

# Trinity Lutheran Church

**October 31,  
2021**

## **REFORMATION SUNDAY Confirmation Service**

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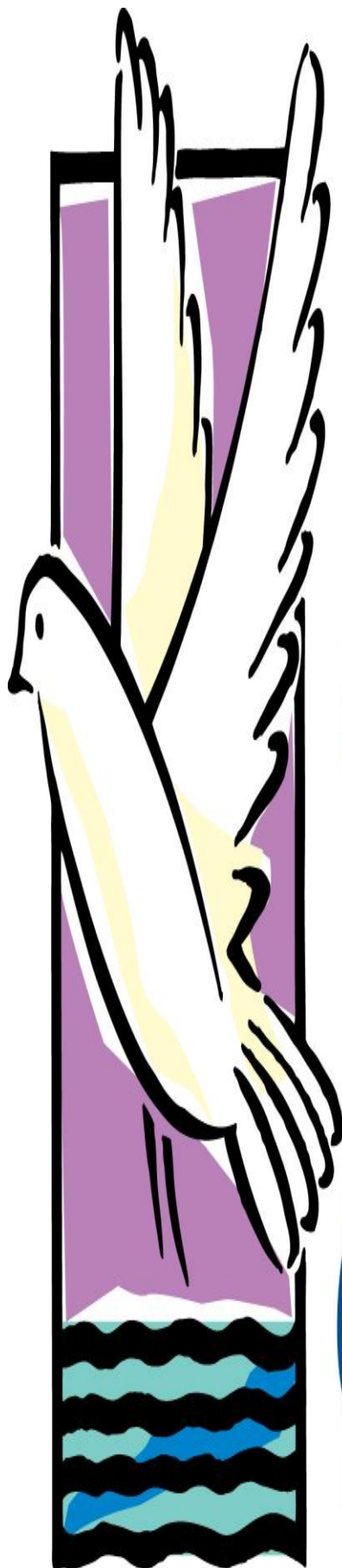
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# Confirmation Sunday

# REFORMATION ~ CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

## HOLY COMMUNION

11:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, October 31, 2021



*WITH JOY IN OUR HEARTS* we gather in celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death as we approach God's throne of grace where mercy and life is given to all. Today, Reformation Sunday, twelve young baptized members are making Affirmation of their Baptism in Christ. Therefore with gratitude, we honor these young saints as we recall the heritage we share in those who led the Church's Reformation over 500 years ago. It is a reformation that continues whenever we gather in the renewal and affirmation of our Baptism in Christ.

Further, we proclaim all who believe in Christ's real presence are prepared and called to receive Holy Communion. Children who have yet to be instructed in Communion are invited to come forward to receive a personal blessing.

### GATHERING

**WE PREPARE:** *On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the Good News—God's gift of grace that makes us free! Though we give thanks for the events of the sixteenth-century Reformation that brought renewal to the church of that time, we also pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are united with Christ as his body in the world. Today, twelve young members are being called to make Affirmation of their Baptism in Christ and receive Confirmation from the church. As parents, sponsors, mentors, relatives, teachers and friends, we surround them with our love and prayers as we offer them our blessing, encouragement and support now and in the days that follow.*

### RINGING THE BELL/PARISH NOTICES

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

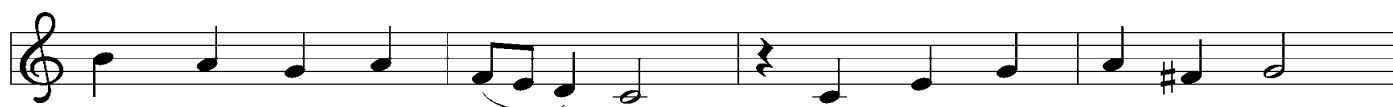
**Leading with Cross~ Caden Evers**



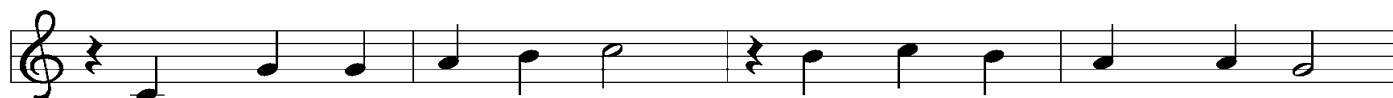
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



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

**GREETING**

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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray ...

