Trinity Lutheran Church

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REFORMATION SUNDAY

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For **by grace** you have been saved **through faith**. And this is not your own doing; it is the **gift of God**.

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EPHESIANS 2:8

REFORMATION ~ CONFIRMATION SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION

9:00 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.**

OPENING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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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.**

WORD

FIRST READING

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.

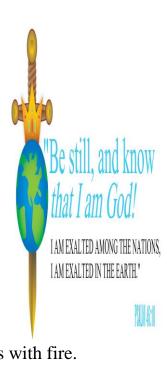


The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**.

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**.



Jeremiah 31:31-34

SECOND READING

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

Romans 3:19-28

FOR ALL HAVE SINNED

AND FALL SHORT OF

THE GLORY OF GOD

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. der - ing. wan be ___ my guide and _ Je - sus, hold me to ____ Your side; D.C. al Fine Please be near me the end. to I will love You the end. to

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AND ARE JUSTIFIED BY HIS *Grace* AS A GIFT.

ROMANS 8:23-24

GOSPEL

Pastor Tim Mason

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**

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who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,							
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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							
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH	God in your mercyHear our prayer.						

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

MEAL

(Mary's Choice)

OFFERING PRAYER

OFFERING

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.

(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)

Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUION

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.



COMMUNION BLESSING

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

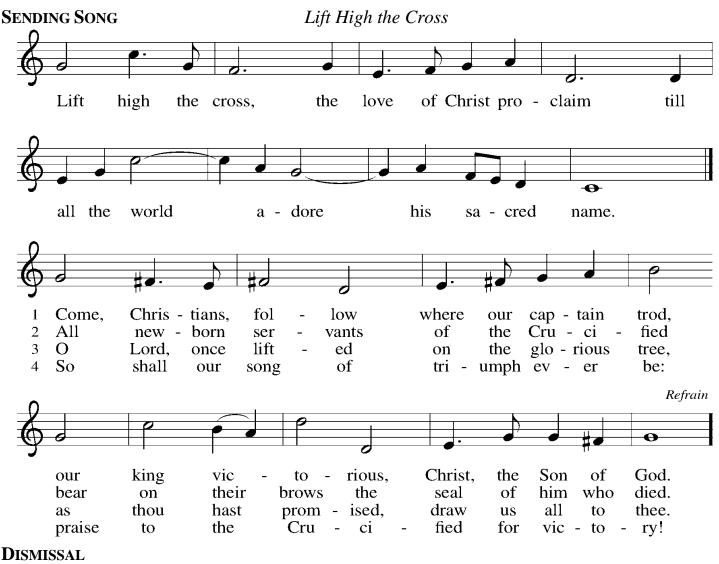
PRAYER OF THANKS

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.**

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.**



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

(There is cake in the Library to honor our Confirmands for all)

Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ

SUNDAY	9:00 am Worship	
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	
Reader	Cheryl Neidt	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Communion Assistants	Neil & Cheryl Neidt, Lee Johnson	
Greeters	Cheryl Neidt & Connie Johnson	
Ushers	Larry & Sherry Baumgardt	
Altar Guild	Terry Newgord & Nicole Stevermer	

THE FOLLOWING YOUNG PEOPLE ARE AFFIRMING THEIR FAITH TODAY



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."

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."

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."

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." 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."

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."

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."

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."

Bryent Finstad 03/01/2006 Parents: Nick & Rosie Baptized: 04/23/2006 Sponsors: Brad & Jackie Finstad

Confirmation

Mentor: Shanna Uecker Bible Verse: 1 John 4:19 "We love, because He first loved us."

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."

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."

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."



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 21st, 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!*





St John Lutheran Home Auxiliary will hold its Annual Meeting on Monday, November 8, at 4:00 in the Chapel. Coffee will be served. If we are unable to meet at the Home theater alternate site will be the Methodist Church basement.

St John Lutheran Home Auxiliary will serve a Pulled Pork meal, Monday, November 15, from 4:30 till sold out, at St John Lutheran Church, Hwy 14. Meals will be sold Take Out at the west entrance of the church. Come one, come all!!



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.

Sunday	John 8:31-36
Monday	Isaiah 55:6-11
Tuesday	Romans 1:8-17
Wednesday	Romans 15:1-7
Thursday	Colossians 3:5-17
Friday	Jeremiah 31:31-34
Saturday	Psalm 46
Sunday	Luke 21:5-19

Id the assigned Bible passages. God's Word sets people free God's Word achieves his purposes The gospel is the power of God The Scriptures give encouragement Let the word of Christ dwell in you New covenant God is our strength Suffering for Jesus' sake



Romans 3:23-24

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.

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 worlds 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



<u>Trinity's Mission Statement</u> 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 <u>secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org</u> or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message. TRINITY'S WEBPAGE Send an email to the church office at <u>secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org</u> 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 <u>www.sleepyeyeonline.com</u> 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:	\$4466.68
October Giving:	\$18,202.84
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$197,483.14
We are \$58093.00 below budget.	
Your help is needed.	

This Week's Prayer Concerns

<u>Pray for the Church</u>...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...

<u>Pray for our World</u>...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...

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

<u>Pray for the beloved</u>... 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....

<u>Pray for all families</u>...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 <u>married</u>...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 ...

<u>Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces</u> <u>and those far from home</u>...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...

<u>Pray for the missionaries of our church (ELCA)</u>...that they proclaim their witness of the Gospel throughout the world.

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I am giving permission for free use of any of my hymns to churches during the pandemic, knowing that many churches are struggling right now with their budgets. Carolyn Winfrey Gillette