Trinity Lutheran Church
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Service of Holy Communion—*Lutheran Book of Worship,* Setting II
Reformation Sunday, October 25, 2026
In-Person at 10:15 am & Live at Facebook.com/TrinityLutheranNH

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.
Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* **LBW No. 229**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther
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APOSTOLIC 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.

KYRIE
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray. . . .

Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:31-34
The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the
house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made

with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. 33But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

1 God 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 be toppled into the depths | of the sea;
3 though its waters | rage and foam,*
and though the mountains tremble | at its tumult.
4 The LORD of | hosts is with us;*
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
5 There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,*
the holy habitation of | the Most High.
6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be | overthrown;*
God shall help her at the | break of day.
7 The nations make much ado, and the king- | doms are shaken;*
God has spoken, and the earth shall | melt away.
8 The LORD of | hosts is with us;*
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
9 Come now and look upon the works | of the LORD,*
what awesome things he has | done on earth.
10 It is he who makes war to cease in | all the world;*
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.
11 "Be still, then, and know that | I am God;*
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."
12 The LORD of | hosts is with us;*
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

Gloria Patri (*chanted after the psalm*)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the / Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be fore-/ ver. Amen

SECOND LESSON: Romans 3:19-28
The Apostle Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

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

21 But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is
attested by the law and the prophets, 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus
Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, 23 since all have sinned and fall
short of the glory of God; 24 they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the
redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement
by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in
his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; 26 it was to
prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who
has faith in Jesus.
27 Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No,
but by the law of faith. 28 For 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/ALLELUIA
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36
The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his Word. He himself is the truth that sets people free from sin.

31 Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are
truly my disciples; 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."
33 They 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'?"
34 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to
sin. 35 The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place
there forever. 36 So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Salvation unto Us Has Come"* **LBW No. 297**

Salvation unto Us Has Come

Text: Paul Speratus, 1484–1551; tr. *Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book*, 1912, alt.
Music: ES IST DAS HEIL, *Etlich christlich Lieder,* Wittenberg, 1524

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

NICENE CREED
We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

THE PRAYERS

D: In our prayers today and this week, please remember: [prayer list]. We also invite your own petitions either aloud or silently in your hearts.

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your Church. Make it your holy habitation; keep it steadfast in your Word; strengthen it in the face of temptation; defend it from all evil; reform and purify it from sin and error; and bestow on it your saving peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Graciously uphold the people of this congregation called Trinity. Gladden our hearts with the joy of your saving love. Keep us steadfast in the Gospel of your Son, crucified and risen to forgive our sins, and to grant life and salvation to all who believe. Cause us to overflow with the gifts of your Spirit, that we may be a blessing to all our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Exalt yourself among the nations, and speak your holy Word to the leaders of the world. We long for the day when you will break the bow, shatter the spear, and make war to cease throughout the world. Until then, watch over this nation; strengthen all who serve and care for others; be the protection of the innocent and vulnerable; and teach us to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift before you the needs of all who are shaken or troubled in body, mind, or spirit. Especially we pray for those we have named aloud or remember before you now. Be in their midst; send them your saving help; and comfort them with your promise: "Be still, and know that I am God." Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the lives of all your faithful people: prophets, apostles, and martyrs; theologians and confessors; teachers and pastors; and all the ordinary saints whom you have claimed as your own through the precious blood of Christ. Grant that we may humbly follow in their footsteps; boldly trust in your promises; faithfully live in your Word; and cheerfully serve others in your Name. And bring us at last, by grace through faith, into your eternal home where we shall worship you forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord…

PEACE

OFFERING *The ushers collect the offering. You can also give electronically through our website, Facebook page, or by clicking here.*

CHOIR ANTHEM: *"O Living Bread from Heaven"* Lloyd Larsen

OFFERTORY: *"Let the Vineyards"*

OFFERTORY PRAYER
D: Let us pray…
Merciful Father,
We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

THE COMMUNION *To all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord, are baptized, and confess Jesus' real presence in the Holy Communion, we invite you to join us in the Holy Eucharist. At the usher's invitation you may come forward to kneel or stand at the altar rail. Please take an empty individual cup from the tray and bring it with you to the rail. The host wafer will be placed into your open hands to eat. Your cup will be filled from the pouring chalice, take and drink. Individual cups filled with non-alcoholic grape juice are also available, please point to receive one. Sealed pre-consecrated Communion packages are also available. Please remain at the altar rail until all have finished and a blessing is given.*

COMMUNION HYMNS: LBW Nos. 231, 232

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING
The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: *"Thank the Lord"*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
D: Let us pray…
We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

BLESSING
Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"* **LBW No. 230**

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

DISMISSAL
D: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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