



REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 25, 2020 10:00 AM



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of her partners in Music Ministry by Amanda Cook.

SERVING TODAY

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Pianist

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John Park

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Henry Wilcox

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2. Scan materials and email to Kay Cook at kmcook@trinitylutheran.ws.

3. Mail materials to the Church Office at 421 N. Main St., Greenville, SC 29601

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Choral prelude on: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*
by Johannes Pachelbel

WELCOME

Stand as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.**

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you**

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world.

Amen.



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 -
 3. Though hordes of de - vils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -
 4. God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes who



to - rious; who breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour — us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear — it; for God a - lone fights by — our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God a - bove e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. 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,
Empower them for the continuing work of reformation,
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

A reading from Jeremiah.

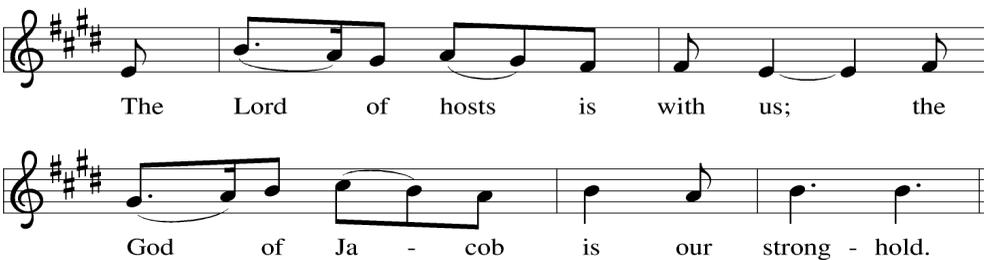
³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their spouse, 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

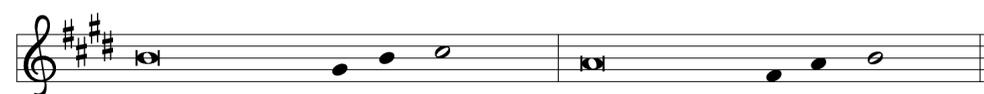
Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.

Psalm Refrain



The Lord of hosts is with us; the
God of Ja - cob is our strong - hold.

Psalm Tone



- ¹God is our ref- | uge 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;**
- ³though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
- ⁴**There 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 | 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.**
- ⁷The 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 up- | on the earth;**
- ⁹behold 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.”**
- ¹¹The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. ☩

A reading from Romans.

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 God’s 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 God’s grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by Christ’s blood, effective through faith. God did this to show God’s righteousness, because in divine forbearance God had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that God is righteous and 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS’ SERMON

You Are Loved

Stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage

#509

**God’s word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever;
to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while
time shall last your church may hold it fast throughout all generations.**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the eighth chapter.

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 permanent place in the household; an heir has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Discovering Truth....Recovering Grace

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

Salvation unto Us Has Come

#590

**Salvation unto us has come by God’s free grace and favor,
good works cannot avert our doom, they help and save us never.**

**Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, who did for
all the world atone, our only mediator.**

**Faith clings to Jesus’ cross alone and rests in him unceasing;
and by its fruits true faith is known, with love and hope increasing.**

**For faith alone can justify; works serve our
neighbor and supply the proof that faith is living.**

All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise to Father, Son, and Spirit!

Lord, you have saved us by your grace; all glory to your merit!

**O triune God in heav’n above you have revealed your
saving love; your blessed name we hallow.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we commemorate the Reformation this year, we do so in a time of pandemic. With the ecumenical and global family, we bring our prayers for healing. And we join with our siblings of other communions in joint service to the neighbor, in restraint and vigilance, and in shared witness. Let us now pray for the world, the church and all those in need.

God of mercy, throughout history your goodness prevails, open the hearts of all people to discover the deep bond of community. Show us your goodness and mercy that endure forever.

Hear our prayer.

God of peace, bend that which is inflexible, the identity barriers that divide, the attachments that thwart reconciliation. Bring peace in this world. Restore wholeness among us and show us your mercy!

Hear our prayer.

God, our healer, come to our aid as COVID-19 continues to spread, heal those who are sick, protect families and friends from being infected. Support those in public health and medical services. Strengthen our resolve to eradicate all diseases, malaria, dengue, HIV & AIDS, and many others. Show us your mercy!

Hear our prayer.

God of justice, hasten justice for those suffering under the power of evil and every form of oppression and greed. We pray for those who are marginalized because of their gender, their sexual orientation, their socioeconomic status, their race, or their country of origin. Give new life to all. Show us your mercy!

Hear our prayer.

God, rock and fortress, protect refugees, those without homes or security, all the abandoned children. Help us always to defend human rights and dignity. Show us your mercy!

Hear our prayer.

God creator, all creation groans in expectation, convert us from exploitation. Teach us to live in harmony with your creation. Show us your mercy!

Hear our prayer.

God of mercy, strengthen and protect those who are persecuted for faith in you and those of other faiths who suffer persecution. Give us the courage to profess our faith. Your mercy endures forever.

Hear our prayer.

God of life, heal painful memories, transform complacency and indifference, inspire and sustain our ecumenical journey from conflict to communion, all of us branches on the one vine, Jesus Christ. Show us your mercy!

Hear our prayer.

