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Reformation
Sunday

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*"Then you will know
the truth,
and the truth
will set you free"*

John 8:32

REFORMATION SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, October 26, 2025



REFORMATION
Sunday

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, therefore with gratitude, we honor 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



Welcome to Worship

WE PREPARE: *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.*

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.



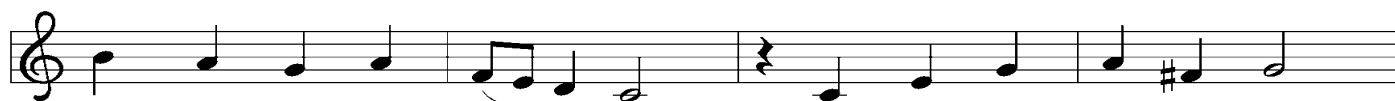
Trinity Choir



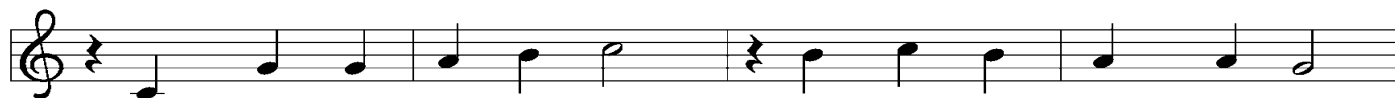
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



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.**



KYRIE

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

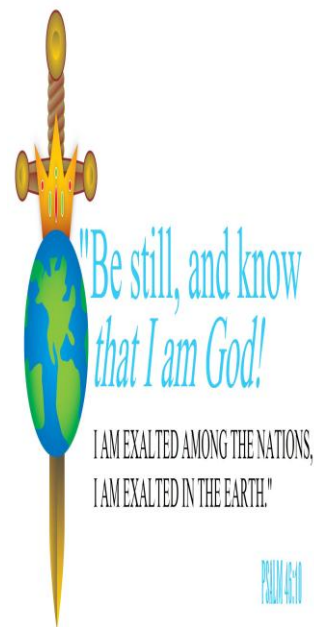
Let us pray ...

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.**

PSALM 46

*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.**



WORD

FIRST READING

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.**



SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

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.



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;

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

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8th 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.**

SERMON

Pastor Dave Nissen

SONG OF THE DAY

Amazing Grace

ELW # 779

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: respond after Lord, God of grace,



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Give Thanks



Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,



give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.



Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,



give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Last time

(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest,

we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, on Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF JESUS

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.

DISTRIBUTION

(Please sign the Welcome Pads and pass to your neighbor.)



PRAYER

Let us pray. God, you have gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

SENDING

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.**

SENDING SONG

Lift High the Cross



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1	Come,	Chris - tians,	fol - low	where	our	cap - tain	trod,
2	All	new - born	ser - vants	of	the	Cru - ci - fied	
3	O	Lord,	once	lift - ed	on	the	glo - rious
4	So	shall	our	song	of	tri - umph	ev - er

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

DISMISSAL

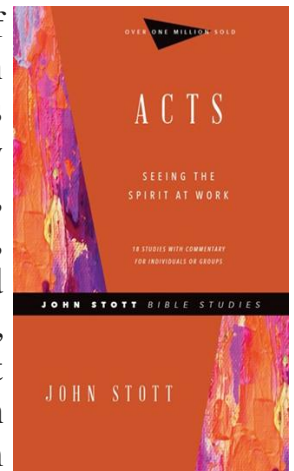
Go in peace. Christ is always with you. **Thanks be to God.**



Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ

SUNDAY		9:00 Worship
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	
Acolyte	Kaylie Fulmer	
Reader	Doug Domeier	
Holy Communion	Lee Johnson, Larry Baumgardt	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeter	Keith & Sarah Lendt	
Ushers	Brian Polesky, Isaac Johnson	
Altar Guild	Beth Klein, Sara Sellner	

