

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
Sunday, October 25, 2026
Reformation Sunday



First Evangelical & Holy Cross Churches

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“We are a community of churches and a church to the community.”

Welcome to worship with First Evangelical and Holy Cross churches. We come together for worship each Sunday to share in the ministry and mission of our Lord Jesus Christ with our own unique traditions and history. Seven other Christian ministries are located onsite with us.

If you are a guest or visitor and would like to know more about First Evangelical or Holy Cross, please reach out to one of our ushers, pastors, or fill out a welcome card and drop it in the offering boxes. Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. May God bless you.

WELCOME / INVOCATION

OPENING SONG: *Trading My Sorrows*

Verses:

I'm trading my sorrows
I'm trading my shame
I'm laying them down
for the joy of the Lord

I'm trading my sickness
I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down
for the joy of the Lord

Chorus:

Yes Lord, Yes Lord
Yes Yes Lord
Yes Lord, Yes Lord
Yes Yes Lord
Yes Lord, Yes Lord
Yes Yes Lord, Amen

Verses:

I'm trading my sorrows
I'm trading my shame
I'm laying them down
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for the joy of the Lord

Bridge:

I am pressed but not crushed
persecuted not abandoned
Struck down but not destroyed
I am blessed beyond the curse
for His promise will endure
That his joy's gonna be my strength
Though the sorrow may last for the
night
Joy comes in the morning

Chorus:

Yes Lord, Yes Lord
Yes Yes Lord
Yes Lord, Yes Lord
Yes Yes Lord
Yes Lord, Yes Lord
Yes Yes Lord, Amen

Outro:

Amen
Amen
Amen

SONG: *What a Beautiful Name it is – Hillsong*

Verse 1:

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

Chorus 1:

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Verse 2:

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now?

Chorus 2:

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Bridge:

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silenced the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again...
You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the Kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus 3:

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Chorus 3: Repeat

Outro:

What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus!

SONG: *Trust in God - Elevation Worship*

Verse 1:

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine
He's been my fourth man in the fire
time after time
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood
And what He did for me on Calvary is
more than enough

Chorus:

I trust in God, my Savior
The one who will never fail
He will never fail

Verse 2:

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I know the author of tomorrow has
ordered my steps
So this is my story and this is my song
Praising my risen King and Savior all
the day long

Chorus:

I trust in God, my Savior
The one who will never fail
He will never fail

I trust in God, my Savior
The one who will never fail
He will never fail

Bridge:

I sought the Lord and He heard and He
answered
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answered
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answered
That's why I trust Him, that's why I trust
Him

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Chorus:

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. . .

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome to worship** with First Evangelical and Holy Cross churches. We pray you experience God's love and grace in worship today. Join us for a delicious lunch following worship in the Fellowship Hall.
- Help us make a joyful noise unto the LORD! Join the **Church Choir** in rehearsing before worship next Sunday and singing during worship for **All Saints Sunday**. We will name and ring a bell during the prayers for those who have joined the saints triumphant this past year and pause during communion to light candles in memory of loved ones.
- Join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel for our **Bible Study**, "***See Through the Scriptures***". We are going step-by-step through the biblical narrative from Genesis to Revelation, putting everything in clear context.
- **Holy Cross Church Council** will meet on **November 8th** after worship, with a **Congregational** meeting on **November 15th** after worship, *all* Holy Cross members are encouraged to attend.
- **First Evangelical** will no longer provide *numbered offering envelopes*. Please use envelopes provided in pews or with the offering box.

- Help us build a safe and secure fence for the new playground! We will have a **“Noisy Offering”** during worship today. Drop your loose change in the buckets as they pass and make a lot of noise! Your loose change and paper donations will go toward the fencing equipment needed to keep the kids safe from the cars in the parking lot for years to come.

NOISY OFFERING AND CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

The elementary-aged children are excused for Flame, our Sunday School class.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ “The days are coming,” declares the Lord,

“when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant

I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,”
declares the Lord.

³³ “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel
after that time,” declares the Lord.

“I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,”
declares the Lord.

“For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.”

