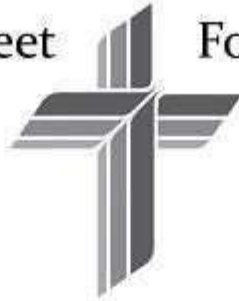


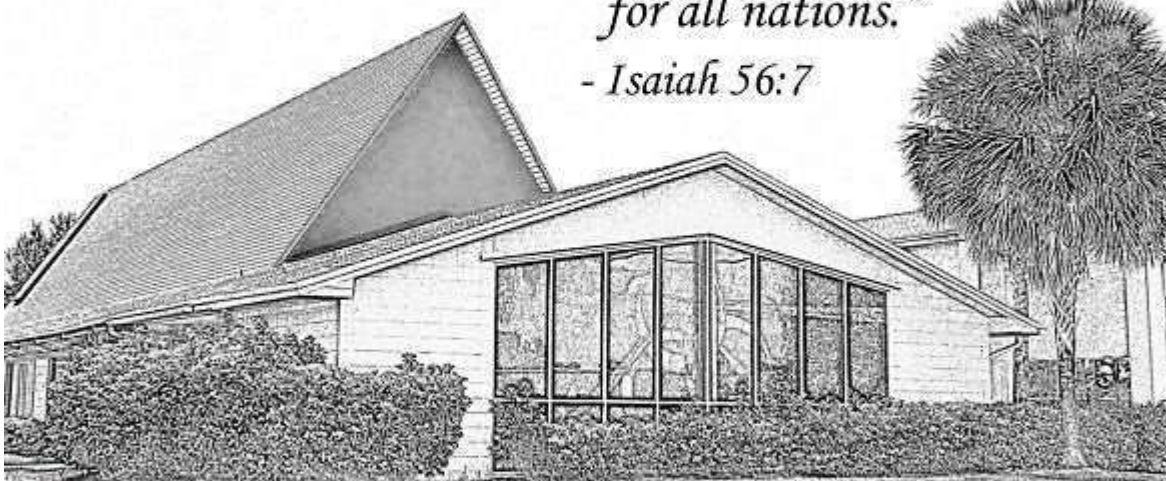
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*"For My house
will be called a house of prayer
for all nations."
- Isaiah 56:7*



Celebrating our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

Welcome: Reformation Day

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church where our vision is “**educating, equipping, and empowering all people to live lives of Promise and purpose through Jesus Christ**”! We’re excited you’re here and look forward to the opportunity to learn more about your unique faith journey. As you spend time here, you’ll notice some amazing things:

1. You’ll notice warm and friendly people trusting in God’s promises and sharing their experiences.
2. You’ll notice authentic and vibrant worship. It could be Latin chanting, familiar old hymns, or a guitar-led modern worship piece, but in every instance, worship at Trinity comes from the heart.
3. You’ll be noticed. When you’re here, expect people to be interested in you. You have an amazing story to tell, and we want to hear it!

As We Gather

Reformation is a day to remember and celebrate that the Church founded by Jesus Christ is a living entity. Through the centuries, God has shaped the Church and then reshaped it, again and again, so that every generation may experience the Gospel in language it can understand. Throughout these changes, God has preserved His Word and Sacraments. Like the Church, we as individuals are in the process of being shaped by God. We are clay. God is the potter. And just as He created us and all things, so one day in Christ will we and all things be re-created, and all that is now misshapen or broken will be restored.



Prelude

Jeff Edwards

The Congregation prepares their hearts for worship. "...Let us draw near with a true heart..." (Hebrews 10:21-25)

Confession and Absolution

Please stand.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Exhortation

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Absolution

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Please stand and face the Processional Cross.

The candles are lit during the Processional Hymn.

Processional Hymn: 578 Thy Strong Word

sts. 1-2, 4

1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth
speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
night and deep as death, Broke the light of
forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -

light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to

Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

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Service of the Word

Kyrie

Mark 10:14

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from a - bove and for our sal - va - tion let us pray to the Lord.



