

October 27, 2024

Reformation Sunday



If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples,
and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

John 8:31b–32

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AS WE GATHER

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran! In Psalm 12, King David cries out, “Save, O LORD, for the godly one is gone; for the faithful have vanished from among the children of man” (v. 1). The Lord God’s anointed king lives in a troubling world! Many centuries later, Martin Luther paraphrased the words of David, writing in a hymn text in 1523: “O Lord, look down from heav’n, behold and let Thy pity waken; . . . dark times have us o’ertaken” (TLH 260:1). Looking at our world today, we can relate to both King David and Martin Luther. Yet both men expressed hope in their written words. In his psalm, David writes, “The words of the LORD are pure words, . . . You, O LORD, will keep them” (vv. 6a, 7a). And Luther confidently writes, “So through God’s Word shall men endure each trial and temptation” (TLH 260:5). Reformation Day echoes the call to faithfulness heard by God’s people through the ages. May we listen well!

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN

657 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 dev - ils 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; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,

work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
 hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
 we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
 child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They

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

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INVOCATION (*stand*)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 41:13; 79:9, 13; 125:1-2*

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
People: **from everlasting to everlasting!**
Pastor: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; deliver us,
 and atone for our sins, for Your name's sake!
People: **We Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You
 forever; from generation to generation we will recount Your praise.**
Pastor: Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be
 moved, but abides forever.
People: **As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds His
 people, from this time forth and forevermore.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 130*

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, as together we make our confession this day, we
 use words based on Psalm 130. In confidence, let us come before our
 gracious Lord to confess our sins and to receive His gracious absolution.
 We speak the words of the psalm.
People: **Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let
 Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
 If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
 But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared. I wait for
 the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope; my soul waits for**

the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Pastor: God has promised His forgiveness of sins to those who repentantly confess their sins, imploring His grace and mercy for the sake of His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

☩ WORD ☩

KYRIE

“Kyrie — II”

LSB 944



1 Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.
 2 Christ, _____ have mer - cy. Christ, _____ have mer - cy.
 3 Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.



Lord, _____ have mer - - - cy.
 Christ, _____ have mer - - - cy.
 Lord, _____ have mer - - - cy.

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HYMN OF PRAISE

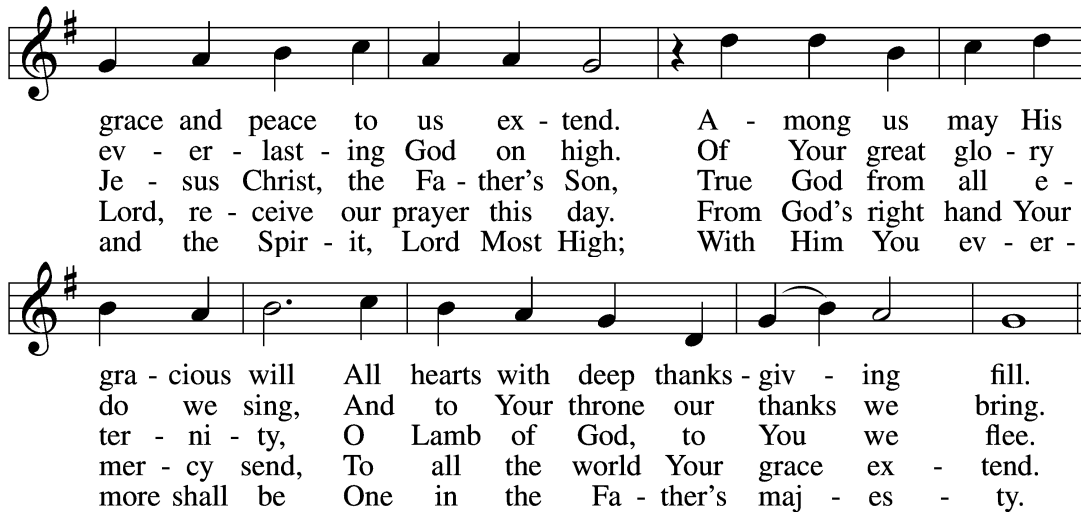
948 All Glory Be to God Alone



1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the
 2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor - ship You in
 3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Al -
 4 You take the whole world's sin a - way; Have mer - cy on us,
 5 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One And o - ver all are



high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And
 hum - ble - ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The
 might - y One. O Lord, the sole - be - got - ten One, Lord
 Lord, we pray. You take the whole world's sin a - way; O
 Lord a - lone. O Je - sus Christ, we glo - ri - fy You



grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His
 ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Your great glo - ry
 Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e -
 Lord, re - ceive our prayer this day. From God's right hand Your
 and the Spir - it, Lord Most High; With Him You ev - er -
 gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
 do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.
 ter - ni - ty, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.
 mer - cy send, To all the world Your grace ex - tend.
 more shall be One in the Fa - ther's maj - es - ty.

