



Reformation Sunday October 27, 2024



Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity

Holy Communion 9:00 AM

Sunday School 10:30 AM

Welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Our worship follows a traditional order inspired by scripture and rooted in ancient patterns. The full order for worship (liturgy) is found in this bulletin.

*Please stand as you are able. Spoken congregational responses are in **Bold**.

GATHERING

Worship begins with the organ prelude. It's a time for silent meditation as we turn our hearts and minds to God.

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

***PRAYER**

Let us pray. Almighty God, we come to you open and willing to be in relationship with you again. You know our hearts and our innermost secrets. We call on you now to make us whole, refresh us, and bless us so that we may do your holy work in the world by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, and through our Savior Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another: **God of Grace, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We humbly repent and we want to be close to you again. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Restore our relationship with you. Uphold us and strengthen us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may live and serve you once again through Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord. Amen.**

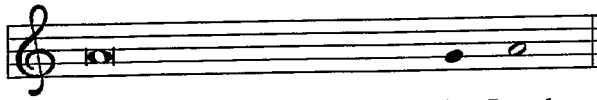
God loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved through faith. In the name of † Jesus Christ, all of your sins are forgiven. May God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that you may know Jesus' great mercy and love for you. **Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

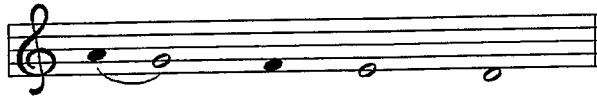
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God..... Hymn 504

***GREETING**

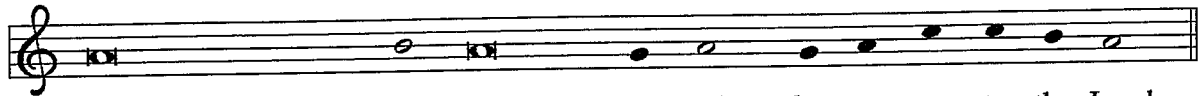
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



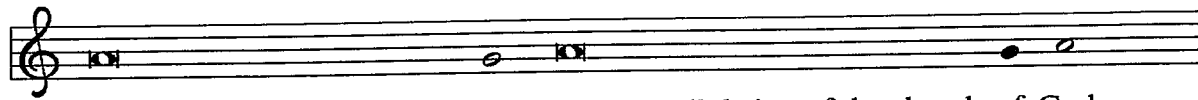
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



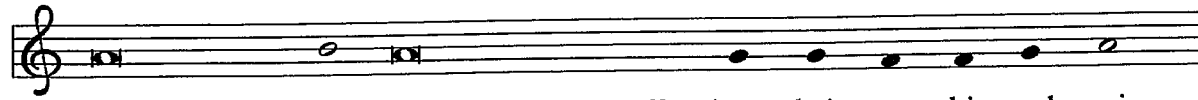
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

YOUTH CHOIR - Ask, Seek, Knock Baloché/Kerr

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

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. ³³ But 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. ³⁴ No 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 RINGERS - The Church’s One Foundation arr. Karen Thompson

SECOND READING - Romans 3:19-28

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.**

SENIOR CHOIR - Built On a Rock arr. Barthelson

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Page 151



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*GOSPEL - John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord. *(spoken)*

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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE The Rev. Althea Seidel

SERMON The Rev. Althea Seidel

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

The Church's One Foundation Hymn 654

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

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Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these brothers and sisters in Christ, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

- Kay Diebus
- Carol Koehler
- Guy Lintner
- Ann Mark
- Karen Miller
- Barry Thompson
- Connie Thompson

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

New members: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

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

Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: God of grace, **hear our prayer.** (After the prayers) **Amen.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING - *(offering plates are located in the narthex as you exit the sanctuary.)*

***OFFERTORY HYMN - (Create in Me a Clean Heart)**



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 your pres-ence, and take



not your Ho - ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray together. We praise you, God, Creator of the universe. We thank you for all of the blessings in our lives and in the lives of those around us. Take these gifts and use them for your holy work. Grant us opportunities to serve those in need. Send your Spirit to watch over us and guide us in all that we do 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.

***PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should give thanks and praise to you, almighty God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who overcame death, and by his resurrection opened to us the way of eternal life.

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:

***SANCTUS - ("Holy, holy, holy") Page 153**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE 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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread and raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. **Come, Lord Jesus. Breathe new life into us.**

***AGNUS DEI - (Lamb of God) Page 154**



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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and bring you peace. **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. Life-giving God, we give thanks for this holy meal and all the ways you nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses of your Son's great love, that we may be your hands and feet in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

***BLESSING**

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN - Rise, Shine, You People Hymn 665**

***DISMISSAL**

Go and spread the Good News of Christ! **Thanks be to God!**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Althea Seidel

Paul Copenhaver - Minister of Music
Heather Buffington - Bell Choir Director
Judy Cassel - Lector
Jay Brown & Denise Rhoades - Greeters

Christine Paradise - Organist
Neal Galbraith - Lay Assistant
Emily Engle - Acolyte

♿ Elevator access to upper and lower levels is located at rear entrance of church.

📵 Remember to silence cell phones & other electronic device

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY:

Sunday, October 27 - Reformation Celebration 10:15 a.m.

Monday, October 28 - Praise Ringers 6 p.m.; Psalm Ringers 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 29 - Senior Choir 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 2 - Apple Dumpling Pick-Up 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.;

Private Event 1 p.m.

PRAYER UPDATE: We have been asked to keep Bryan Albright, Barb Atwood, Linda Blessing, Terry Clearwater, Monique & Jack Derfler, Jim Dibert, Deb Dobson, Susie Eckert, Dan Fox, Mo Gockley, Mike and Nancy Hentz, Patty Hess, Joette Hollinger, Bella Johnson, Raymond Kohr, Doris Kreiser, Jim & Judi Light, Julia Schott, George Smith, Marie Smith, Ernie Thompson, Nancy Warner, and Mary Yeagley in our prayers.

PRAYER CONCERNS: If you no longer wish to be included in the prayer update list, please let the Church Office know to remove your name.

COMMUNION: Please record your communion monthly. Cards can be found in the pews.

NAMETAGS: Please stop by the Welcome Table (parking lot entrance) and pick up your nametag. We are asking that you wear your nametag to Church until an announcement is made. If you do not have a nametag, please contact the Church Office.

DISASTER RESPONSE MISSION TRIP: We are in the planning stages of our 25th disaster response mission trip here in the Lower Susquehanna Synod. There is a meeting on Sunday, November 10th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room at Luther Acres, 600 E. Main Street, Lititz. Information about the location and dates of our next trip will be shared. Anyone interested in attending the trip is invited to come out and learn more. For more information, please contact The Rev. Glenn A. Beard, Jr. at 717.626.1171 ext. 1669.

REFORMATION CELEBRATION: Make plans now to join in the fun and learn a little about Holy Trinity in the process! TODAY, you are invited to take part in a Reformation Celebration. The event will feature 10 stops around the Church where you will explore the history and see what makes it special. The Archives Room will be open for viewing. Following the exploration, there will a time for fellowship in the Social Room. Light refreshments will be served.

DONATIONS NEEDED: As the weather starts to get colder, the Spread the Warmth campaign will begin. Donations of blankets, gloves, scarves, hats, jackets, sweatshirts, and socks are needed. We welcome any donation of clothing or shoes. Please place your donation in The Giving Place in the Spread the Warmth bin. Thank you!

STICK AROUND AFTER SERVICE: Please join the new Sunday School class in the very comfortable Lehman Street side of Luther's Place (previously the LMH class.) We will be using Faith Lens to discuss current topics and how they relate to our faith. There will be coffee, tea, and cocoa.

NOVEMBER 3 IS ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY: We will mark the day with a Remembrance Table and prayer. You are invited to remember with gratitude your loved ones who have joined the church triumphant by bringing a small memento or photograph to place on our Remembrance Table at the front of the sanctuary.