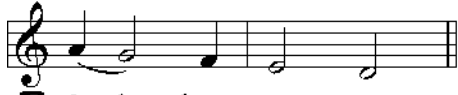
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



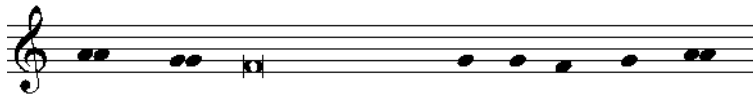
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



B Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please sit.

First Reading: The Messages of the Three Angels

Revelation 14:6–7

A The First Reading is written in Revelation, chapter 14.

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: The Righteousness of God Through Faith

Romans 3:19–28

A The Epistle is written in Romans, chapter 3.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of text. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Holy Gospel: The Truth Will Set You Free

John 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please sit.

Children's Message

Gloria Tausch



Hymn of the Day: 644 The Church's One Foundation

sts. 1-2, 5



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
 And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
 O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

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Sermon

Please stand.

Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

"Us men" means all people.

Christian: the ancient text reads "catholic", meaning "the whole".

"Church" as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.

Please sit or kneel as you are able.

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, we give You thanks and praise for all Your goodness and tender care, especially on this Reformation festival. Thank You for the gift of Your Son and for the revelation of Your will and grace. Implant Your Word in us, and give us fertile hearts to keep it and bring forth its good fruit in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P God of grace, keep us steadfast in Your Word, and prevent our wayward hearts from following false gospels that lead us away from You. Provide Your Church with faithful pastors who preach in purity and joy, that we are saved by Your grace alone, through faith alone, because of Christ alone. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**

- P When the righteous cry, You hear, O Lord, and deliver them out of all their troubles. Draw near to save the brokenhearted, the crushed in spirit, the sick and those in need especially *Connie, George, Claire, The Jewdun Family, Jean, Harland, Sandy, Linda, Sarah, Jamie, Bryson, Katie, Cathy, Peggy, Rosemarie, John, Bridget, Sue, Theresa, George, Bonnie, Barb, Suzanne, Travis, Susan*, those affected by Hurrricanes Helene and Milton, those who are homeless, those with mental health concerns, those who are lost or forgotten, those who have never heard the Gospel, and those we now name in our hearts.

Individual prayers may be offered at this time.

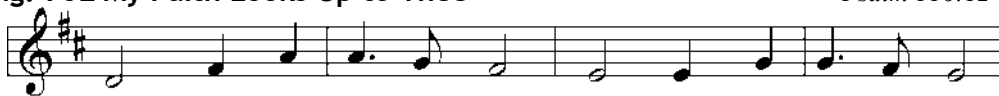
- From Your treasury of grace, meet the needs of all who call to You, granting them whatever is best for their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Heavenly Father, You have given us the certainty of sins forgiven in Your Son, set forth as the propitiation by His blood to be received by faith. So lead us to eat and drink Your holy body and precious blood in repentance and faith, now and always. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**

- P Preserve Your Church, O Lord, and each of us as members of Christ's Body, that we may not surrender the true Gospel for any reason, but be kept in this faith and fear throughout the days of our earthly pilgrimage, until that day when we and all Your people shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the reward You have prepared for us and all who have loved His appearing; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Please sit.

Offering: 702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



- 1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
 My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
 Be Thou my guide; Bid dark-ness turn to day, Wipe sor-row's
 Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
 love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
 trust re-move: O bear me safe a - bove, A ran-somed soul!

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Please stand.

Service of the Sacrament

Communion Statement

Trinity Lutheran Church joins together in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, are asked first to speak with the pastor. In the mean time, please feel welcome to come forward and receive a special blessing.

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136



P The Lord be with you.



G And al-so 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.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of

pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

1 Corinthians 11:26, Revelation 22:20

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in

the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

Pax Domini

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



C 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;



Please sit.

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Distribution Hymn: 570 Just as I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
 soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
 heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- 5 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.
- 6 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.