God our sustenance, bring us together at your eucharistic table. Turn us to you and one another. Nurture within and among us a communion rooted in your love. Your mercy endures forever!

Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism.

Roger Bearden Brown
Paige Elizabeth Geiger
Paul Grove Glass
Bethany Camden Hybl

Joshua Cole McCaskill
Ava Mae McNeice
Anna Kay Robinson

Dear friends, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

Siblings in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of the Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from the Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at God's holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

*who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father.
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*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.*

Stand

Let us pray for those who are affirming their Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere:

That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death:

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth: Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church:

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love: Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory: Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear God's Word and share in the holy supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these fellow disciples and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray. Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these dear ones your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

God in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in _____ the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his/her faith, guide his/her life, empower him/her in his/her serving, give him/her patience in suffering, and bring him/her to everlasting life.

Amen.

_____, hear the Word of the Lord for you.

Each confirmand is individually gifted with a passage of Scripture.

Stand

Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace be with you.

☒ **Peace be with you.**

Sit

MEAL

OFFERING AND ANTHEM

Morning Has Broken

Music: Gaelic folk song arranged by Rick Wakeman, words by Eleanor Farjoen

Stand as able

OFFERTORY HYMN

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

#594

(Verse 1)

**Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, with exultation springing,
and with united heart and voice and holy rapture singing,
proclaim the wonders God has done, proclaim the vict'ry God has won,
how precious was our ransom!**

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.

Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,

nourish us with this rich food and drink,

and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,

through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

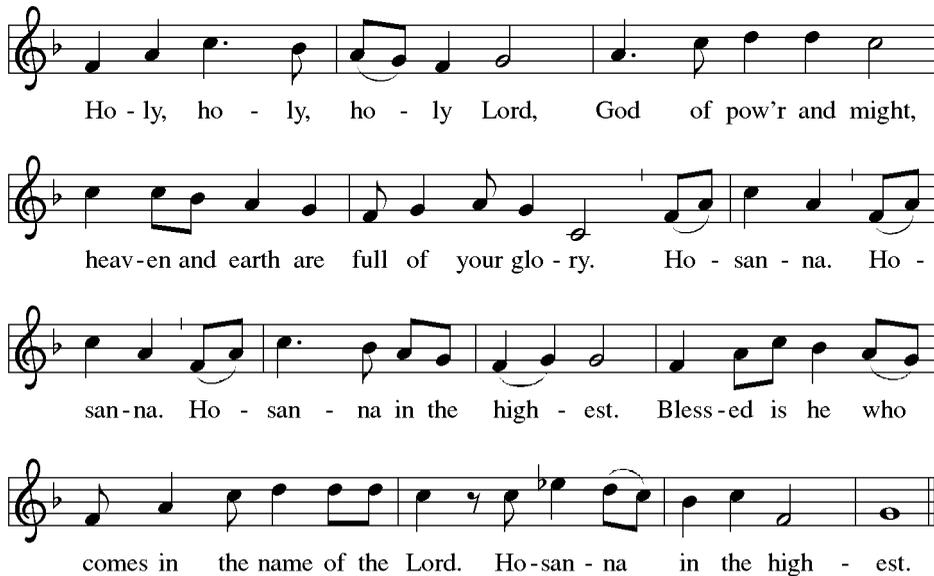
We lift them to the Lord.

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.

Through the work of Martin Luther and the reformers
of the past, present, and future you reveal to your people
the gifts of grace, freedom, mercy, and love and, through their witness,
you extend the boundaries of your glorious kingdom to all people.
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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

Sit

COMMUNION

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Anyone preferring not to receive the wine may receive only the bread, completely trusting that the full benefit of communion — Christ's grace and forgiveness — may be found in either the bread or wine.

Worshippers who gather with family at home are invited to share the bread and wine with each other using these words spoken directly to each person, "The body of Christ given for you," and "The blood of Christ shed for you."

Worshippers who are gathering with the community from their individual homes are invited to receive the bread and wine while saying these words, "The body of Christ given for me," and "The blood of Christ shed for me."

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

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.

**Built on a rock the church shall stand, even when steeples are
falling; crumbled have spires in ev'ry land, bells still are
chiming and calling - calling the young and old to rest, calling the
souls of those distressed, longing for life everlasting.**

**Surely in temples made with hands God the Most High is not
dwelling - high in the heav'ns God's temple stands, all earthly
temples excelling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n above deigns to
abide with us in love, making our bodies his temple.**

**Christ builds a house, of living stones: we are his own habitation;
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones, granting us
life and salvation. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
midst will show his grace, blessings upon them bestowing.**

**Yet in this house, an earthly frame, Jesus the children is
blessing; hither we come to praise his name, faith in our
Savior confessing. Jesus to us his Spirit sent, making with
us his covenant, granting his children the kingdom**

**Through all the passing years, O Lord, grant that when church
bells are ringing, many may come to hear your Word,
who here this promise is bringing: "I know my own, my own know me;
you, not the world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. Amen"**

Stand as able

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, gracious God,
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,
the body and blood of Christ.

Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,
into your beloved vineyard
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Mothering God,
Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

#543

**“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**

**“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story, here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”**

**“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember, through Christ, you, all of you, are saved, loved, and cherished.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fantasia and Chorale on A Mighty Fortress - Luther-Bach-Parham

Salvation unto Us Has come

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Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

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