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SALUTATION (sit)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray together.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen

REFORMATION SEQUENCE *Part 1*

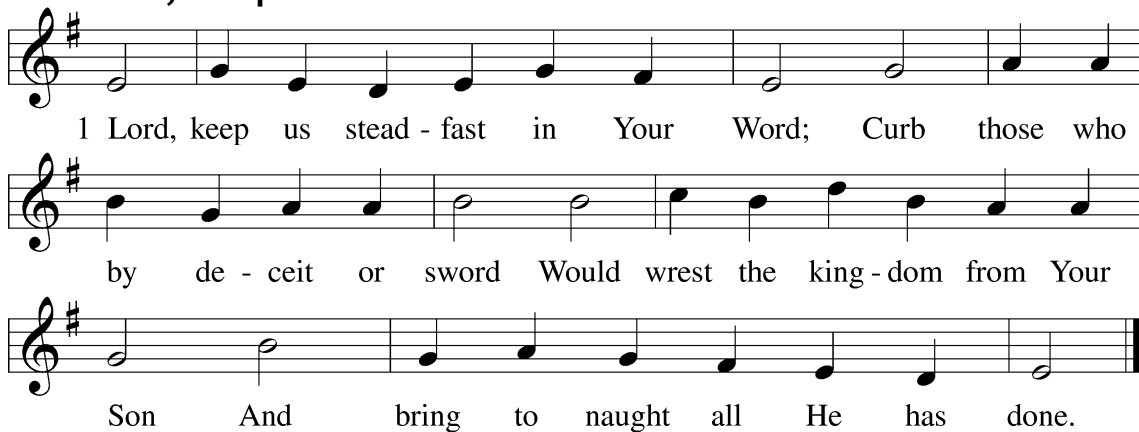
Pastor: One of the most famous documents of the Reformation Era is the set of the Ninety-Five Theses posted on the door of the Castle Church at Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517. In this set of ninety-five statements that Dr. Luther wished to have debated was a challenge to accepted practices in the church of his time that Luther felt were at odds with the biblical witness and therefore were not true. His introduction to the set of statements he had written is highlighted by two words: “love” and “truth.” We now hear what Luther wrote as the introduction to his now famous Ninety-Five Theses.

Reader: “Out of love for the truth and the desire to bring it to light, the following propositions will be debated at Wittenberg, under presidency of the Reverend Father Martin Luther, Master of Arts and of Sacred Theology, and the Lecturer on Ordinary on the same at that place. For that reason, he requests that those who cannot be present and debate orally with us may do so by letter.”

Pastor: The challenges to Luther that resulted from his posting of the Ninety-Five Theses remained a constant factor throughout his life. A few years before his death, he wrote the words to the stirring hymn “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word.” Both the text and the tune are attributed to the great reformer.

HYMN

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Son And bring to naught all He has done.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert, 1543, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug
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FIRST READING *Revelation 14:6–7*

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 46*

People: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Men: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Women: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

Men: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

Women: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts.

People: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Men: Come, behold the works of the LORD, how He has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire.

Women: "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

People: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

CHOIR

"We Are the Church of God"

Directing: Vicki Ackerman

Accompanying: Sandy Wilson

EPISTLE

Romans 3:19–28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE(stand) *Luke 12:32*

People: Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

People: Glory be to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31–36

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide 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 offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY (sit)

555 Salvation unto Us Has Come



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had
5 Yet as the Law must be ful - filled Or we must die de -
7 Let me not doubt, but tru - ly see Your Word can - not be
9 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone And rests in Him un -



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They
giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And
spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled, Our
bro - ken; Your call rings out, "Come un - to Me!" No
ceas - ing; And by its fruits true faith is known, With



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus
by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a
hu - man na - ture shar - ing. He has for us the
false - hood have You spo - ken. Bap - tized in - to Your
love and hope in - creas - ing. For faith a - lone can

Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
mir - ror bright, To bring the in - bred
Law o - beyed, And thus the Fa - ther's
pre - cious name, My faith can - not be
jus - ti - fy; Works serve our neigh - bor

world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
ven - geance stayed Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.
put to shame, And I shall nev - er per - ish.
and sup - ply The proof that faith is liv - ing.

