

Reformation Sunday



Saturday, October 26, 2024

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Trinity Lutheran Church

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REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 26, 2024—5:00 p.m.

October 27, 2024—9:00 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

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.

Welcome to Trinity! We are glad you're here. If you are new to Trinity Lutheran, please complete an informational card which can be found in the pews.

We love having small children in worship! Those needing a space to change or feed little ones are welcome to use the **Child Care Room** located next to the nursery. An **un-staffed nursery** is also available, located on the 2nd floor just outside the north sanctuary door (door under the stained glass window door).

Toddler Sunday School:

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 9:15-10:15am parents are invited to join their 0-2 year old for a time of free play, activities, and Bible stories in the nursery.

Seating for People with Limited Mobility is reserved in the pew located in front of the Technical booth.

Large print bulletins and listening devices are available from the ushers.

Activity Bags are available for children during worship. They are located in the narthex and at the front of the church. Please return them at the end of services.

Serving in Worship This Weekend

Pastor Rev. Dan Gerriets
Rev. Daniel Hanson

Organist Deb Nielsen

Cantor Linda Hunt (9am)

Greeters Tracy and Mindy Farland

Coffee Fellowship

Joann Johnson, Earl Kiefer

Scripture Reader

5:00 p.m. Cliff Rossler

9:00 a.m. Gary Wattnem

Technical Support

9:00 a.m. Henry Hansen, Carter Rockwell
Evie Hunt

Alcolytes

9:00 a.m. Aubrey Lingbeek, Colton Hesley

Ushers

5:00 p.m. Liz Fitzgerald, Donna Henaman

9:00 a.m. Mike Brown, Gary Wattnem

Joe and Julie Sanchez

Bob VanDenBosch

Worship Transportation

Dean Graven, Viv Heller

Custodian

Dave Smith

Our Mission *We are called to share God's healing love through Christ's forgiveness and our personal servanthood.*

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Holy Baptism—Lillian Alyce Rowe (5pm)

ELW pg. 227

Confession and Forgiveness (9am)

P In the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Faith is often about seeing. Sin can be blinding.

God's grace opens our hearts to see ourselves and others with new eyes.

For our confession this morning, I invite you to participate with your heart, mind and body.

When you hear the words, "We close our eyes..." I invite you to close your eyes.

When you hear the words, "Open our eyes..." I invite you to open your eyes.

Let us pray.

Lord, *we close our eyes* to people who are not like us. We sometimes do not see those whose clothes or skin or manners are different. We ignore them on the playground, in the grocery store, and at the office. We fail to care or make friends with them.

Open our eyes, so that we may see those who are different. Help us get to know each other, so that we can enjoy and learn from our differences and work together to solve our problems.

Jesus, you promise to set us free from the sin that blinds us. We remember your promise today:

C If the Son sets you free, you are free indeed.

P Thank you for your eye-opening love, O Lord.

C Amen

***Gathering Hymn**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

ELW 504

*Greeting

P Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C And also with you.

*Kyrie

Marty Haugen

Assistant: In peace, in peace,

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:

God. A - men.

Repeat Refrain

*Thanks Be To You

Marty Haugen

Congregation:

1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
2. From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your
love, re - mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of
life with us. 3. Praise to you, O
God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for
ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Thanks Be To You" by Marty Haugen. It is written for a congregation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of ten staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: 2. From of old you loved and sought us: Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er! you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er! Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re - mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of life with us. 3. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!"

***Prayer of the Day**

- P 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.
- C **Amen.**

Children's Sermon

Pastor Daniel Hanson

First Lesson: Psalm 46 *(Read Responsively)*

- L God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- C **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**
- L There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
- C **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**
- L Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
behold 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.
- C **“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

Second Lesson: Romans 3:22b-28

L 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.

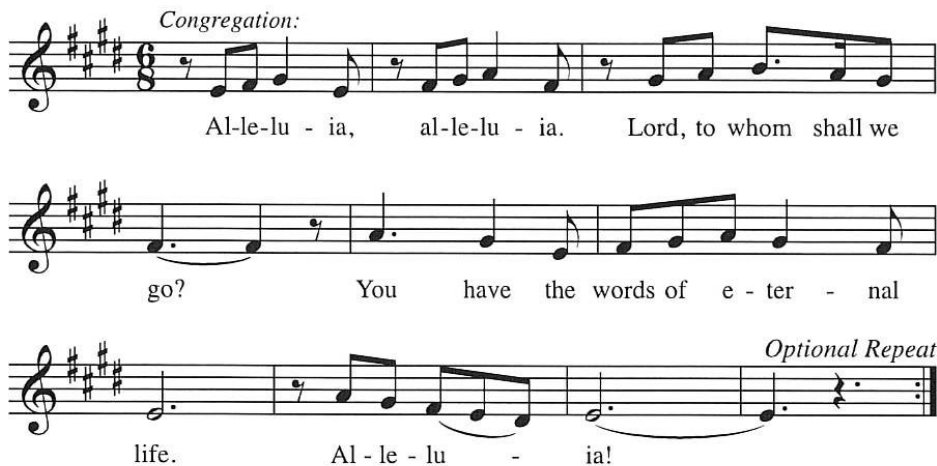
L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Verse

