

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WORSHIP at 8:30 and 11:00AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:45 AM

All are welcome at Trinity for this Sabbath time of prayer and praise!

Reformation Sunday

October 27, 2024

*As the prelude begins, please observe a period of
silence and contemplation in preparation for worship.*

PRELUDE: Reformation Suite for Trumpet & Organ,
Robert J. Powell (b. 1932), Jesse Lemons, Trumpet
I. Moderato
II. Moderato
V. Allegro

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

The * indicates when the congregation stands, if able.
Congregational responses are in **bold**.

***WELCOME**

P. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P. God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***ENTRANCE HYMN A Mighty Fortress Is Our God ELW #504**

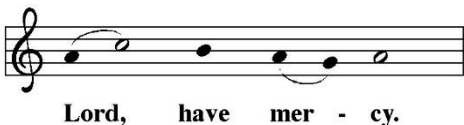
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the
church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



A - men.

HYMN Come, Ye Thankful People, Come — vs. 3



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home;
4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home.



All be safe-ly gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin.
wheat and tares to-geth-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown.
from his field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way;
Gath-er then thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear.
give his an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy gar-ner to a-bide.



Come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit-ful ears to store in his gar-ner ev-er more.
Come, with all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home!

***SALUTATION**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: 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.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³ though its waters rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

- ⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
- ⁶ **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**
- ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- ⁸ **Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**
- ⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
- ¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**
- ¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ’s death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

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 being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through faith in 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 show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that

of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: **Glory to you O Lord.**

***GOSPEL: John 8:31-36**

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

³¹ 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

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Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

***CREED** *Apostles' Creed*

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

He descended into Hell.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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**

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world,
and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

Lord of all, we give thanks for the whole church throughout the world.
Open wide the paths toward unity between denominations so that all
followers of Christ may join in shared worship and mission. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Renewing God, as the dying leaves display their beauty, we are reminded
that nature's cycle of life includes and requires both life and death. Instill in
your people a mission of preservation and appreciation for trees, animals,
and waterways threatened by climate collapse. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Comforting God, be with all who are sick, suffering, or grieving in our own
community and beyond (*especially*). Surround them with the promise of
your love, comfort, and grace that never ends. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Divine Guide, continue to challenge this community to be ever reforming in
our ministries and outreach efforts. Inspire creative ideas among us so that

the communal, grace-filled word of God remains at the heart of our ministry. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Almighty God, in Christ's resurrection you ensure that though life be wrenched away, death cannot win the day. May the truth of your saving grace through faith sustain our hope for life in you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

Amen.

***SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Please take a moment to sign and pass the navy fellowship folders located in each pew at this time.

OFFERTORY

During this time, we worship God with our offerings.

There are a variety of gifts and a variety of ways to give!

- If you give electronically, thank you.
- If you would like to give electronically, please scan the QR code.
- If you are led to give through cash or check, simply place your offering in the plate as it passes.



“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Offertory Music: 8:30 - Chorale: "All Glory Be to Thee, Most High"
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

11:00 - "All Glory Be to Thee, Most High" *Geistliche Lieder*, 1539,
setting by Rachel Aarons (b. 1984)

*Please stand as we begin singing the Offering Song
and the elements are brought forward.*

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you. And al-so 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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: 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;