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SERMON

(John 8:31-36)

NICENE CREED(stand)

**People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits
at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both
the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped**

and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Rite of First Communion *(sit)*

Address to the Congregation

P Beloved in the Lord, in Holy Baptism people are born again as God’s children and received into His Church. As a further gift of His love for us, our Lord Jesus Christ has given His Church the Sacrament of the Altar and invites His children to receive this Sacrament in faith for the forgiveness of their sins. The apostle Paul reminds us, “Let a person examine himself and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup,” and “as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.” This candidate has received instruction and has been examined by the pastor regarding her sin and her understanding of the Sacrament of the Altar.

Address to the Candidate

P You are about to be admitted to the Lord’s Table. Holy Scripture describes the life of the Church and every baptized Christian with these words: “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” You are invited by our Lord to come regularly to hear His Word and receive His Sacrament. You will continue to be instructed and nurtured in the Christian faith and life. You are invited to confess your sins and receive the comfort of Holy Absolution. All this will help you live as the child of God you have been made through Holy Baptism.

In testimony of this faith and confession, I now ask you:

Profession of Faith

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe that Jesus Christ, true God and true man, is your Lord?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe that you are a sinner?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe that Jesus Christ died for you and shed His blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of all your sins?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper He gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and to strengthen your faith in Him and your love toward others?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you intend to continue to hear and receive the instruction of your Lord, confess your sins, and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully throughout your life?

R *Yes, with the help of God.*

P I therefore invite you to the Lord's Supper to receive Christ's precious body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Address to the Congregation

P Parents, (sponsors), and members of the congregation, the whole Church shares with you the responsibility and concern for the ongoing instruction and spiritual care of this young person. I now ask you, will you intercede for her in prayer and, as much as you are able, give her your counsel and aid that, in communion with the Church, she may grow up to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ? Then answer: We will, with the help of God.

C **We will, with the help of God.**

Collect for a single candidate

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, whose Son Jesus Christ loved the young and called them to Himself, we ask You to bless Courtney. Strengthen her in the faith through the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood so that she may grow spiritually and bring forth the fruits of faith in a life of love toward others to the praise and honor of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Peace

P We rejoice with thankful hearts in your confession of faith. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His holy Supper, He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Peace ✠ be with you.

C **Amen.**

REFORMATION SEQUENCE *Part 2*

Pastor: A major focus of Luther's Ninety-Five Theses was his concerns about the marketing of indulgences or letters of pardon for sins committed that were sold by traveling salesmen sent out by the church to raise funds for cathedral construction and other church projects. This money-raising strategy turned the forgiveness God gives freely through Jesus Christ into a commodity that could be purchased for the right price. Indulgences were readily available to wealthy people but not to the masses of common people—the kind of people that Luther knew well and preached to week by week. In Theses 36 and 37, he rightly asserts that God's forgiveness is equally available to all who repent.

Reader: "Every truly repentant Christian has plenary [full] remission of penalty and guilt, even without letters of pardon. Every true Christian, whether living or dead, has a part in all the benefits of Christ and the church, given him by God, even without letters of pardon."

Pastor: Luther's love for the truth and his desire to bring it to light led to dark times for those who saw the light of the Gospel in the writings of the great reformer. In the second stanza of "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word," Luther prays that God would defend and protect the church and its people. His prayer in his day is our prayer today as well.

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature of '2'. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics. The third staff ends with a double bar line.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH(stand) LSB, p. 215

Pastor: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ, our Lord, has taught us and freely promised to hear us. God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend Amber, Carol, Teresa, Tom, Ron, Vivian, Nita, friends and family of Gene Fulton and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

OFFERTORY

956 Create in Me

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12 Tune: Johann Georg Winer, 1583-1651, adapt. Text and tune: Public domain

(God continually provides for us. Our giving should reflect our heartfelt cheerfulness that trusts in God. As your faith guides you, let your offering of all your gifts – time, talents, resources – enable us to move forward in the mission Christ has given us.) Rom. 12:1; 2 Cor. 8:1-9, 12; 2 Cor. 9:6-8