Marty Haugen

Congregation:



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

P The Holy Gospel according to John the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

***Gospel: John 8:31-36**

P ³¹Jesus 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.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Skit—“Martin & Katie’s Unexpected Adventure”

Brian Bauer and Liz Snell

Hymn of the Day

The Church’s One Foundation

ELW 654

Children’s Sermon 2.0

Pastor Daniel Hanson

***Prayers**

P God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

***Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Announcements

THANKSGIVING

Offering

Text to Give is available at Trinity!

Simply text the amount you wish to give to 833-412-0093.

Or scan the QR code with your smartphone.

Please note where your gifts should be directed towards.




***Offertory**

As the Grains of Wheat

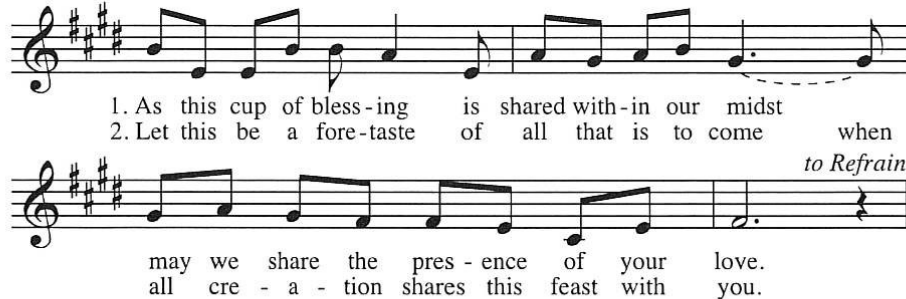
Marty Haugen

Refrain
Congregation:



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be
gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when
to Refrain
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

***Offering Prayer**

P Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

***Lord's Prayer**

C 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.

SENDING

*** Blessing**

P God all mighty,
God most merciful
‡ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.
C Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

Go, My Children with My Blessing

ELW 543

***Sending**

P Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are given by *Pat and Candy Marshall*.

The bulletin cover art is given in honor of the Trinity Staff and in *honor of the 2024 Confirmation Students and their leaders*.

Holy Baptism Today we celebrate the baptism(5:00) of **Lillian Alyce Rowe**. Lillian is the daughter of Patrick and Sharla Rowe. Lillian's sponsors are Chad and Melissa Brunsvold and Nathan and Sarah Rowe. **Join us in giving thanks to God as we welcome Lillian to the Body of Christ and the mission we share!**

Please support our 9th Grade Class as they affirm their faith and say yes to the promises God made to them in Baptism at the 10:30 Service

*Kale Alan Anderson
Elsa Meredith Bookmeyer
Logan Alan Dodge
Leilani Cosette Freeman
Reid Thomas Hendrikson
Evan Jacob Howe*

*Evelynn Nicole Hunt
Nolan Robert Hurd
Kennedy Jean LeDuc
Sheamus Philip Lindsay
Brynn Marie Peterson
Garret Wayne Willemsen*

Daylight Saving Time wil end on Nov. 3rd. So be sure turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night. The time shift will be earlier sunrises and earlier sunsets!

Next Sunday is All Saints Sunday—we will remember all those who have been baptized as well as those who have died since November 2023.

Good Shepherd Annual Meeting

Trinity is a member church of Good Shepherd Inc. Each year Good Shepherd holds an annual board meeting with delegates from its member churches. The year's meeting will be at The Manor (4 3rd St. NW) on **Friday, November 22nd at Noon**. A hearty lunch will be served. Interested in attending? Sign-up by the bulletin board located by the church offices or call the church office by Sun. Nov. 9th.

T150 Matching Gift Challenge Successful! - The special drive to reduce the remaining loan on our T150 Capital Appeal was a huge success! The goal was to raise \$50,000 to match the gifts of two generous Trinity families made in July. Our congregation responded with gifts of \$92,144, raising the total for the challenge to over \$142,144! Thank you to both our lead gift families and for the 131 households who gave in response! These gifts enable us to continue paying on the remaining loan without using general offering funds.

