



GRACE ALONE WORD ALONE
FAITH ALONE



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 26, 2025 - 10:00 AM - in the Sanctuary



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

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

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Tad Boland by his family.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister	Susan Crowell
Assisting Minister and Preaching	Patrick Preacher
Organist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Lector	Mary Mueller
Prayers	Drake McFadyen
Cantor	Richard Moose
Communion Assistants	Jaime Fivecoat Jay Vaclavik
Acolytes	Dovie Dykes Jenna Mast
Crucifer	Clayton Dykes
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Melissa Kolb Brittany Lampson
Nursery	Anne Harmon
Praying for Possibilities	Carl Brune
Greeters	Mark Allen Joe Druga David Londono Jeff Waddell Sarah Weeks
Ushers	Richard Delap Danny Fagala Calvin Harmon Lani Ludian
Fellowship Hosts	David Londono Jeff Waddell
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word – David Johnson
Built on a Rock the Church Shall Stand – by Wilbur Held
Adoration - Florence Price, arr. For brass quintet by Felix Linsmeier
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God – by Helmut Walcha
Anthem for Brass on a Tune by Thomas Tallis – arr. Todd Marchand
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God – Timothy Albrecht

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

Please stand as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our maker, our helper, and our constant companion.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people.

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

Rejoice over us as ones who were lost

and have been found.

Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of † Jesus, your sins, all of your sins, are forgiven!

Amen.

Worshippers are encouraged to joyfully wave red and white streamers during the Gathering Hymn

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
your 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 is with you all.

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



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



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




1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Holy God, Our Mightiest Fortress: Through the power of your Holy Spirit, you reform the church in every age. Continue pouring out your Holy Spirit to bring about the winds of change within your church and in the hearts of your faithful people. Center our focus on your word, faith, grace, and on Christ that we may give glory to you alone. In times of conflict, grant us courage and peace, reminding us that sometimes things must be hammered out as part of your purpose. When the nails of change and conflict overwhelm us, bestow within us the courage of the reformers before us. Gift us the ability to dream with you for a brighter tomorrow in which all of humanity is set free to serve neighbor and stranger alike in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, whose grace never runs out and who always sets the sinner free, now and forever.

Amen

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹The days are surely coming, declares our God, 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 married to them, says God. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says God: 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 God,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says God; 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
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. R**
- 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. **R**

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 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 his blood, effective through faith. This was 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.

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

Worshippers are encouraged to joyfully wave red and white streamers during the Gospel Processional

Refrain (All):

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

Choir:

If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples,
and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. *Repeat alleluia*

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 set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and Sarah and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be set 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; the heir has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the heir – the Only Begotten – sets you free, you will be free indeed."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

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 our church may hold it fast through-out all generations.**

Please be seated

SERMON

Nails, Nails, Nails

Please stand as able

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

#729

**The church of Christ, in ev'ry age beset by
change, but Spirit led, must claim and test its
heritage and keep on rising from the dead.**

**Across the world, across the street, the victims
of injustice cry for shelter and for
bread to eat, and never live before they die.**

**Then let the servant church arise, a caring
church that longs to be a partner in Christ's
sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.**

**For he alone, whose blood was shed can cure the
fever in our blood, and teach us how to
share our bread and feed the starving multitude.**

**We have no mission but to serve in full
obedience to our Lord; to care for all, without
reserve, and spread his liberating word.**

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**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 to judge the living and the dead.**

**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**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

Reform your church, O God, to be transformed by your love and grace. Direct your church to be united in word and deed so that all creation knows the unifying power of the gospel. When we find ourselves bound, set us free. When we find ourselves overcome with greed or power, send someone to write a new way on the doors before flinging them open. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Reform creation, O God, so that all living creatures thrive together. Guide those who work to restore and renew creation. Preserve and care for endangered species throughout the world, especially the red fox, loggerhead turtle, and the gray bat. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Reform the nations, O God, so violence and terror are not the norm on your earth. We continue to pray for peace between Gaza and Israel where Israeli strikes have continued and killed more than one hundred people since the recent ceasefire agreement. Inspire leaders to work for peace and justice. Unite politicians with a common mission and purpose. Act quickly before more innocent lives are lost. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Heal all who suffer, O God, and bring them peace. Draw near to people who are incarcerated. Give hope to people experiencing housing crises, employment insecurity, oppression, or discrimination. Bring support to those struggling during the government shutdown. Through you, all things are possible, therefore we pray to you as the Healer of Every Ill for all who are suffering and in need, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Be our fortress at all times. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Reform our hearts as you forgive us our sins, O God, and grant us your grace. Move us to understanding and reconciliation between people of other faiths and other Christian traditions in our community, as well as among ourselves. Mend hurt feelings and heal wounds we have caused one another. Bring your spirit of truth to difficult conversations. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Reform your church's theology, O God, and teach us to understand you through hearts of love and mercy rather than fear and judgment. Continue using this congregation to reach out to those the church has harmed. Make a space here for the queer, the marginalized, and the ones society has placed on the bottom of the proverbial pyramid. Change the teachings of churches and leaders who rely on exclusionary rhetoric and scare tactics to explore faith in you. Show them a new, more inclusive, and more loving way. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We give you thanks, O God, for the life and witness of all your saints. We thank you on this day especially for Martin Luther, Philip Melanchthon, Katharina Von Bora, and Katharina Schütz Zell. Give us hope in Christ's victory through the cross. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

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

Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated

MEAL

OFFERING

Christ Is Our Cornerstone

Music: Philip W. J. Stopford

Text: Latin, 8th century hymn, translated by John Chandler (1837)

Christ is our cornerstone; on him alone we build;
With his true saints above the courts of Heav'n are filled:
On his great love our hopes we place
Of present grace and joys above.

