

Trinity Lutheran Church

Reformation Day October 29, 2023

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 304 E. FERRIS St. GALESBURG, IL 61401 "the welcome place" Reformation Day

Introduction

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.

Prelude

Fantasy in a Minor

J. S. Bach

Welcome & Friendship Registries

+ + + GATHERING + + +

(Stand and face the cross as it enters in the procession.)

Invocation

Blessed be God,

the one who forms us,

+ Jesus who bears the cross,

the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

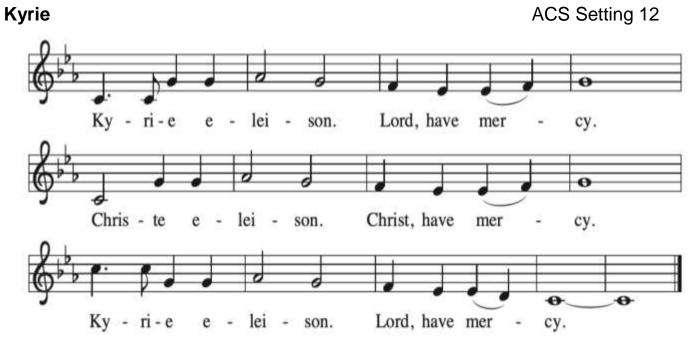
Gathering Song ELW #504

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Greeting

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

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This is the Feast



Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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.

(Sit)

+ + + WORD + + +

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

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. 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. 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. 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

REFRAIN: Choir only

REFRAIN: Choir and Congregation



PSALM: Choir God is our refuge and strength, an ever ready help in the time of trouble. We shall not fear if the earth is shaken, if the mountains fall into the deeps of the sea; Even if the waters rage and foam, and the mountains quake in the surging tide.

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PSALM: Choir There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the dwelling place of the Most High. God is within her; she cannot be shaken. God will help her at the breaking of the dawn. Nations are in tumult and kingdoms are shaken; God speaks and the earth melts away.

REFRAIN: Choir and Congregation

PSALM: Choir Come, see the works of the Lord, the awesome deeds he has done in the earth. He puts an end to wars in all the world; breaks the bow, shatters the spear and burns the chariots with fire. "Be still and know that I am God, exalted among the nations, exalted in the earth."

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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. 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.

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 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; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.



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

Gospel: John 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to John Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 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'?"

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

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Sit) Children's Message Sermon

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

(Stand) Hymn of the Day ELW# 654

The Church's One Foundation

(Sit)

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God our parent, you call us your children and have made us siblings through your son Jesus. Heal the church's many divisions, bring understanding and peace where there has been contention and strife, and unite us in one body through the love of Christ. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our creator, your hands have made the heights of the mountains, the depths of the sea, and the life that animates all creation. Bring relief to areas harmed by wildfires, floods, storms, and human carelessness. Renew the face of the earth. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our ruler, the nations rage and the kingdoms shake, but your word stands fast forever. Let your justice and peace roll down like waters wherever there is strife, injustice, war, or religious conflict especially Israel, Ukraine, God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our champion, you are our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Draw near to all who suffer especially, Dena, Bonnie, Bev, Jean, Jen, Jenna, Lester Sr., Lynette & Tony. Be their rest and comfort. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our reformer, you make all things new. Free us from complacency, open us to unexpected ways, and kindle zeal in us for the future. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our savior, you made yourself known in the lives of all who have died in the hope of your grace. We give thanks for the witness of reformers like Martin Luther and for all whose example has brought us closer to you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We offer to you these prayers as well as those we now name to you either aloud or in our hearts.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

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Offering Song The Church's One Foundation

Michael Burkhardt

(Stand)