Wednesday Night **ALIVE**

Wed., October 30th

Meal / 6:00 PM - Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Chips, Baked Beans & Dessert (*free will offering*)

Programming / 6:30 PM

- **LIFETREE CAFÉ** Lifetree Café - **ZOMBIES—What's the fascination?** An hour-long, interactive video experience featuring real people's real stories, biblical insights, and plenty of time for meaningful spiritual conversations. Led by Pastor Dan Gerriets and Pastor Steve Hansen in the Gathering Space
- **Doing Life with Your Adult Children: Keep Your Mouth Shut and the Welcome Mat Out**
"Are you struggling to connect with your child now that they've left the nest? In *Doing Life with Your Adult Children*, bestselling author and parenting expert Jim Burns provides practical advice and hopeful encouragement for navigating this tough yet rewarding transition. Facilitated by Becky Elsbernd, Parish Nurse.
- **TRINITY CHOIR** Trinity's choir is open to all vocalists, high school age & older. Choir practice is held in the Choir Room.
- **KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 6** Students will come to the 2nd floor and learn new things from talented Trinity adults with new activities each week.
- **CONFIRMATION GRADES 7-8** Confirmation students will gather 6:30–7:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall and experience small group and large group learning as they study for their Confirmation.
- **FLAME GRADES 9-12** High School Youth Group meets 6:30-7:45 PM in the Youth Room.
- **NURSERY** The Nursery is **UNSTAFFED** but open to preschoolers and their parents.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, 28

- LEFSE Making (*Kitchen*)
(6-7am/Peelers | 8:30am/Rollers | 11:30am/Pkg.)
- 9:00 a.m. Quilt Workshop (*Fellowship Hall*)
9am-4pm Scandinavian Boutique Pricing (*Rm. 307*)
9:00 a.m. Lectio Divina (*Rm. 322*)
5:30 p.m. Worship & Music Comm. (*Library*)
6:00 p.m. Bronze Bell Choir (*Sanctuary*)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (*Fellowship Hall*)

Tuesday, 29

- 8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (*Gathering Area*)
Noon Staff Meeting
4:15 p.m. NordKor Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Rm.*)

Wednesday, 30

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
3-4:00 p.m. Yoga for All Bodies (*Gathering Space*)
6:00 p.m. **WNA Meal** (*Fellowship Hall*)
6:30 p.m. **WNA Programming** (*See Announcement*)

Thursday, 31

- 8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (*Rm. 219*)
10:30 a.m. Clapper Bell Choir (*Sanctuary*)
7:00 p.m. Una Vocis Rehearsal

All Saints Weekend

Saturday, 26

- Holy Communion Celebrated*
5:00 p.m. **Worship Service**

Sunday, 27

- 9:00 a.m. **Worship Service**
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. **Confirmation Worship Service**
1:30 p.m. **Belong & Grow | New Member Class**
(*Fellowship Hall*)

Book Discussion Monday, November 11 | 1:00 PM / The Gathering Space

Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World by Henri Nouwen is an invitation to acknowledge our brokenness and awaken to the abiding love that God has for us. This classic explains the spiritual life in simple terms, avoiding theology and technical language. **A few copies are available to check out from the Trinity Lutheran Church Office.**

Trinity Grounds Fall cleanup will be on Saturday, Nov 9th, 8:30 AM - Noon. Bring leaf/garden rakes, tarps, leaf blowers, hedge trimmers/loppers, brooms, spades, shovels, etc. Please help for as long as you can.

Sunday, October 12th was Faith Promise weekend for Trinity's Generosity Series Fueling Faith/Transforming Lives. You still have time to complete and return



your **2025 Faith Promise Form**. Forms are available from an usher or are located at the Welcome Desk and by the church offices. To complete your FPF online, go to trinity-mc.org/pledge or you can scan this QR code.

Belong & Grow—New Member Class

Sun. Nov. 3rd at 1:30 in the Fellowship Hall
Are you looking for a church home? A place to belong? Interested in learning more about Trinity's life and mission, or whether this might be the place to connect and grow? Pastor Dan Gerrietts leads an interactive class session for those exploring membership or wondering if Trinity is right for them. This is the only session one attends to prepare for membership. Learn more about the worship life, mission commitments, and faith expressions that ground us. Take a tour of the building. Meet other people. Childcare is available by request. **Please contact the church office.** **New Members will be Received on Sunday, Nov. 10th at the 9:00 a.m. service** with a reception during coffee fellowship time.

Prairie Land Trail Bike Ride

Join us on a family bike ride on the Prairie Land Trail on **Sunday, November 10 at 1:00 PM** The Prairie Land Trail runs along an abandoned railroad bed from Nettle Ave SW of Mason City to Apple Ave SW of Meservey. We will meet at the trailhead at **13773 240th St.** It is a down and back trail so riders can do as many miles as they wish. The surface is compacted lime chip. *Weather permitting.*