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. ¹⁸ You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

¹⁹ I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. ²⁰ When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. ²¹ What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING: John 8:31-36

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

³³ They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?”

³⁴ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Michael Breznen

Are you ready for a Reformation Revival??

VIDEO: *In Christ Alone*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: With humility and honesty, let us confess our sins to our God who is slow to anger and quick to forgive.

You may stand or kneel

C: Abundant God, so much of our harmful behavior is rooted in our envy. You have given us our manna – our daily bread – but we want more. We have allowed ourselves to be seduced by commercialism, telling ourselves that we are not complete until we have the nicest things. Forgive us when our actions convey that you are not enough for us. Help us to live our lives simply and faithfully, trusting in your steadfast love to provide all that we need. Amen.

P: Friends, our salvation is not something that can be purchased with money or fame. Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ alone. I announce to you this day, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

ALL: Alleluia! Amen.



THE OFFERING

Your OFFERING is received in the back of the church. Separate BOXES are available for both Holy Cross & First Evangelical churches.

THE PRAYERS

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and Praise.

SONG: *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of Hosts

Heaven and Earth Are full of Your Glory!

Hosanna! (Hosanna!) In the Highest

Blessed is he who comes In the name of the Lord!

Hosanna! (Hosanna!) In the Highest

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER - *(Sung acapella by all)*

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 debts,

As we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

And the power,

And the glory, forever.

Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION – CONTINUOUS FORMAT *(Silence is appreciated)*

We practice Open Communion at Holy Cross and First Evangelical. If you believe that the Holy Sacrament carries with it the promises of the forgiveness of sins and eternal life and are a **baptized Christian** – you are welcome to receive. We do ask, however, that younger children who have not yet been instructed in the meaning of the sacrament - please come to the chancel for a blessing but refrain from receiving. Grape juice is in the center of the communion trays.

AARONIC BLESSING IN HEBREW & ENGLISH

P: “The LORD bless you and keep you,
Y’varech’cha Adonai v’yeesh’m’reicha.

The LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
Yaer Adonai panav eleicha veechooneka.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.”
Yeesa Adonai panav eleicha v’yasem l’cha shalom.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

WELCOME to all and thank you for joining us in worship today as we give thanks and praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray that the service will be meaningful and uplifting for you. If you are a first-time visitor, please sign the Guest Register. You are invited to stay for coffee and refreshments following the service.

Serving in Worship

Pastors	- Rev. Daniel D. Baker & Rev. Dr. Michael Breznen
Crucifers	- Tom Kalorgis, Hilkka Schroderus-Rowe
Liturgists	- Dianne Breznen
Communion Assistants	- Dianne Breznen, Hilkka Schroderus-Rowe
Sound/Live Stream	- Ken Burton
Video/Live Stream	- Scot Alexander/Sera Butz

	This Week	Next Week
Musicians / Singers	CAC	Sandra Baran & Church Choir
Lector	Cheryl Richter	Vince Burkhardt
Ushers	Katherine S., Judith M.	Katherine S., Judith M.
Greeters	Bob S. & Susan M.	Bob S. & Susan M.

Remember in Prayer

We pray for peace between nations and peoples and for just resolutions to the conflicts throughout the world – especially the people of Israel and fellow believers facing life-threatening persecution; those in war-torn countries; for all members of our armed services and law enforcement personnel; for our country and our nation’s leaders; for the Church, Church leaders, for **Youth for Christ**, and all faithful witnesses to the Gospel; for our missionaries – **Anthony** and **Soyoung Sellari** and their work in Egypt.

We pray for God’s healing presence to be with: **The Vehling family, especially Emilie, Brodie and Maggie Mae, Debbie Rowan, Sandra Holly, Matt B., Matthew, Ken, Addie, Silas, Nick, Jamie, Elihana, Debbie Ann, Saul & Martha, Dennis, Bill, Cynthia, Dylan, John, Lisa & Don, Raj, Sandy, Carl, Trish, Lou, Allan, Carson, David, Gertrude, Holly, Katie, Linda, Marilynn & Patrick, Lesley, Linda**, and members of the **Holy Cross and First Evangelical Church families** who are at home and unable to attend.

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