



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 31, 2021 - 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 remembrance of Reformation Day, by Patrick and Linda Morgan.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister & Preaching	Susan Crowell
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Pianist	Jim Parham
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Lectors	Amy Brown Mandi Whitley
Cantor	Melanie Helling
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Ushers	Jeanne Blinkoff David Nichols Karen Nichols
Reception Hosts	Members of Parish Life
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

*Worship bags are available in the Narthex and outside the Sacristy
for children. Bags for pre-school are tied with a blue ribbon.
Bags for K-5 - Grade 5 have no ribbon.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Stand as able

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **☩** one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us, all of us, with open hands and an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in **☩ Christ Jesus**, God makes you strong, worthy, righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

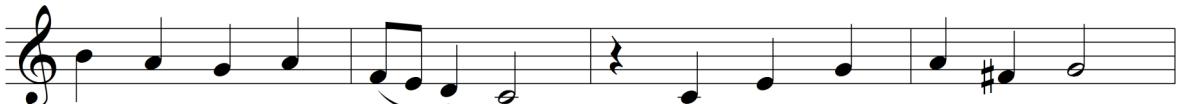
GATHERING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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.
 God a - bove e - lect - ed.
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us.
 weap - ons of the Spir - it.

The old sa - tan - ic foe
 You ask who this may be?
 Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe!
 The Lord of hosts is he!
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage!
 goods, hon - or, child or spouse,

With craft and dread - ful might
 Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 His might is doomed to fail;
 though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail!
 they can - not win the day.

On earth he has no e - qual.
 He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

THE 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

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, 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.

Please be seated

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 God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

The refrain is introduced by the cantor.

Psalm 46

*Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction*Psalm
RefrainPsalm
Tone

¹God is our refuge 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 with its tumult.

**⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city 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.

**⁶The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away. R**

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**⁸Come 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. R

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

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 God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Stand as able

GOSPEL PROCESSION

The musical notation consists of three staves of music. The first two staves are identical, showing the beginning of the Alleluia chant: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The third staff continues the chant with "al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music is in common time, treble clef, and G major (indicated by a sharp sign). The notes are primarily quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below each staff.

If you continue in my word, you are truly my dis - ciples,

Repeat alleluia

and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.

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.

GOSPEL PROCESSION

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.**

Please be seated

SERMON

Stand as able

HYMN OF THE DAY

Rise, Shine, You People

#665

**Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
our human story; God in him is centered. He comes to us,
by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.**

**See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
he brings us freedom, light and life and healing. All men and
women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.**

**Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling, To all the
world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.**

**Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us. Tell how the
Spirit calls from ev'ry nation God's new creation.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we celebrate this Day of Reformation, giving thanks for the gift of freedom in Christ that all humanity shares, let us join together in prayer.

A brief silence is held.

We pray for creation, for mountains, rivers, streams, cities, homesteads, and neighborhoods. Write in our hearts a new love and care for creation. Give us the will to curb wasteful habits and to hold accountable those who neglect the vulnerable.
Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who long for a word of truth and for the radical grace that flows from the cross. Inspire congregations to freely and boldly proclaim your love for all people...for those of us who are poor, for those of us who are black and brown, for those of us who are anxious and depressed, for those of us who are queer, and for those of us who are addicted to drugs and alcohol. Make your blessed church a brave, safe space for us all.
Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who aspire to public office and for all who will vote on Tuesday at local polling places. Pour wisdom and understanding upon all who govern so that communities of justice and peace may thrive. Empower each of us in our daily lives to work for justice and equity in the lives of our neighbors.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who long for healing in mind, body, or spirit. Strengthen hospitals, clinics, counseling centers, nursing homes, and recovery centers to be holy spaces of renewal that all might live the abundant life you intend. Hear us now as we pray for those dear to us who stand in special need of your love, care, and healing....

Prayers are spoken out loud on our lips or silently in the quiet of our hearts.

Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who seek to grow in faith and love of you. We pray especially for the youth at Trinity who will affirm their faith today through the Rite of Confirmation. Send your Holy Spirit to surround, bless, and strengthen Carlie, Emma Grace, Adaline, Ben, Peyton, Abby, and Adyson as they make promises before God this day.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for all the reformers, social activists, and agents of change who stand up and speak out for the poor, the oppressed, the marginalized, the silenced, the forgotten, and the enslaved. Inspire and empower their efforts and give us courage through their example to challenge unjust systems and work toward life-giving reformation for all.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember before you those who have died in Christ and now live in the fullness of salvation. We trust that you are present with us now even as we wait for your glory to be revealed.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

Amen.

Please be seated

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Rite of Confirmation

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

Carlie Brooks Balck
Emma Grace Haines
Adaline Grace McCormack
Benjamin Robert McCormack

Peyton Lily Roth
Abigail Kennedy Sease
Adyson Rhea Woodward

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, we 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 as able

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 as able

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.**

Let us offer our acclamation with applause.

**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. God of abundance,
**you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.**
**Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
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 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-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed 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 for 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.**

Please be seated

COMMUNION

Worshipers will come forward to receive the bread and wine and then return to their seats to consume the elements.

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's love and grace.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff. The lyrics are:

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

ANTHEM

Fight the Good Fight
by K. Lee Scott

Adult Choir

HYMNS

Now Thank We All Our God

#840

**Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

#517

**Lord, keep us steadfast in your word; curb those who
by deceit or sword would wrest the kingdom from your Son
and bring to naught all he has done.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
Lord of lords alone; defend your holy church, that we
may sing your praise eternally.**

**O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and
unity on earth; support us in our final strife
and lead us out of death to life.**

Stand as able

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, [☩] one God,
bless you now and forever.
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 to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Rise, Shine, You People!
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