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.**

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## WORD

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LYDIA, NATALEE, & ISAAC GO UP FRONT BY THE PIANO SIDE STEPS TO MICRAPHONES. THE READINGS ARE THERE FOR YOU.

FIRST READING~ **LYDIA HUIRAS**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The first reading is in Jeremiah chapter 31, verses 31-34.

*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. 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. 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. 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 46~ **NATALEE NACHREINER**

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



The Word of the Lord     **Thanks be to God.**

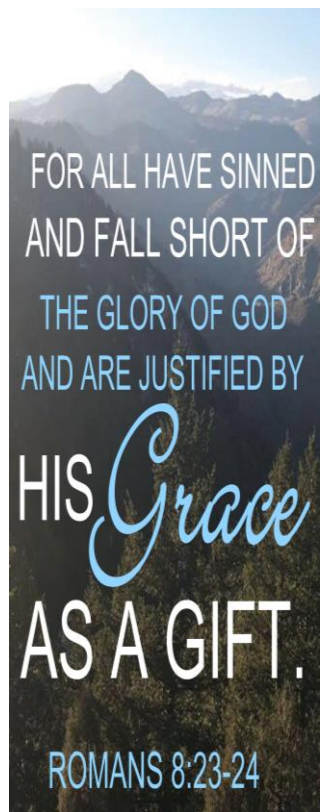


The second reading is in Romans chapter 3, verses 19-28.

*Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. 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.*

*But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 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; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.*

*Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. 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

THY WORD

Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

Fine

Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

1. When I feel a-fraid, and I think I've lost my way, still You're there right be -  
 2. I will not for-get Your love for me, and yet my heart for-ev-er is

-side me. Noth-ing will I fear as long as You are near.  
 wan-der-ing. Je-sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;

D.C. al Fine

Please be near me to the end.  
 I will love You to the end.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 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'?"*

*Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.*

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Readers go back to their seats.**

SERMON

Pastor Tim Mason

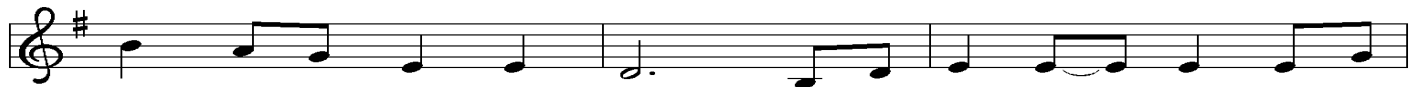
SONG OF THE DAY

*Canticle of the Turning*

ELW # 723



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



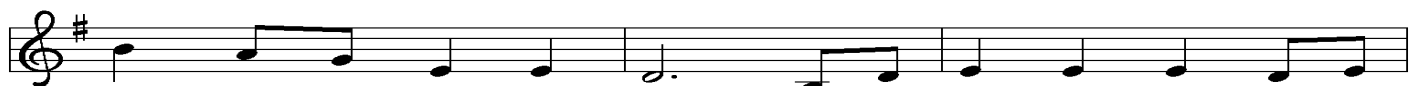
God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.  
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



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## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

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*(Confirmands come forward to the rail)*

P: These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism:

***Kennedy Braun, Caden Evers, Bryant Finstad, Kadence Hesse, Lydia Huiras, Isaac Lendt, Breanna Mertz, Envy Morales, Jakob Nachreiner, Natalee Nachreiner, Ava Schubbe, and Austin Uecker***

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for Kennedy, Caden, Bryant, Kadence, Lydia, Isaac, Breanna, Envy, Jakob, Natalee, Ava, and Austin, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in this community of faith. Uphold them in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

P: Dear friends, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world. In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. Therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**Confirmands: I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**Confirmands: I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**Confirmands: I renounce them.**

*(Congregation stands to affirm our faith with the Confirmands)*

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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**

## THE PRAYERS

Let us pray for Kennedy, Caden, Bryent, Kadence, Lydia, Isaac, Breanna, Envy, Jakob, Natalee, Ava, and Austin and for all who are affirming their Baptism in Christ this day: Let us pray for those who are affirming their Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere:

That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*(Congregation sits as the minister addresses the Confirmands.)*

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear his Word and share in his 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?

**Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

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

*(Confirmands sit down)*

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these young men and women your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen**

*(Confirmands come forward on the first step in front of Pastor Tim as you are called.)*

*Parents, Baptismal Sponsors and Mentors come forward up the middle to the Communion Rail. After please exit to the side.)*



*Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in (name) the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm (his/her) faith, guide (his/her) life, empower (him/her) in (his/her) serving, give (him/her) patience in suffering, and bring (him/her) to everlasting life. Amen.*

PRESENTATION *(Confirmands all stand and face the Congregation)*

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of our baptism in Christ. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** (You may be seated.)

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## MEAL

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**OFFERING~ KADENCE HESSE & ENVY MORALES COME FORWARD TO THE MIDDLE OF THE COMMUNION RAIL.**



*(The offering is brought forward by the ushers to the confirmands)*

**Receive the offering from the Ushers, walk up to the altar on each side of the Communion Table, bow your heads for a moment, place the baskets on the big Altar and go back to your seats.**

**During the music right after Kadence & Envy come back, Ava Schubbe (bread), Kennedy Braun, and Breaunna Mertz (Wine) come up the pulpit side to in front of the organ. Darlene will come with you.**

**Austin Uecker and Bryent Finstad go and stand by the Communion cup baskets so that you can hold them for people to use after Communion. Watch Pastor Tim until Communion begins. When finished, place them back on the stand beside you.**

### OFFERING PRAYER

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.

**Amen.**

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### 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. Amen.**

### DISTRIBUTION

Come, eat, drink, and live the life God has for you.

**Go down with Pastor Tim to serve Communion. Pastor Tim and Ava in the middle, Kennedy & Breaunna on each side.**

**Ava will say to each person as handing them the host "Body of Christ, broken for you."**

**Kennedy and Breaunna will say as they hand them a cup, "Blood of Christ, shed for you."**

**When all the people have been served, all 5 of you go back up on the altar to receive Communion from Pastor Tim and Mary. When All are finished, together, go back to your seats. Thank you!**

## COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**



## PRAYER OF THANKS

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

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## SENDING

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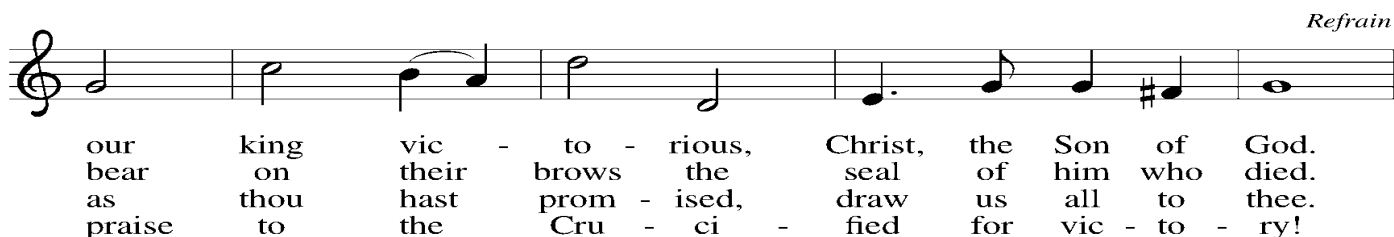
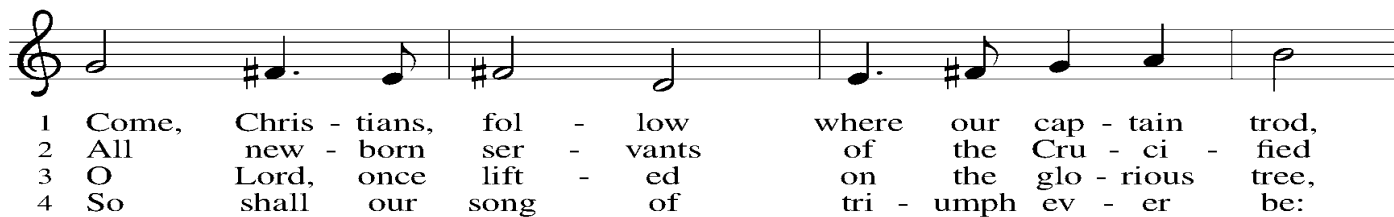
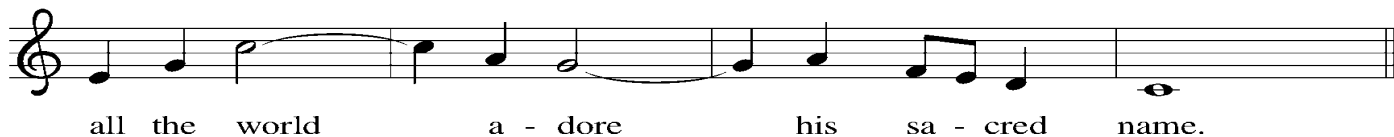
### BLESSING