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

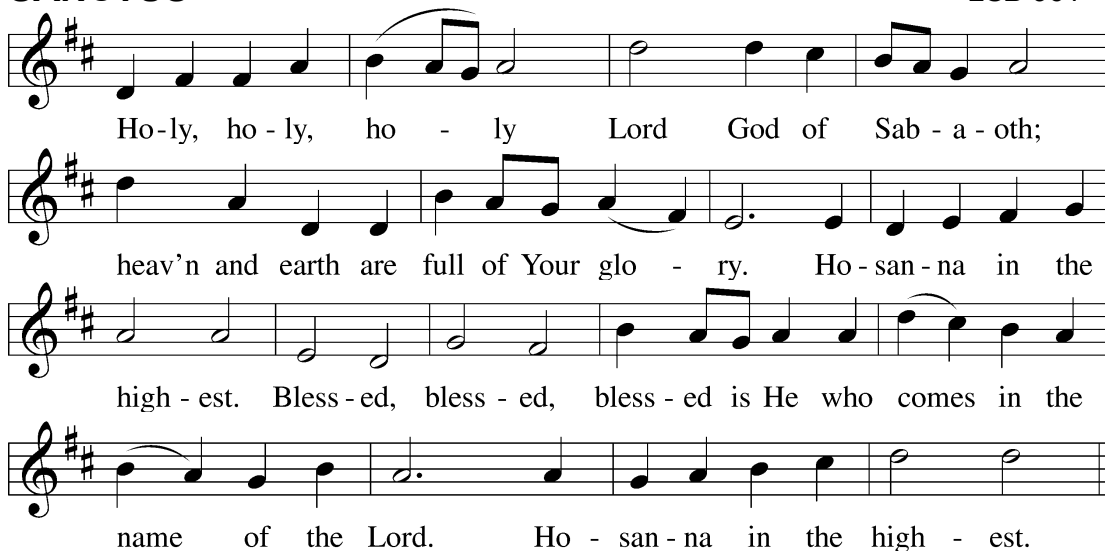
PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

SANCTUS

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the
high-est. Bless-ed, bless-ed, bless-ed is He who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and have given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We thank You for having called us as Your people who are kept by Your abiding care in this, our contentious world. Grant that all who partake of Christ's holy body and blood this day be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy. As we join at Your Table, grant that we be sanctified in body and soul and spirit and finally be granted our place in Your eternal kingdom. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Cor. 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \times body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \times blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

People: **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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

“Agnus Dei — I”

LSB 962

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 Your peace, grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

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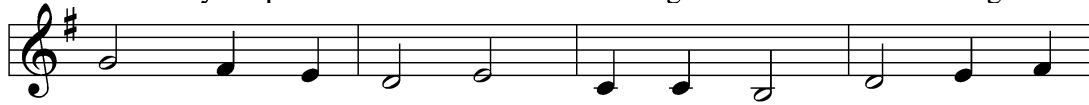
622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have pre - pared This feast for
 2 Al - though You did to heav'n as - cend, Where an - gel
 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious
 6 Lord, I be - lieve what You have said; Help me when
 8 For Your con - sol - ing sup - per, Lord, Be praised through-

our sal - va - tion; It is Your bod - y
 hosts are dwell - ing, And in Your pres - ence
 Word be - liev - ing That Your true bod - y
 doubts as - sail me. Re - mem - ber that I
 out all a - ges! Pre - serve it, for in



and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion
 they be - hold Your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,
 and Your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.
 am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.
 ev - 'ry place The world a - gainst it ra - ges.



As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to
 And though Your peo - ple shall not see Your glo - ry
 This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, All things are
 Your sup - per in this vale of tears Re - fresh - es
 Grant that this sac - ra - ment may be A bless - ed



You for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.
 and Your maj - es - ty Till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,
 pos - si - ble with You, For You are Lord Al - might - y.
 me and stills my fears And is my price - less trea - sure.
 com - fort un - to me When liv - ing and when dy - ing.

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824 May God Bestow on Us His Grace



1 May God be - stow on us His grace, With bless - ings rich pro -
 2 Thine o - ver all shall be the praise And thanks of ev - 'ry
 △ 3 O let the peo - ple praise Thy worth, In all good works in -



vide us; And may the bright - ness of His face
 na - tion; And all the world with joy shall raise
 creas - ing; The land shall plen - teous fruit bring forth,



To life e - ter - nal guide us, That we His sav - ing
 The voice of ex - ul - ta - tion. For Thou shalt judge the
 Thy Word is rich in bless - ing. May God the Fa - ther,



health may know, His gra - cious will and plea - sure,
 earth, O Lord, Nor suf - fer sin to flour - ish;
 God the Son, And God the Spir - it bless us!