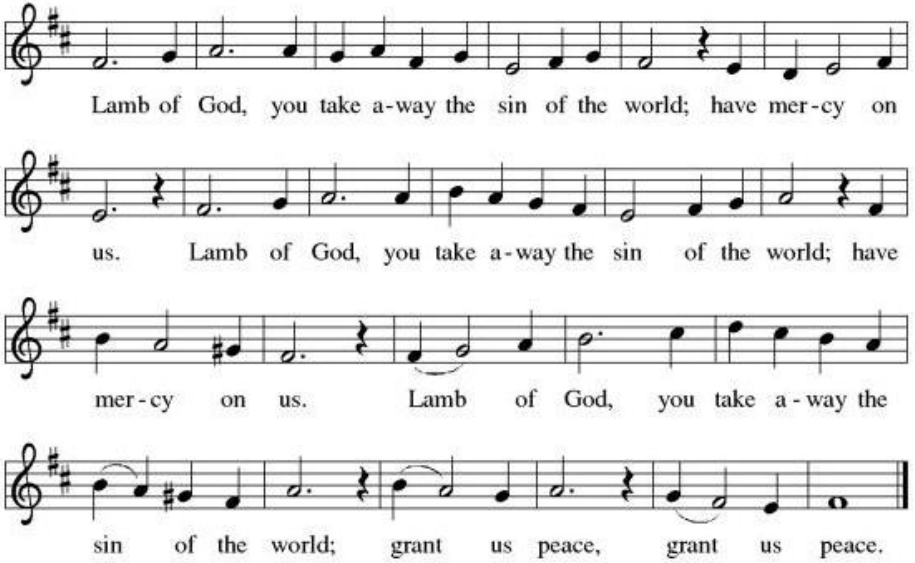
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION by Intinction (dipping the bread into the wine)
Please come from both sides up the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles.

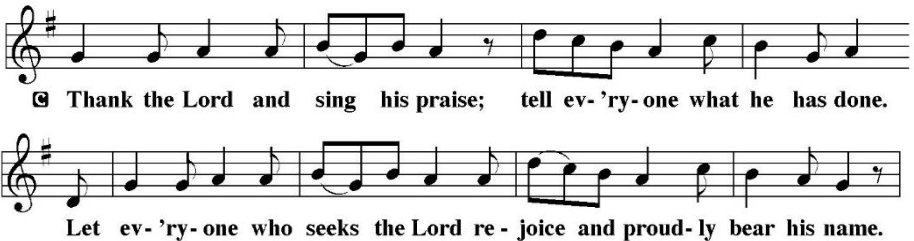
*8:30am Holy Communion by Intinction
Please kneel, if you are able, at the rail.*

*11:00am Holy Communion by Intinction
Those desiring to kneel or pause for prayer at the rail
after communing are invited to do so.*

Communion Music:

Reformation Suite for Trumpet & Organ, Robert J. Powell
IV. Andante

*THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.

Trinity Trunk or Treat, Wednesday October 30 from 6-7:30! The kids and families of Trinity and the community are invited to join us in the parking lot for our annual Trunk or Treat! We're hoping to make this a great neighborhood event, so bring your trunks, your kids and your friends! We'll need lots of trunks, so plan to be there by 5:45 with a trunk and some candy. Sign-up is available in the Fellowship Hall. Pizza and drinks will be provided!

Ladies Lunch will be November 13 at 11:30am at Rooster's Call (6050 Gull Rd.). We hope to have a large group of old friends and new for some fun and fellowship. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact Julie Peterson with questions: 269-249-6141.



The All Saints Book is now available in the Narthex for you to write the names of family members and friends who have died since last All Saints Day. The names inscribed on the register will be read at each service on All Saints' Sunday, November 3.

All Saints - Courtyard Service of Remembrance As a way to recognize and give thanks for the many saints who are dear to us, Trinity will be holding a short service of remembrance in the courtyard on Sunday November 3rd. The service will take place at 12:15 at the courtyard columbarium and will include a rendition of Amazing Grace played on the bagpipes in honor of those who are at rest.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sun	Oct 27	Worship with Holy Communion @ 8:30 & 11am Reformation Sunday Choir 9:25 All Sunday School classes 9:45 Infant/Toddler small group 10 Sabbatical Presentation & Lunch 12
Tue	Oct 29	Clothes Closet 10-2 Loaves & Fishes 11-1 C.F.T. 11-12:30
Wed	Oct 30	Men's Bible Study 7am Trunk or Treat 6-7:30pm
Sat	Nov 2	Violin Ensemble 4-6
Sun	Nov 3	Worship with Holy Communion @ 8:30 & 11am All Saints Sunday All Sunday School classes 9:45 Parent small group 10 All Saints Courtyard Remembrance 12:15