Piano Interlude: "I Surrender All"

*All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His daily presence daily live*

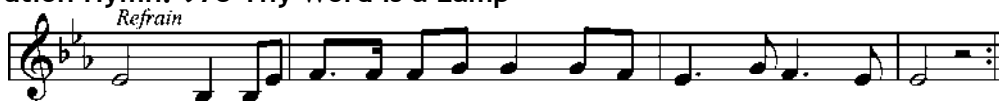
[Chorus]

*I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Jesus, I surrender
I surrender all.*

*All to Jesus, I surrender,
humbly at His feet I bow.
Worldly pleasures all forsaken,
take me Jesus, take me now.
All to Jesus, I surrender
Make me, Savior wholly Thine.
May Thy Holy Spirit fill me,
may I know Thy power divine.*

*All to Jesus, I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee
Fill me with your love and power,
Let Thy blessings fall on me*

Distribution Hymn: 973 Thy Word Is a Lamp



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,
2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My



Still You're there right be - side me. And
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.



noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.
 Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; And



Please be near me to the end. _____
 I will love You to the end. _____

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Please stand.

Thank the Lord



C 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. He re-calls His prom-is-



es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -



giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

- P** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
C Amen.

Recessional Hymn: 657 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

sts. 1-2, 4



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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Congregational Announcements

Please sit for the Announcements.

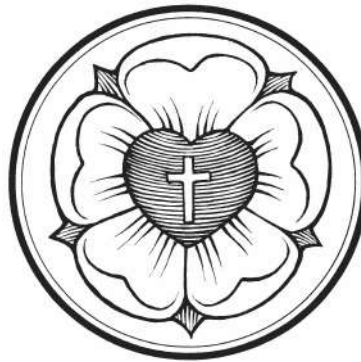
Postlude

Jeff Edwards

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Luther Rose: This seal was designed by Dr. Martin Luther while teaching at Wittenberg, and it has become the primary emblem of the Lutheran Church. Comprising it are: the **black** cross, for faith in Christ crucified; the **red** heart, for faith in the Savior; the **white** rose, to show that faith causes joy, consolation and peace; the **blue** sky, to denote that such joy of faith in the spirit is the beginning of heavenly joy to come; and the **golden** ring surrounding all, to signify that such bliss in heaven is endless.



All Saints Sunday: Trinity remembers those who have been called home to our Lord during the past year. If you would like a name added to the bulletin, please fill out the provided bulletin insert and place it in the plate during offering.

Today's Light Readings (Oct. 28th-Nov. 2nd)

Monday – Galatians 3

Tuesday – Galatians 4

Wednesday – Galatians 5-6

Thursday – Ephesians 1

Friday – Ephesians 2

Saturday – Ephesians 3

Our Today's Light Bible Reading Plan guides you through the whole Bible in 2 years, breaking the Bible into segments that take about 10-15 minutes a day to read. Join us on this journey of growth as God's Holy Spirit teaches, comforts, confronts, and sustains us through His Word.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: Newsletter Article- October 2024- "The Singing Church".

Lutherans have historically been called “the singing church.” There is no doubt that music has been a major component in the theology and practice of the Lutheran church. Luther once remarked about music, “We can mention only one point, namely, that next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise.”¹ Music has a power and purpose that cannot be understated in our worship and the life of the congregation.

But music does more than touch the emotions. Music is a vehicle that carries both the musician and the hearer deeper into connection with the truth of the Scriptures. This is true of the most complex Bach chorale and even the simplest of songs like “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know.” Each musical selection within the church shapes the thoughts, minds and faith of the people who experience them.

This is also true of stewardship hymns. We are currently considering the verses of “Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness” (LSB 788) as it shapes our understanding and practice of stewardship. This month we take a deeper dive into verse two:

*Teach us to thank you, Lord, for love and grace
For life and vision, for a purpose clear,
For Christ Your Son, and for each human face
that shows Your message ever new and near.*

The stanza begins by touching on the truth of the Law. Thankfulness is not a natural posture for fallen humanity. For sinners curved in upon themselves, thankfulness for love and grace is something that must be taught. We are those who hoard and clutch. Our confession of our shallow thankfulness highlights the need for us to learn thankfulness to God.

Thankfulness also points to what we are stewards of: love and grace! All the things we have traditionally called stewardship aren't actual stewardship. Rather, what matters is how we steward the one, true and only treasure: the love and grace of God revealed to us in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. So, all stewardship is stewardship of the Gospel! How can we gaze at the cross and empty tomb and not be thankful?