Oh, then, with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring!
Our voices we will raise, the Three in One to sing;
And thus proclaim in joyful song,
Both loud and long, that glorious name.

Here, gracious God, do thou forevermore draw night;
Accept each faithful vow, and mark each suppliant sigh;
In copious shower on all who pray
Each holy day, thy blessings pour.

Here may we gain from heaven the grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once given, Be with us evermore.
Until that day when all the blest
To endless rest are called away.

Christ is our cornerstone, Christ is our cornerstone
Christ is our cornerstone; on him alone we build!

Please stand as able

OFFERING HYMN

Dear Christians One and All, Rejoice
(verse 1)

#594

**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, Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is 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 kin-dom 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:

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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 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.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

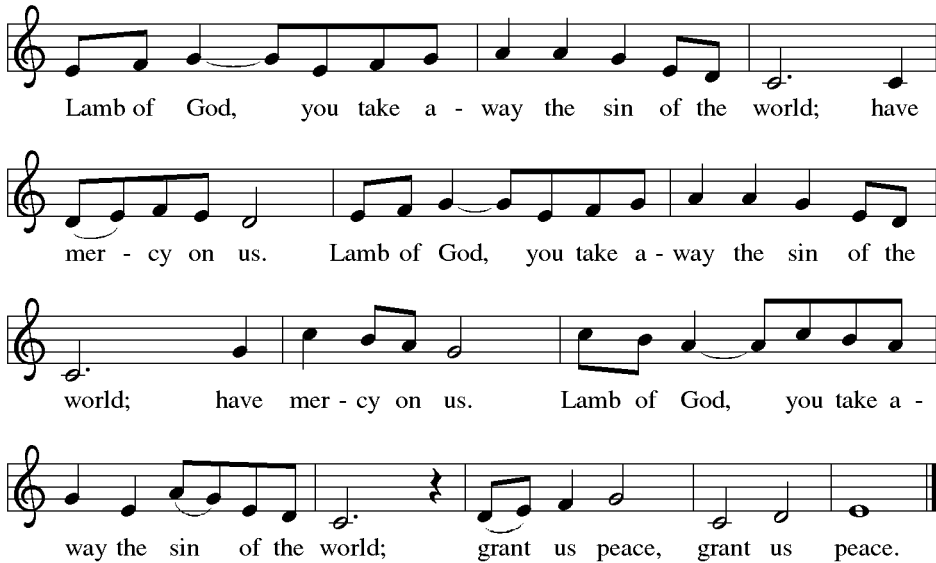
Please be seated

COMMUNION

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice— wine in the larger section and grape juice in the smaller section. Christ's grace and forgiveness is found in the bread, wine, and grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available.

At the direction of the ushers, worshippers are invited to move to the front of the center aisle to dip the wafer into the chalice to receive Communion by intinction.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



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.

Chorale Prelude on *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* by Anton Wilhelm Leupold

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.**

**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 his 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"**

**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.**

**What God did in the law demand no one could keep unailing;
great woe arose on ev'ry hand, and sin grew all prevailing.
Because the law must be fulfilled, Christ came as
God in mercy willed, for us the law obeying.**

**Since Christ has full atonement made and brought to us salvation,
we will rejoice, we will be glad and build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead; baptized into
your death, I'm freed; your life is mine forever.**

**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.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done in this world
as in heaven; give bread for each new day begun;
our sins be all forgiven, as we forgive what others do;
in ev'ry trial see us through; from evil save us. Amen.**

Two settings of *Salvation unto Us Has Come* for organ by Paul Kickstat

Please stand as able

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's
grace.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Mother/Father God,
through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

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.**

DISMISSAL

Go forth with a nail of freedom in your pocket, allowing the gospel to guide your feet.

Go forth with a nail of peace in your pocket, welcoming gladness into your hearts.

Go forth with a nail of love in your pocket, knowing that God's most precious gift of grace is freely given to all.

Go forth carrying the hammer of reformation, trusting the Holy Spirit to guide your hammering in the name of Christ.

Hammer away, dear friends!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Galliard Battaglia - Scheidt – trans. Canadian Brass

Following worship everyone is invited to gather for refreshments and fellowship on the front lawn followed by Together@Trinity in the Multipurpose Room.

CAPITAL CITY BRASS Quintet

Trumpet - Doug Leadbitter

Trumpet - Jason Ortiz

Horn - Holly Beeson

Trombone - Brian Wargel

Tuba - Allen Kaiser

Timpani - John Beckford

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