Baptized in Christ, receive God's blessing: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

**Leaving with Cross~ Jakob Nachreiner (Meet Pastor Tim in front to receive the cross and then lead him out.)**

### SENDING SONG

#### *Lift High the Cross*



### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is always with you. **Thanks be to God.**

(There is cake in the Library for all)

**Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ**

<b>SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship</b>	
<b>Accompanist</b>	Mary Mulry
<b>Readers</b>	Lydia Huiras, Natalee Nachreiner, & Isaac Lendt
<b>Sound Techs</b>	Russ Sorensen
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Ava Schubbe, Kennedy Braun, Breaunna Mertz Austin Uecker, & Bryant Finstad
<b>Greeters</b>	Diane Evers & Mardy Vosbeck
<b>Ushers</b>	Keith & Sarah Lendt
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Terry Newgord

**THE FOLLOWING YOUNG PEOPLE ARE AFFIRMING THEIR FAITH TODAY**



*Confirmation*

**Kennedy Braun 05/23/2006**  
 Parents: Jason & Crystal  
 Baptized: 07/09/2006  
 Sponsors: Cindy Schmitz  
 Melissa Schumacher  
 Mentor: Ana Beltran Turbes  
 Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13  
 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

**Caden Evers 10/11/2005**  
 Parents: Daniel & Nicole  
 Baptized: 11/06/05  
 Sponsors: Matthew Evers  
 Natalie Mathiowetz  
 Mentor: Brandon Streich  
 Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13  
 "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

**Bryant Finstad 03/01/2006**  
 Parents: Nick & Rosie  
 Baptized: 04/23/2006  
 Sponsors: Brad & Jackie Finstad  
 Mentor: Shanna Uecker  
 Bible Verse: 1 John 4:19  
 "We love, because He first loved us."

**Kadence Hesse 08/25/2006**  
 Parents: Matt & Sarah  
 Baptized: 11/07/2006  
 Sponsors: Vicki Walechka  
 Jake & Tina Hesse  
 Mentor: Kathy Haala  
 Bible Verse: Psalm 37:24  
 "Though she falls, she will not be overwhelmed, because the Lord supports her with His hand."

**Lydia Huiras 06/20/2005**  
 Parents: Jennifer Theisen  
 & Cory Huiras  
 Baptized: 08/07/2005  
 Sponsors: Troy Sellner & Shari Holling  
 Mentor: Ana Beltran Turbes  
 Bible Verse: Joshua 1:19  
 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

**Isaac Lendt 04/15/2006**  
 Parents: Keith & Sarah  
 Baptized: 05/07/06  
 Sponsors: Autumn & Mike Gode  
 Sean & Janine Larson  
 Mentor: Kate Nelson  
 Bible Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6  
 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."

**Breaunna Mertz 10/23/2005**  
 Parents: Cal & Jocelyn  
 Baptized: 11/28/2019  
 Sponsors: Amanda Wunderlin  
 Trent Weicherding  
 Mentor: Jamie Fahey  
 Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13  
 "I can do all this through Him who strengthens me."

**Envy Morales 07/27/2006**  
 Parents: Kyle Pool & Wanda Vela  
 Grandmother: Geri Pool  
 Baptized: 02/11/2007  
 Sponsor: Susana Jaramillo  
 Mentor: Maren Sellner  
 Bible Verse: 1 Peter 3:3-4  
 "Don't be concerned about the outward beauty of fancy hairstyles, expensive jewelry, or beautiful clothes. You should clothe yourselves instead with the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God."

**Jakob Nachreiner 09/14/2006**  
 Parents: Jason & Nicole  
 Baptized: 12/11/2005  
 Sponsors: Michelle Koenig, Ben & Kari  
 Thoma, Treff & Megan Richert  
 Mentor: Nicole Stevermer  
 Bible Verse: Psalm 37:8-9  
 "Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret, it only leads to evil. For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land."