Offering Prayer

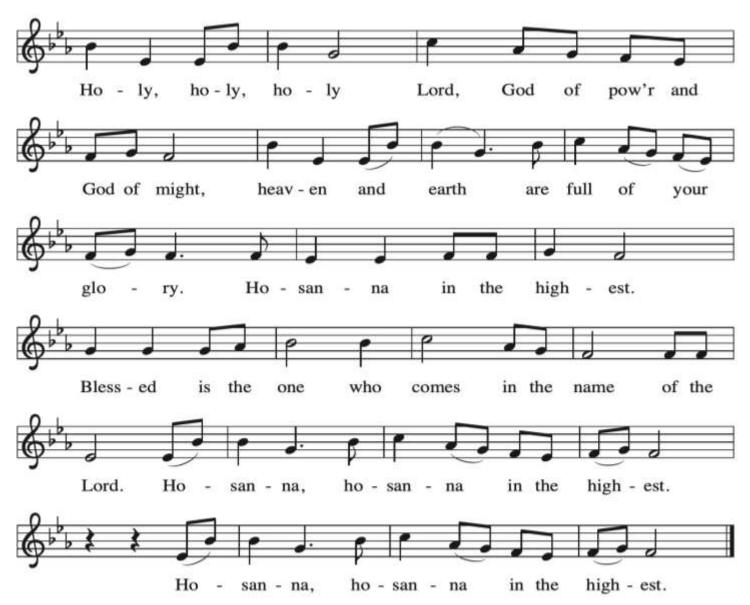
God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you.

We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also 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. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Prayer

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

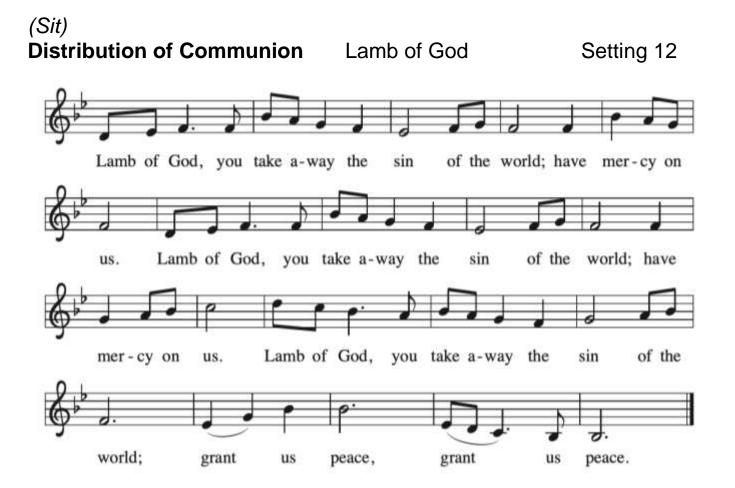
Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Jesus invites you to this table.

Come, eat and live.

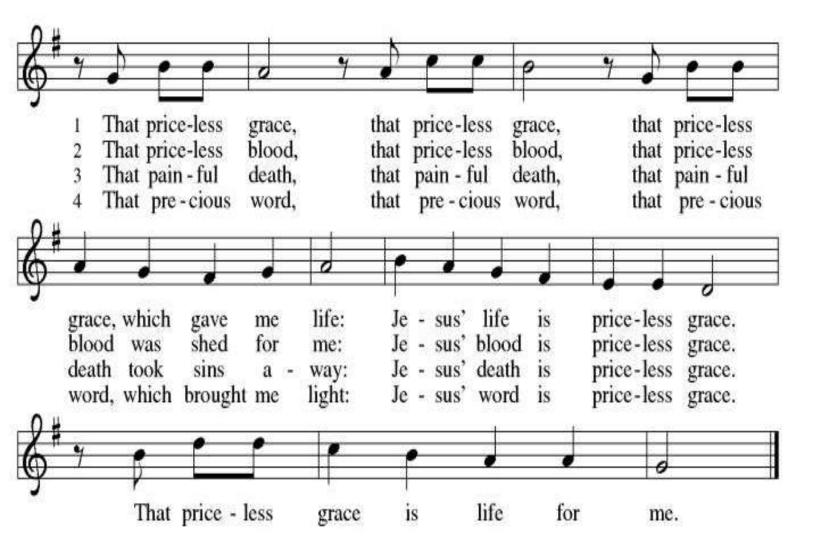
All are welcome to receive communion at Trinity Lutheran Church. If you wish to receive you may come forward as dismissed by the usher and will be given a wafer in the center aisle. Then you may take a small cup from the tray. Red wine is along the outside, and white grape juice is located in the center of the tray Gluten-free bread is also available. Place empty cups in the bowls located at the side aisle as you return to your pew. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, you may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest as you come forward.



