

Trinity Lutheran Church

Reformation Sunday October 27th, 2024

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304 E. Ferris Street Galesburg, IL 61401

"the welcome place"

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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 everchanging 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.

+++GATHERING+++

Prelude Triptych on Lord, Keep Us Steadfast Walter Pelz

Welcome & Announcements - Please Sign Friendship Registry
The red ELW hymnal and the purple ACS hymnal are in the pew racks

(Stand)

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All those students receiving Bibles are invited to gather at the front around the font.

Today, Reformation Sunday we give thanks for the gift of baptism by together recalling what reformer Martin Luther wrote about this gift in the Small Catechism. So I ask you:

What is baptism?

Baptism is not simply plain water. Instead, it is water used according to God's command and connected with God's word.

What gifts does baptism grant?
It brings about forgiveness of sins,
redeems from death and the devil,
and gives eternal salvation to all who believe it,

as the words and promise of God declare.

How can water do such great things?
Clearly the water does not do it,
but the word of God,
which is with and alongside the water,
and faith, which trusts this word of God in the water.
For without the word of God
the water is plain water and not a baptism,
but with the word of God it is a baptism,
that is, a grace-filled water of life
and a bath of the new birth in the Holy Spirit.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed in God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Presentation of Bibles

Today we have students with us here at the font. When you were baptized, your family and your church family made some promises to God. They promised to live with you among God's faithful people, bring you to the word of God and the holy supper, teach you the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in your hands the holy scriptures, and nurture you in faith and prayer.

Some of you are now at an age when you are beginning to read well and can read the Bible for yourself! Some of you are asking ever bigger and deeper questions, and can use a study Bible with more complex language. Some of you are drawn to the stories of faith, and can enjoy the pictures or reading with a special person. Where ever you are in this journey of life and faith, God's word will journey with you. Together we are going to fulfill our promise to God to place in your hands the holy scriptures.

God's word is a lamp to your feet and a light to your path.

May you find God in these scriptures, the holy story of God's love for us, and may it open your eyes to see God in the world around you. Amen.

Gathering Hymn ELW (red) 504

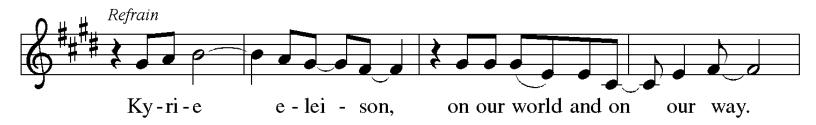
A Mighty Fortress

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.

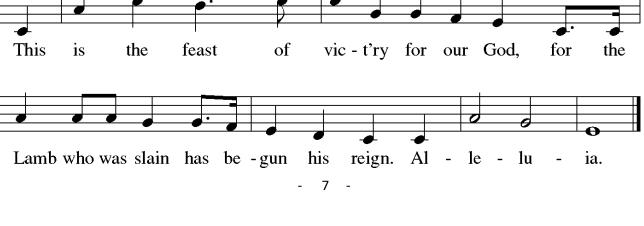
ELW(red), Setting 8, pg. 184-185 (All sing refrain, cantor will sing verses)





- 1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
- 2. That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
- 3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
- 4. For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

ELW (red), Setting 8, pg. 187-188 This is the Feast Refrain of vic - t'ry for our for This is the feast God, the Lamb who was slain has be -gun his reign. Al - le lu ia. 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free of God. peo-ple Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and Refrain bless - ing, and glo - ry This hon - or, are his. is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Althe peo - ple of God, le - lu 2 Sing with all and ia. join in the hymn of all cre - a tion: Bless - ing, hon God and the Lamb glo - ry, and might be to for - ev - er. A - men. Final refrain



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

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46



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¹God is our ref- | uge and strength, a very present | help in trouble.

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

³though its waters | rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble I with its tumult.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God, the holy habitation of | the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall ¹ not be shaken; God shall help it at the ¹ break of day.