The LCMS defines stewardship as “the free and joyous activity of God’s family — the church — in managing life’s resources for His purposes.” God’s love and mercy give us a clear purpose as we live out our Baptism and practice this joyous stewardship. All we are, all we have entrusted to us, and all we are called to do is to connect others with the love and mercy of God revealed in Jesus! The faithful steward sings with lips and life of this love and mercy that is ever new and near. In the Scriptures. In the Lord’s House. At the Lord’s Table. This is where our stewardship song starts and ends. Our family, our co-workers and classmates, and our world need to hear this song!

| <i>This Week at Trinity</i> | | |
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| Monday | 5:30 pm | Girl Scouts |
| Wednesday | 11:00 am | Prayer Team |
| Thursday | 10:30 am | Bible Study |
| Saturday | 9:00 am | Men’s Breakfast |
| Sunday | 9:00 am | Sunday School Class |
| | 10:00 am | Worship |
| | 11:15 am | Fellowship |

Trinity’s Potluck Luncheon is today! Please join us for great food and fellowship, just after our worship service, in the fellowship hall. See you there!

Bells, bells, bells! Trinity Bell Ringers will be starting up shortly. Mike Rossi will be teaching and leading the group. Please consider your participation in this wonderful ministry.

The Trinity Choir will be rehearsing for the Advent/Christmas season starting on November 3rd, right after our Sunday morning service. Please join us!

Sunday School Lesson for Week Seven: Fiery Directions

This week we learn how God chooses Moses to free His people. Moses was miraculously rescued by Pharaoh’s daughter from the Nile River. Moses escapes the condemnation pronounced on other Hebrew boys and leaves behind his life of Privilege. He flees to Midian where he encounters the living God in a burning bush. Through this encounter, God directs Moses to rescue His chosen people from their slavery in Egypt. When we turn from God, God reveals Himself and His great love to us. He reveals His plan of salvation, fulfilled through the life, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. Remember your Baptism.

Thursday Bible Study has begun at 10:30 am, temporarily in the narthex. The Book that will be studied this season will be the book of Exodus. Pastor Engel will facilitate the study. Come and join us in this fascinating and important study. Questions? Contact Pastor Engel at 772-359-6590.

Pastor Richard is teaching a new class on relationships in the Church, and more specifically, the nature and practice of Christian life and discipleship in light of Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s *Life Together*. This class is *discussion based* and provides opportunities to connect our personal experiences with God’s Word. This class is in the fellowship hall on Sunday mornings at 9 am.

Church 360: Trinity uses special software to keep up with the many people who are connected to our ministry. Each member is able to see other members' contact information and important dates like birthdays, anniversaries, etc. If you have not logged in to Church 360 and would like access to this important software, please email the Church Office and access will be provided. Thank you!

Trinity's Prayer Ministry: You can fill out a prayer request card and place it in the offering plate. You can also email a prayer request to Holly Tetzloff at "GrammarTetz@att.net" or text the request to 772-332-1020. Our prayer team prays throughout the week and meets every Wednesday from 11am - 11:30am. (Contact Jim Davis or Patty Cook for more info. on our Wednesday prayer group. Contact Holly Tetzloff if you would like to be added to the weekly prayer email newsletter.) Join us in prayer as we bring these requests to our Lord's throne of Grace. "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer". (Romans 12:12)

Spiritual Gifts! Want to learn more about how to serve the Church with your unique spiritual gifts? Pick up a Spiritual Gifts Survey in the Narthex! Once completed, you can either keep the information for you own person growth or you can see Pastor Cox for further discussion.

Pastoral Support: Life is full of ups, downs, twists, and turns. But one of the most wonderful blessings of being part of a local Congregation is that we never have to face life's challenges alone. If you, or someone you care about, could benefit from a pastoral visit, please contact the Church office (461-7272).

Today's Team

Greeter: Maynard DeJong

Reader: Liz Gosse

Ushers: Maynard DeJong

Live Stream: Maria Forsberg

Potluck Luncheon

Members Who Are Homebound or in a Nursing Care Facility

~ Connie Barr (2617 Serenity Circle North, Fort Pierce, FL 34981)

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