

St. John Lutheran Church
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The Rev. Raymond H. Phyles	Mrs. Margaret Knowlton
Pastor (phone 531-2264)	Organist
Reformation Sunday	October 25, 2009
Service of the Word I	9:30 a.m.

Preparation

Prelude	Enter quietly to worship	
*The Confession of Sins		p. 56
#*The Entrance Hymn	(sts. 1-4)	# 365
*The Greeting	(5)	p. 57
*The Kyrie	(6)	p. 57
*The Hymn of Praise	(7)	p. 58
*The Prayer of the Day	(8)	p. 36

#Latecomers may be seated

The Word

The First Lesson	(9)	Jeremiah 31: 31-34
The Psalm 91: 46		p. 236-7
The Second Lesson		Romans 3: 19-28
*The Alleluia	(14)	p. 62
*The Holy Gospel		John 8: 31-36
The Sermon		Pastor Phyles

The Response to the Word

*The Hymn of the Day	(19)	# 492
The Rite of Confirmation	(21)	p. 198
The Offering and Offertory		p. 75
*The Pastoral Prayer	(47)	p. 76
*The Lord's Prayer (either version)		p. 76
*The Benediction	(48)	p. 78
*The Departure Hymn		# 229
A Moment of Reflection		
*The Postlude	Depart joyfully to serve	

***Congregation Standing**

Lay Assistant: Steve Gemma

Lector: Phil & Sue Reed

Ushers: Carole Grayson & Melissa Gustafson

Nursery: Kira Danciewicz

The flowers on the Altar this morning have been presented by Lydia Todd to the glory of God and in honor of our confirmands and all students everywhere of every age.

We gather for worship this morning in thankful celebration of the Protestant Reformation and our Lutheran heritage. The Reformation, led by Martin Luther in the Sixteenth century, is recognized by historians and theologians as one of the most significant events in the history of the church and of the world, having set in motion forces that still have their effect almost five hundred years later. We join with the whole church in celebrating the work of the Reformers and our heritage in it.

On this day of celebration, we also rejoice to celebrate the Rite of Confirmation for Kristin Lindsey Phyles, Jason Peter Scouras, Christian Marshall Valletti, and Michael Gardner Winsor.

Nurtured by the example of their homes and families and the ministry St. John, and after two years of catechetical instruction, Kristin Lindsey, Jason Peter, Christian Marshall, and Michael Gardner will affirm their own baptismal vows this morning. This is a special day in their lives and in the life of the congregation. Please extend your congratulations and include them in your prayer in the days to come.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors who are worshipping with us today, especially family members of the confirmands. St John is a fellowship of God's people worshipping and serving in the spirit of Christian Lord. We invite you to worship with us again and to join with us in our ministry here on the North Shore. Please join us in the undercroft following the service for a reception in honor of our confirmands.

In keeping with the spirit of respect and worship, we ask that no photographs be taken at any time during this service. Pastor and the confirmands will be happy to remain briefly after the service for any photographs you may wish to take at that time.

Names and ages of Penobscot Indian children are posted downstairs. We encourage you to select a name and then to buy age- ad gender-appropriate clothing and toys for the name you select. Christmas is rather bleak for these children without our help. Rev. Pat Bade will deliver our gifts to the reservation prior to the holidays.

The WELCA Annual Fair will take place on Saturday, November 7, from 9:00 am. to 1:00 p.m. Please bring any white elephants, jewelry, books, and donations for the fruit baskets, and baked goods here to the church the week prior to the fair. Your help in setting up for the fair next week will also be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your ongoing generous support.

Next Sunday is All Saint's. Plan now to gather at our Lord's Table with all the saints.

We ask your prayers and concern for these members and friends of St. John today and throughout the coming week.
Ellen Hepburn David Fredricksen Carol White
Corey Reed Anna Snow

*The gift of happiness belongs
To those who unwrap it.*

- Anonymous -

Please disable all cellphones and other devices upon entering the sanctuary. Thank you.