**Natalee Nachreiner 02/05/2006**  
 Parents: Ricki & Nick  
 Baptized: 5/28/2006  
 Sponsors: Laura Moldan  
 Jeremy Goldschmidt  
 Mentor: Randy Armbruster  
 Bible Verse: Deuteronomy 4:39  
 "Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the Lord He is God in Heaven above and on the earth beneath."

**Ava Schubbe 11/16/2005**  
 Parents: Chris & Ana Beltran Turbes  
 Baptized: 02/12/2006  
 Sponsors: Angela & Dan Flock  
 Mentor: Sarah Lendt  
 Bible Verses: John 1:5, Romans 8:38-39  
 "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it."  
 "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, angels nor demons, the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

**Austin Uecker 02/17/2006**  
 Parents: Shanna & Matt  
 Baptized: 02/22/2006  
 Sponsors: Steve & Jamie Case  
 Melissa Uecker & Jeremy Uecker  
 Mentor: Maren Sellner  
 Bible Verse: Jeremiah 29:11  
 "For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."





Sleepy Eye Senior Living  
11th Annual Share  
The Dream Gala  
Presents



# 2021 Drive-Thru Thankful Dinner

*Sponsored by Randy's Family Drug & Gift*

**"Thankful" Menu: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes and  
Gravy, Glazed Baby Carrots, Dinner Roll and Pie**



**Wednesday, November 3rd  
Drive-Thru from 4:30-6:30 PM  
Countryside Retirement Community  
1100 1st Avenue S, Sleepy Eye**

## Tickets

**Save \$\$ Early!** Advance  
dinner tickets are \$12 ea.  
[\$15 at the door].

Wine Pull—\$20 ea.

Tickets available at Bright  
Days Adult Day Services,  
Countryside, Sleepy Eye Care  
Center and Home Health.  
Call today! 300-1200, 300-1300  
or 794-5600

## Silent Auction

No purchase necessary!

- 1) Register online at  
[https://secure.qgiv.com/  
event/seslauction/](https://secure.qgiv.com/event/seslauction/)
- 2) Check-in with the Givi  
app; confirm
- 3) Start bidding!



## Wine Pull

Sponsored by: Southpoint  
Financial Credit Union, Stark  
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Enterprises, Inc., Sleepy Eye  
Lion's Club, and First Security  
Bank, Sleepy Eye

Every pull wins a bottle of  
wine, but lucky patrons could  
win CASH as well!



Let the WELCA Women of Trinity supply your Thanksgiving and Holiday Pies! The women of Trinity are raising funds to continue our work for Trinity and the many organizations and people we help over the year. We are offering Holiday pies. Please stop at the table in the narthex and order for pick-up November 21<sup>st</sup>, just in time for your celebration or to enjoy at home. We are offering Pumpkin, Apple, Dutch Apple, Peach, Rhubarb, Strawberry-Rhubarb, Cherry, and Blueberry. As always, thank you all for your support!

**MEALS THAT MATTER** Remember! Prepared frozen meals are in the freezer for you to deliver to a friend or neighbor who have had a life changing event- illness, birth of a baby, death in the family, etc... *Be the hands of Jesus!*





## OCTOBER 31, 2021~ REFORMATION SUNDAY

***We are saved by grace through faith. Through Jesus Christ, we are set free!***

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 8:31-36</b>	<b>God's Word sets people free</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Isaiah 55:6-11</b>	<b>God's Word achieves his purposes</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Romans 1:8-17</b>	<b>The gospel is the power of God</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Romans 15:1-7</b>	<b>The Scriptures give encouragement</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Colossians 3:5-17</b>	<b>Let the word of Christ dwell in you</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jeremiah 31:31-34</b>	<b>New covenant</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalm 46</b>	<b>God is our strength</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 21:5-19</b>	<b>Suffering for Jesus' sake</b>



### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

**All of us have sinned and fallen short of God's glory.  
But God treats us much better than we deserve, and because of  
Christ Jesus, he freely accepts us and sets us free from our sins.**

**Romans 3:23-24**

#### **SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:**

##### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Lord Jesus, thank you for the gift of faith, the power to know you and the truth that sets us free. Amen.

##### **Mealtime Prayer:**

O God, please bless the food before us, the people beside us, and the world around us. Amen.

##### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord Jesus set you free. May his words live in your mind and your heart, now and always. Amen. (John 8:36; Jeremiah 31:33)

### **CARING CONVERSATION**

Discuss in your home or small group:

Reformation means change. Talk about a time when you experienced change in your life.

Jesus says that the one who commits sin is a slave to sin. What enslaves you or keeps you from loving God and neighbor?

Jeremiah 31:31-34 promises a new covenant for God's people and a time when God will remember people's sins no more.

What is it like to have a God who not only forgives but also forgets?

### **DEVOTIONS**

Reformation Day on October 31<sup>st</sup> recognizes the day in 1517 when Martin Luther posted 95 theses of belief on the doors of a church in Wittenberg, Germany. They were written to challenge the teachings and practices of the church of Luther's day.

Luther wrote "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," a hymn that is deeply associated with the Reformation. Based on Psalm 46, it celebrates faith and confidence in God, no matter what happens around us. Pray Psalm 46 and the words of "A Mighty Fortress." List the things that are going on in your life and the world around you that challenge your faith. Then, after each of those challenges, recite the words of Psalm 46:1, "God is our mighty fortress, always ready to help in times of trouble."

### **SERVICE**

The Reformation lifts up the power and grace of God's word. Bring the Taking Faith Home sheet with you on a visit to someone who is homebound.

Use portions of Taking Faith Home with that person and together experience the freeing power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. **RITUALS AND**

### **TRADITIONS**

The beginning of the Reformation is often associated with Martin Luther's posting of 95 theses on the front door of the University Chapel in Wittenberg, Germany. Work together to write "we believe" statements on red streamers or strips of red paper. Attach these to the front door of your home in commemoration of Reformation Day.

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In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)

***Please take your bulletin home for weekly devotions***

## Trinity's Mission Statement

*We are a community where Jesus is  
Lord: our mission is to invite,  
welcome, nurture, and equip all  
people to be disciples in His name.*

**TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN** Send an email to [secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org](mailto:secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org) or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message.

**TRINITY'S WEBPAGE** Send an email to the church office at [secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org](mailto:secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org) and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email!

**TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK  
CHECK IT OUT!!**

*"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"*

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on [www.sleepyeyeonline.com](http://www.sleepyeyeonline.com) watch this site for community news and events.



If you haven't already, please consider *Simply Giving*, an automated giving program for your offering. You determine the frequency of your offering which is deposited into Trinity's account the same day it is withdrawn from your account. It's a "hassle-free" way to give.

Talk to Pat or Darlene if you are interested. Thank You. *Please pick up your statements and envelopes in your mailbox. Thank You!*

### Last week at Trinity

Weekly Giving:	\$3544.00
October Giving:	\$13,736.16
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$193,016.46

We are \$56,618.00 below budget.  
Your help is needed.

## This Week's Prayer Concerns

*Pray for the Church*...that the Holy Spirit would empower us to live in the image of God so that we would speak and act in every way bringing glory to God before all the nations and peoples with what we have been given...

*Pray for our World*...that pain of this Covid-19 pandemic, which has penetrated so many lives that your light Lord would help us to see your presence and that the Spirit would lead us to seek the truth and practice grace for all who are hurting...

*Pray for all who are ill, afflicted, or recovering*...that the Holy Spirit would give comfort and daily strength to **Beth, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Abby, Emma, Ed, Story, Tina, Tammy, Robyn, Beth, Carmen, Julia Ann, Nathan, Steven, Tammy, John, Sandy, Tony, Ted, Connor, Sue, Ed, Kimora, and Mary Jo.**

*Pray for the beloved*... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones.... that God would fill each one with the hope of our Lord's promise to bring us to a new heaven and earth where suffering, crying, pain and death will be no more....

*Pray for all families*...that the Holy Spirit would bring compassion and mercy to all who are separated from one another and each would give way to mercy, love and reconciliation...

*Pray for those preparing for marriage and those newly married*...that God would be glorified in their union, filling every couple with the light and truth of God's grace and power throughout their lives ...

*Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and those far from home*...for **Brady Augustin** and his wife (Donna Augustin's son stationed in Italy)...and for all of our military Veterans that the Holy Spirit would guard them in safety and keep their hearts stayed in Christ...

*Pray for the missionaries of our church (ELCA)*...that they proclaim their witness of the Gospel throughout the world.

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