⁶The nations rage, and the [|] kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth [|] melts away.

⁷The Lord of [|] hosts is with us; the God of Jacob [|] is our stronghold.

⁸Come now, regard the works ¹ of the Lord, what desolations God has brought up- ¹ on the earth;

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in ¹ all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the ¹ 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."

¹¹The Lord of [|] hosts is with us; the God of Jacob [|] is our stronghold.

Second Reading: Romans 3:19 - 28

¹⁹Now 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. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For 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.

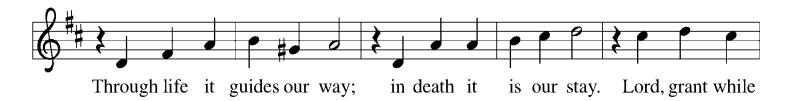
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Gospel Acclamation ELW (red) #509

God's Word is Our Great Heritage









Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861-1925, alt. Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483-1546

Gospel: John 8:31 - 36

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They 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'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So 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 (red) # 517

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Nicene Creed

Let us join together in the confession of our faith.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Sit)

Prayers of Intercession

dead.

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.

Gracious God, in the spirit of reformation we pray for all who cry out for relief from systemic oppression. May the hearts of those who occupy seats of power be reformed so that peace becomes the center of our life together. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Comforting God, be with all who are sick, suffering, or grieving in our own community and beyond, especially Rich and Bruce. 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.

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

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.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

+++MEAL+++

Offering Music If You Believe and I Believe Sr. Choir

Hal Hopson

(Stand)

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

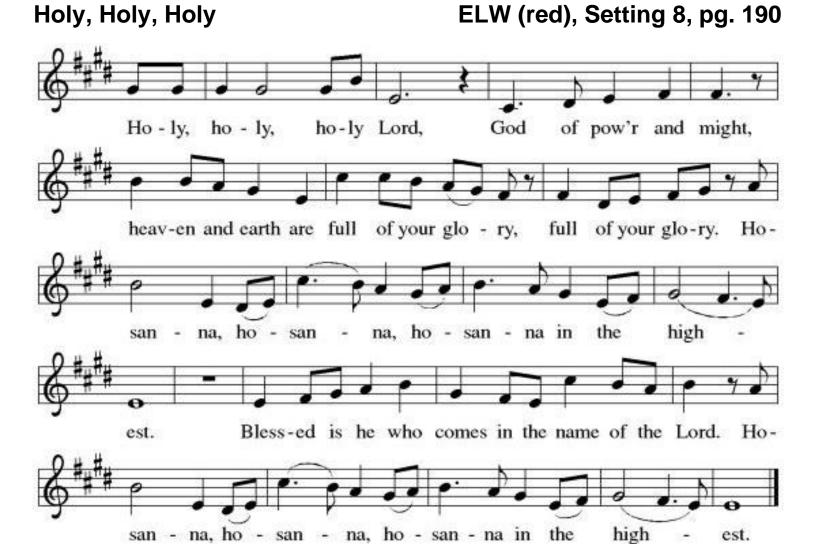
We lift them up to the Lord.

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:



