Worship.

KAIROS NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT November 6-9, two Morning Star members will be ministering to young men in prison during Kairos Weekend at Foothills CI in Morganton, NC. You can help the ministry by making placemats, or a donation. Prayer signup sheets are on the bulletin boards in the narthex and outside of the church office. Please see John Perry or Dave Denecke for more information. For additional ways to support this ministry, information sheets are on the credenzas in the narthex, outside of the Worship Center.

GET YOUR HOLIDAY MEAL BAGS It's that time of year again! You can pick up empty holiday meal bags and grocery lists on the table in the narthex to participate. Simply fill the empty bag with the items on the list. These bags will go to needy families in our community for Thanksgiving. **Please return these full meal bags by November 9.**

DONATE YOUR EXTRA GREETING CARDS! There is a team that sends out greeting cards to members that cannot get to Morning Star to worship. The Social Ministry Team is collecting greeting cards- thinking of you, holiday, birthday- to send out. If you have any to donate (even those cards you get free from organizations) please place in the basket marked "Greeting Cards" on the credenza in the Narthex. Thank you!

PLEASE CONSIDER VISITING OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS The Social Ministry Team is looking for folks that can visit Morning Star members that cannot attend worship. These special members enjoy a personal visit. If you would like to help with this ministry please contact Phyllis Medlin 704-221-3291 or grammyandpawpaw4@yahoo.com.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NEXT WEEKEND ! Don't forget to turn your clocks back before you go to bed Saturday evening, **November 1**. By doing so, you ensure that you will be on time to church on Sunday! However, if you forget, you are still welcome to service no matter what time it is!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

~ Reformation Sunday ~

~ Celebration of all MSLC Confirmands ~

~ Purchase Autumn Get Together Meal Tickets in Church Office ~

9:00 a.m. ~ Non-Traditional Worship, *nursery available*

10:15 a.m. ~ Faith Formation for All Ages, various FLC rooms

10:20 a.m. ~ Reception for new Confirmands, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

11:00 a.m. ~ Traditional Worship, *nursery available*

12:30 ~ Council Meeting, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

9:00 a.m. ~ Walkers in the Gym, FLC Gym

11:00 a.m. ~ AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen & Choir Room

7:00 p.m. ~ Coming to the Table via Zoom

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

11:00 a.m. ~ Centering Prayer, Administrative Conference Room

11:00 a.m. ~ AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen & Choir Room

6:00 p.m. ~ Women's VDC Reunion Group, Admin. Conference Room

6:00 p.m. ~ Men's VDC Reunion Group, FLC Conference Room

7:00 p.m. ~ Tuesday Night Bible Study, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

9:00 a.m. ~ Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS), FLC Conference Room

11:00 a.m. ~ AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen & Choir Room

1:00 p.m. ~ Staff Meeting, Administrative Conference Room

2:00 p.m. ~ Spirit Bells Adult Bell Choir, Worship Center

5:15 p.m. ~ Autumn Get Togethers Meal, FLC Gym & Kitchen

6:00 p.m. ~ All levels YOGA, Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. ~ Faith Formation for All Ages, various classrooms and meeting rooms

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

10:00 a.m. ~ Coffee & Bible Study with PJ on Facebook

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

9:00 a.m. ~ Walkers in the Gym, FLC Gym

11:00 a.m. ~ AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall,

5:00 p.m. ~ HS Youth Activities, Youth Room 110

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

10:00 a.m. ~ AA Meeting, Choir Room

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

~ All Saints Sunday ~

~ Congregational Hearing ~

~ Purchase Autumn Get Together Meal Tickets in Church Office ~

9:00 a.m. ~ Non-Traditional Worship, *nursery available*

10:15 a.m. ~ Congregational Hearing, Worship Center

10:15 a.m. ~ Faith Formation for All Ages, various classrooms

11:00 a.m. ~ Traditional Worship, *nursery available*

1:00 p.m. ~ All Saints Commemoration, MSLC Chapel & Columbarium

2:00 p.m. ~ Girl Scouts Troop 387 Meeting, FLC Gym & Kitchen

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Romans 3:19-28

19 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. 20 For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

21 But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, 22 the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, 23 since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; 24 they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; 26 it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

27 Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. 28 For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

John 8:31-36

³¹ Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ 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’?”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

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