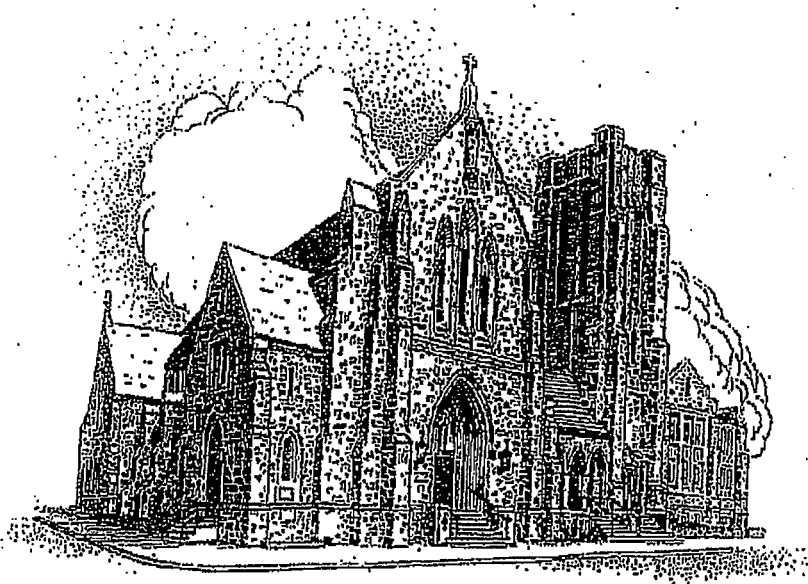
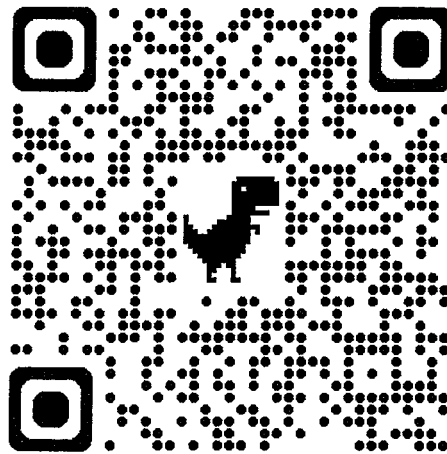
APPLE DUMPLING SALE: Enjoy the taste of fall and order your goodies today! Orders forms are located at both Welcome Tables. Cost for both regular and sugar free dumplings is only \$4. The dumplings freeze well so consider buying a few extra for a tasty treat at a later time. You can pay cash or make checks payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Pick up for the dumplings is Saturday, November 2 in Luther's Place from 10 AM until noon or after church service on Sunday, November 3 All proceeds will go to the Bazaar Fund. Questions contact Pam Gainer at 717-926-8556.

HARVEST HOME SERVICE: Every October Holy Trinity continues the tradition of Harvest Home with some accommodations to the 21st Century. Although our gifts are no longer homemade, the central focus of celebrating God's goodness and giving food to families in need in our community remain. Gifts of in-kind items and money collected in a **second offering throughout October** will be donated to the Lebanon Country Christian Ministry's Food Bank. Please use the Harvest Home envelopes found at both Welcome Tables and the pews. You can also mark your donation, "Harvest Home." All checks should be made payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

WISH LIST: This year as the Northwest Elementary School Liaison I will be conducting a Northwest Elementary School Wish List Campaign for donations of classroom materials, clothing and coats from October 1 to November 15. The list has been previewed and approved by Principal Jennifer Nordall. It includes #2 pencils, specialty pencils, colored pencils, erasers, black Expo markers, crayons, rulers, glue sticks, pencil pouches, book bags, lunch boxes, tissues, disinfectant spray & wipes, hand sanitizer, clothing of all sizes, underwear, sweat pants, socks, hats, gloves and coats 4t and up. The Women of the ELCA have volunteered their collection barrel in The Giving Place as the collection site for these needed items. Please prayerfully consider participating in the Wish List Campaign. Your voluntary participation in this endeavor would be greatly appreciated. Thank you, Karen Weaver

**No Envelope?
No Cash/Check?
No Problem!**

Donate Now!



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