Johann Nicolaus Hanff

Post Communion Hymn ELW#591

That Priceless Grace



(Stand)

Prayer After Communion

Blessed be your name, O God,

for we have feasted on your Word,

Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.

Strengthened by this food,

send us to gather the world to your banquet,

where none are left out and all are satisfied.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Farewell to the Holmgrens

Eternal God, we thank you for Judy and Gordon and for our life together in this congregation and community. As they have been a blessing to us, so now send them forth to be a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

+ + + SENDING + + +

Blessing

The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. Amen.

Sending ELW#729

The Church of Christ, in Ev'ry Age

Dismissal

Go in peace. God is at work in you. Thanks be to God.

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Worship Participants

Audio: Sarah Brakenbury Video: Bill Sime Ushers: Linda Tippey, Closing Duties: Julie Wiegand **Communion Setup: Janet Page** Communion Wine Servers: Nick Elders, Janet Page Assisting Minister: Julie Wiegand Reader: Carol Brown Acolytes: Ryan Tapper, Henry Gray **Organist: Bette Mohr** Pastor: Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes Coffee Fellowship: Jim & Sandra Woods



Today's **Altar Flowers** were donated by Trinity Lutheran Church, *to God be the glory.*

Announcements

Coffee Fellowship Please join us after service in Fellowship Hall.

Bells will be at 11 am after service.

Sunday School will not meet today, see you next Sunday.

Advent Defined-Deadline is Monday, October 30th by noon

First Presbyterian & Trinity Lutheran Church warmly invite you to a delightful Advent collaboration. Teaming up with our local art studio, Art Defined, we present an opportunity for you to glaze and fire your very own nativity set pieces. We plan to offer this annually so members can complete a full nativity set in time.

Choose a Session:

Wednesday, Nov. 15th 4-6 pm at First Presbyterian

Hot cocoa will be available, all are invited to bring cookies to share

Sunday, Nov. 19th 3-5 pm at Trinity Lutheran

Coffee, tea, and lemonade will be provided, all are invited to bring a snack to share.

Crafting the Nativity:

There is a \$40 fee and participants will be given 3 nativity pieces to glaze: Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. The fee includes all supplies, glazing materials, and expert advice from Art Defined. Please contact the office or Pastor Carrie to register by 10/30/23 at noon.

Views & Brews at Innkeepers is Monday, October 30th at 10 am

Adult Bible Study will start on Tuesday, November 7th at 6 pm

Saturday Worship Service is on November 4th at 5 pm

Prayer Requests: Please fill out the salmon-colored slips in the Narthex or call/email the office

Current Prayer List:

Praying For	Prayer
Bev Powell	Quick recovery & healing
Dena Garrison	Comfort, peace, & health
(Hilma McDorman's daughter)	Has cancer
Bonnie Winship	Peace & Comfort
Jean Musolf	Health answers, comfort
Jen Renstrom (Andy Crawford's sister)	Health
Jenna (Erin Crawford's niece)	Stable health, hope for a pain-free
	future
Lynette & Tony	Peace
Lester Johnson Sr.	Prayers

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes, Pastor, Out-of-office: Friday Cell phone: 618-803-8778 Church Office: Phone 309-343-4191 Hours 8:00 am - 1:00 pm, Monday-Friday 1st & 3rd Saturdays, Worship at 5:00 pm, Holy Communion Sunday Worship at 9:30 am; Holy Communion Sunday; Facebook Radio Ministry at 9:30 am on WRAM – 1330 AM www.trinitygalesburg.org trinitylutheran@trinitygalesburg.org

Vision Statement Developing Disciples – Connecting to Christ

Mission Statement Led by the Spirit, we receive Christ's love, share God's forgiving grace, and reach out to welcome, encourage and serve all.

Welcome Statement

Members of Trinity Lutheran Church are freed by the Gospel to seek reconciliation and wholeness in a world that is frequently an unloving place. We extend welcome to all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, whether believer, doubter, or seeker. In Christ's love we invite you, so that led by the power of the Holy Spirit we will join together to strive for racial equity, justice, peace and love in all the earth.

Our Guiding Principles

Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.
We faithfully worship through Word and Sacrament.
We invite and welcome everyone.
We engage all generations in education and ministry.
We serve local and global communities.