And al - so to the na - tions show Christ's rich - es with - out
 Thy peo - ple's pas - ture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and
 Let all the world praise Him a - lone, Let sol - emn awe pos -



mea - sure And un - to God con - vert them.
 nour - ish, In righ - teous paths to keep them.
 sess us. Now let our hearts say, "A - men!"

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627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way God's
 3 Je - sus here Him - self is shar - ing; Heed then how you
 5 Firm - ly hold with faith un - shak - en That this food is
 7 Christ says: "Come, all you that la - bor, And re - ceive My
 9 If your heart this truth pro - fess - es And your mouth your



wrath for - ev - er; By His bit - ter grief and woe
 are pre - par - ing, For if you do not be - lieve,
 to be tak - en, By the sick who are dis - tressed,
 grace and fa - vor: Those who feel no pain or ill
 sin con - fess - es, You will be your Sav - ior's guest,

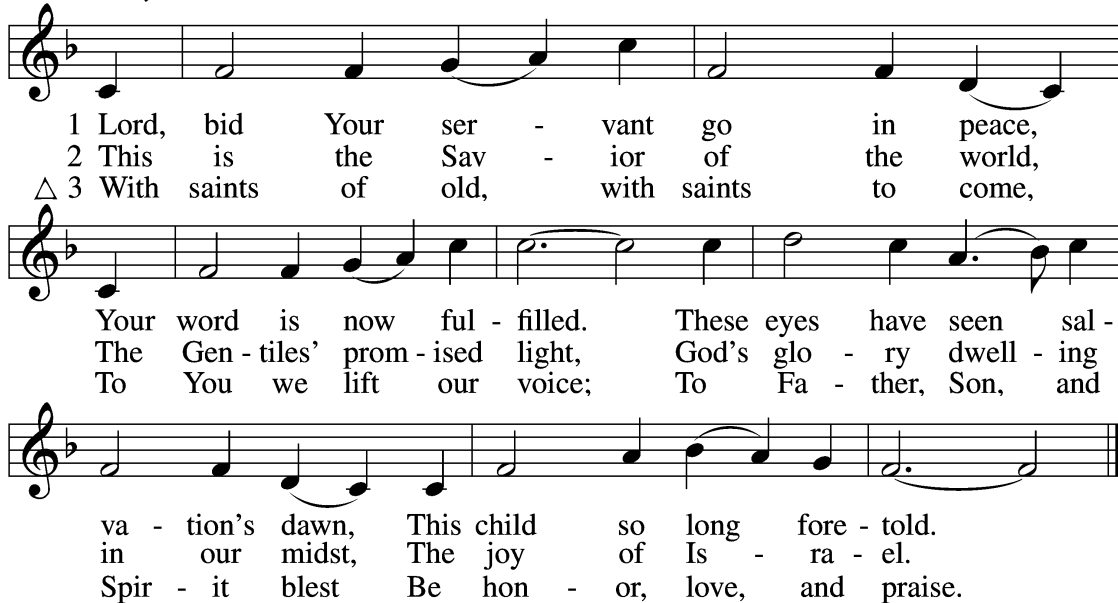


He saved us from the e - vil foe.
 His judg - ment then you shall re - ceive.
 By hearts that long for peace and rest.
 Need no phy - si - cian's help or skill.
 Be at His ban - quet tru - ly blest.

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE(stand)

937 Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,
△ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,
Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing
To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and
va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.
in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.
Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

REFORMATION SEQUENCE *Part 3*

Pastor: In the final two of the Ninety-Five Theses, Martin Luther gave an indication that he was well aware of the pathway that Christians would be taking as they followed the truth of the Gospel. No matter how contentious and challenging the world might be in a given era, the gracious guidance of Christ would be sufficient to lead His faithful flock to the joys of everlasting glory. Hear now Theses 94 and 95.

Reader: “Christians should be exhorted to be diligent in following Christ, their Head, through penalties, death and hell. And thus be confident of entering into heaven through many tribulations rather than through the false security of peace (Acts 14:22).”

Pastor: In Thesis 62, Luther shared the heart of his message in a most straightforward way, as he writes, “The true treasure of the church is the most holy gospel of the glory and grace of God.” The closing stanza of “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” is a prayer for peace and unity to the Holy Spirit. With the psalmist we say to our loving Lord, “I will praise You with an upright heart. . . . I will keep Your statutes” (119:7a, 8a). Together we sing the last stanza of Luther’s hymn of trust and faith.

HYMN

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal
strife And lead us out of death to life.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 3-measure rest. The lyrics are: "3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal". The third staff concludes the phrase with lyrics: "strife And lead us out of death to life." The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final double bar line.