You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,

and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

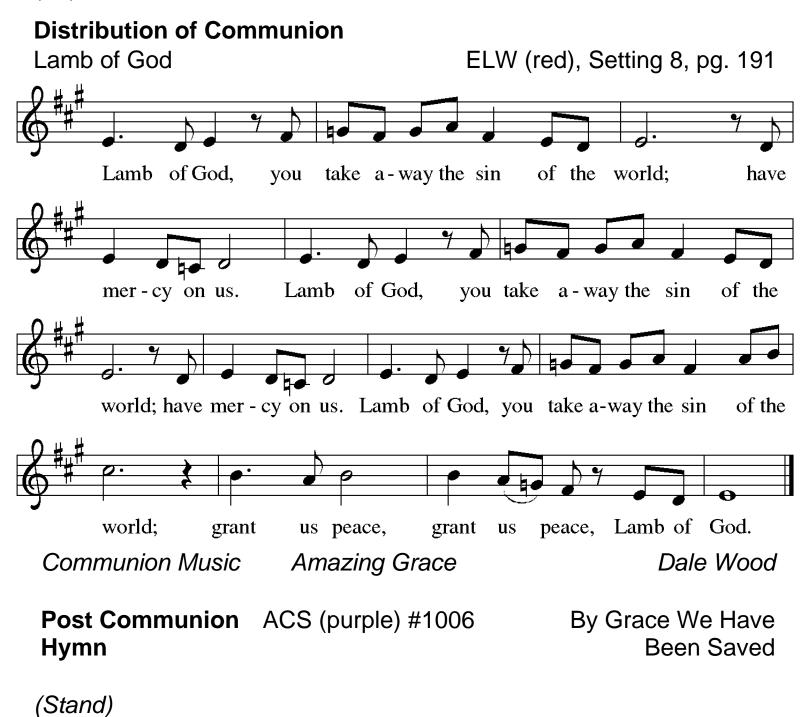
Invitation to Communion

Jesus welcomes you to this table.

Come, here is your God.

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.

(Sit)



Prayer After Communion

Holy God,

you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

+++SENDING+++

Blessing

Sending Hymn

ELW (red) #448

Amazing Grace

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude Recessional on Ein feste Burg Franklin Ashdown

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As you leave, please take a moment to greet one another.

Today's Altar Flowers were provided by Trinity Lutheran Church

In honor of all of our youth

Today's Radio Broadcast was provided by John & Margaret Thulin

In honor of all Trinity members

Worship Participants

Audio: Hillary Hoffman

Video: Bill Sime

Ushers: Roger & Melissa Williamson, Charla Taylor

Communion Setup: Janet Page

Assisting Minister: Sarah Brakenbury

Reader: Mark Holmes

Wine Servers: Jennifer Holmes, Julie Wiegand

Coffee Fellowship: John & Wilma Hessler

Acolyte: Sandra Gray

Closing Duties: Julie Wiegand

Organist: Bette Mohr

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

Announcements

Coffee Fellowship is immediately after service.

Bible Presentation - Sunday, October 27th

Today, Reformation Sunday, we will present Bibles to our children, fulfilling our baptismal promise to place the scriptures in their hands.

A Draft of the New Constitution is available in the Narthex. If you would prefer a copy via email, please contact the office. There will be a congregational vote on the constitution on November 3rd.

Make Your Own Nativity with Art Defined: Join us at 6pm on Wednesday, December 4th, for a special "Make Your Own Nativity" event with Art Defined! You can create a starter set (Mary, Joseph,

and baby Jesus) or, if you participated last year, add the 3 Wise Men to your collection. We'll glaze the figurines together, and Art Defined will fire them for you. Each set is \$45, and it's the perfect opportunity to invite a friend! Sign up by Sunday, November 10th.

Use the QR code in this bulletin to sign up!



<u>Prayer List:</u> If you or loved ones need prayers, please fill out the salmon-colored form located on the bulletin table in the Narthex, and return it to the Office mailbox or drop it in the offering plate.

NamePrayerRich ColburnPrayers for SafetyBruce HebbPrayers for Healing

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, Oct. 27th	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	5:30 pm	Youth Group
Saturday, Oct. Nov th	5:00 pm	Worship led by TLC

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes, Pastor, Out-of-office: Friday
Cell phone: 618-803-8778
Church Office: Phone 309-343-4191
Hours 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, Monday-Friday
1st & 3rd Saturdays; Worship 5:00 pm; Holy Communion
Sunday Worship at 9:30 am; Holy Communion
Sunday Radio Ministry at 9:30 am on WRAM – 1330 AM, Facebook

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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

At Trinity Lutheran Church, we believe God's grace is extended to everyone. Members of Trinity Lutheran Church are freed by the Gospel to seek reconciliation and wholeness. We welcome people of 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

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