Join women from our congregation and our community for a new study of the book of Acts. Together, we will dig into the story of how the Christian church began and continued to carry out the ministry of Christ. Topics covered include learning about the Holy Spirit, the persecution of early Christians, how Satan attacks, getting to know individuals such as Stephen, Philip, Saul, and Cornelius, resolving conflict within the church, understanding politics and religion, spreading the “good news,” and following God. There will always be coffee and prayer, sometimes a treat, good discussion with something to meditate about for a few days, and best of all, fulfilling connections in a faith-centered community. Join us when you can! All ages are welcome. We meet (almost) every Wednesday from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Bring a friend.



MEALS THAT MATTER



With the delicious meals available in the freezer located in room 109 just off the dining room we now need your help. The meals are to be given to people who are experiencing some sort of life changing event, be it a new baby, illness, a death in the family, or anyone you think would benefit from a tasty, readymade dinner. Remember, you are the hands of Jesus in our world.

Thank you for being the hands of Jesus!

***Remember...Our Food Shelf Box is in the back of the Sanctuary.
The Good Work of this Church continues!***



Needed...sheets! If you have bed sheets you would like to recycle that are in good shape, we can use them for backs, or insides for our quilts. Full to King size work well but twin size can also be used- cotton/polyester or flannel work well. Thank you. Donations can be left in the basement on a table near the Kitchen. Join us on Monday mornings at 9:00 am.



Trinity Lutheran Church – 2025 Building Fund Campaign

"Rooted in Faith" – Preserving Trinity for Generations to Come

Thank you for your faithful support of Trinity Lutheran Church. **We are launching a vital campaign to raise \$75,000 over the next two years to fund capital improvements approved by the congregation—specifically, the removal of the sanctuary's north and south wall windows and repairs to the parking lot.** We are grateful for your past generosity and ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this campaign as well.

Campaign Summary

- **Goal:** \$75,000
- **Timeline:** Now through the end of calendar year 2025
- **Purpose:** Fund congregation-approved property repairs and upgrades
- **How to Help:** **One-time gifts or pledges over time! The Stewardship Board is asking members for contributions toward the \$75,000 goal via direct payment(s) and/or pledging payments on a schedule of their choice over a two-year period.**

Bridge Financing Options (if required)

1. **Member Loans:** Promissory notes starting at \$5,000, 2% interest, repaid in installments through 2027.
2. **Commercial Financing:** Will be considered only if needed.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support this important campaign. Your ongoing support is a blessing to our church and God's mission. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do!

Please return pledge cards to the church office or contact Pat Stevermer with any questions.

**Blessings in Christ,
The Stewardship Board**

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." — Acts 20:35

St. Mary's
Catholic Church

Proudly welcomes the

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY



Concert Choir

Sunday, October 26 @ 7pm

Free Admission

OCTOBER 26, 2025~ 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.

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



REFORMATION
Sunday

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 31st 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

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 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 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 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 Worship Attendance:	103
Website	50
Bible Studies Attendance:	8+6= 14
TREK/Confirmation	72
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$3902.13
October Giving: (\$23,640.00 .Needed)	\$14,385.05
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$209,667.02



Thrivent members are reminded to direct their Choice Dollars each year any time after April 1st of the year. Please consider naming

This Week's Prayer Concerns

Pray for Trinity...that the Holy Spirit would keep our Trinity family united as we continue in worship and in helping others as we are able ...

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 **Juliann, Jeannette, Gary, Mary, Jane, Krista, Trisha, Mark, Sherry, Kali, Isak, Vivian, Kim, Pam, Pat, Trish, Beth, Harold, Rita, Nip, Sarah, Chris, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Darrell, Milo, Ed, Carlo, Dorothy, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, 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....especially the family and friends of **LaDonna Fox** Who was laid to rest with services October 18th here at Trinity.....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 the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and those far from home...for **Brady Augustin** and his family...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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Welcome to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good;
His love endures forever.

Psalms 107:1