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BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

CLOSING HYMN

578 Thy Strong Word



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.

Alleluia, alleluia!
 May the light which Thou dost send
 Fill our songs with alleluias,
 Alleluias without end!



6 God the Father, light-creator,
 To Thee laud and honor be.
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
 Praise be sung eternally.

Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 Glory, glory be to Thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 Praise the holy Trinity!

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October 27, 2024
Reformation Sunday

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK,

We pray to our merciful Heavenly Father for:

- ✦ **Healing for all those who are experiencing health issues** Amber Albrecht (Romelle Humphrey's great niece), Carol Bogle (Randy Bogle's mother), Teresa Groth, Tom Groth (Earl's brother), Ron Moyer, Vivian Oestmann, Nita Whitney and all those in need.
- ✦ **Encouragement, strengthened faith and healing for those with long-term illnesses:** Delta Boden, Carmen (Loli Bohling's sister), Susan Bohling, Marshall Clark (Jim & Sharon's grandson), Glen Hogue, Lynn LaBalle, Melissa Pierpoint, Joni Scotter (Rich Scotter's mother), and Kamani Williams (infant, friend of Nita Whitney)
- ✦ **Family of Gene Fulton (Wendy Oltrogge's uncle)** as they grieve his death. May the strength and comfort of our Risen Lord, Jesus, be with them each hour.

THOSE CELEBRATING SPECIAL DAYS
THIS WEEK:

Birthdays: 10/29: Becky Lueders, Brodie Pierpoint; 10/30: Richard Tanderup; 10/31: Reagan Joe; 11/1: Sandy Wilson
Baptisms: 10/27: Chantelle Wilke; 11/1: Steven Jobe
Anniversaries: 11/1: Marcus and Amanda Ackley

SUN – 10/27	MON – 10/28	TUE – 10/29	WED – 10/30	THU – 10/31	FRI – 11/1	SAT – 11/2	SUN – 11/3
<i>First Communion</i> 9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 AM Adult & Children's Sunday School	10:00 AM Bible Study & Prayer	6:30 PM Bible Study & Prayer		 5:00 – 6:30 PM Trunk or Treat	 11:30 AM Monthly Trinity Luncheon		9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 AM Adult & Children's Sunday School

Scripture reading for next week:

Rev. 7:9-17; 1John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

Weekday Bible Study:

Lessons for discussion 10/28 or 10/29: Jb. 15:1-Jb. 31:40

Lessons for discussion 11/4 or 11/5: Jb. 32:1-Ps. 11:7

Organist Sandy Wilson

Pianist... Vicki Ackerman

If you have a hearing aid and are having difficulty during the musical segments of the worship service, could you please try setting your hearing aids to either “noisy” or “music” if your devices have such a setting. If this doesn’t resolve this issue, please contact Vicki Ackerman at (402) 314-4407 or worshipattrinityaub@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Trunk or Treat Sign-ups: Sign up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall for Trunk or Treat on October 31st 5:00-6:30. Opportunities include help with a trunk to hand out candy, set-up and clean-up, or serve food in the kitchen. There are also small invitations on the table in the narthex that you are welcome to take for friends and family.



Monthly Trinity Luncheon, Friday, November 1, 11:30AM, Pizza Hut in Auburn: The first Friday of each month, ALL Trinity folks are invited to have lunch, fun and fellowship together! Feel free to bring friends! Contact Lisa Scotter (402 575-1960) with any questions.

Save the Date! On Friday, November 15, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm, there will be a game night here at Trinity for all Sunday School aged children and their families. Please plan to join the fun! Like the camping trip, we have invited the churches from the district and hope to have good attendance from Trinity to welcome anyone who attends!

Circuit Visitor Nomination needed by Circuit Forum November 10: Congregational voters are to nominate a pastor from the Circuit to serve as Circuit Visitor. Pastors and delegates at the Forum will place votes for the Visitor.

Congregational Assessment of Development/Decline Status (CADDs) Survey: Our church family is participating in the CADDs survey Oct. 13 – Nov. 3. This tool helps provide a snapshot of our strengths and any weaknesses as we grow and move forward. Please take time to complete the survey. More details are in a flyer and handouts in the narthex.

St. John's Lutheran Church is hosting the 9th Annual Christmas Cantata. The performance is December 15th at 3:00pm. The Cantata is directed by Kevin McKinney and accompanist Loretta Kerchal. You do not need to be a member of St. John Lutheran to participate. Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talents with us. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Kevin at 402-335-8271 or kevin.mckinney421@gmail.com.