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**October 27,
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**Reformation
Sunday**

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Reformation Sunday

Therefore, since we have
been justified through
faith, we have peace with
God through our Lord Jesus
Christ, through whom we
have gained access by faith
into this grace in which we
now stand.



Romans 5:1-2

REFORMATION SUNDAY

SERVICE OF THE WORD

9:00 am Sunday October 27th

“GOD’S RADICAL LOVE, LIVED OUT EVERY DAY”

EVERYONE SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG! HALLELUJAH!

All are welcome in this house of worship as we gather to give thanks and share God’s gifts of the Word. & Sacrament. Through faith our Lord promises to be present to all who believe as we gather in Jesus’ name receiving God’s gifts of forgiveness, salvation and eternal life. You are invited to fellowship and refreshments following our Sunday worship.

GATHERING

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 / PARISH NOTICES / BELL

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.**



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.

GREETING

God of hosts most gracious, God the Son who saves us, and God the Spirit placed upon us, be with you all. **And also with you.**

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.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - migh-t-y God and Fa - ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

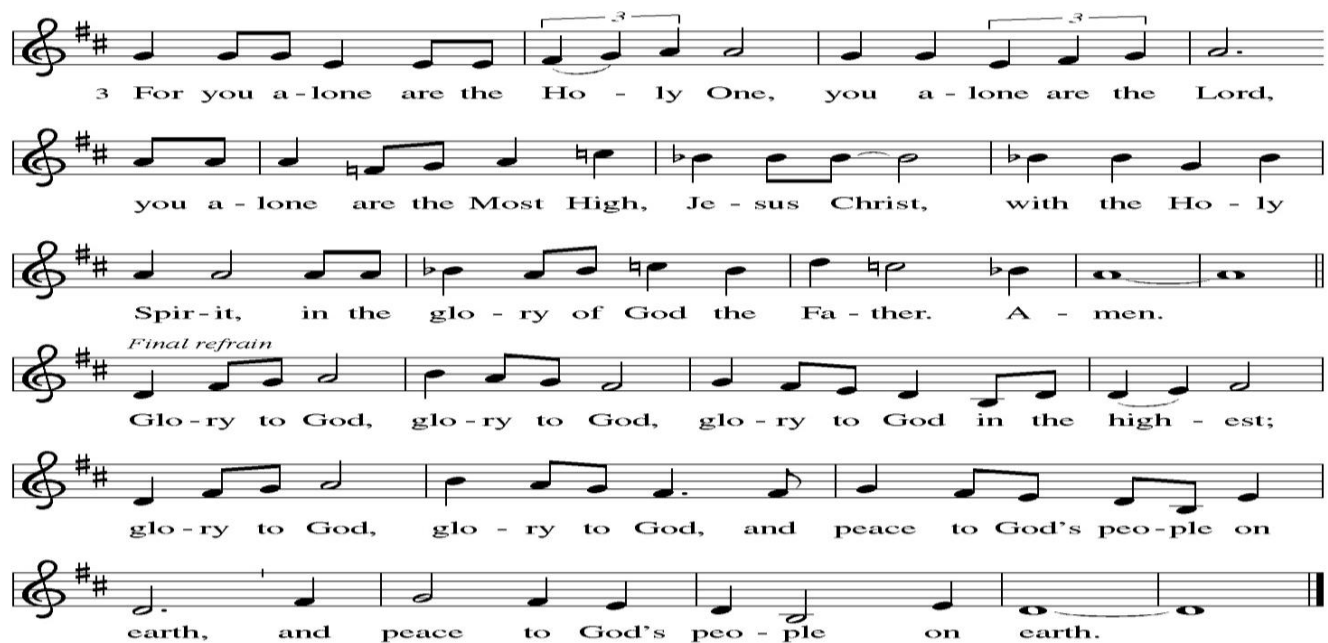
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.
Final refrain
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on
 earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



Trinity Choir

WORD

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The First Reading is in Jeremiah, Chapter 31, verses 31-34. The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy. The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

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. Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and the other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

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



GOSPEL READING:

John 8:31-36

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.**

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!

CREED

Today on Reformation Sunday, we confess our faith in the Triune God using the Apostles' Creed with Luther's Explanation from the Small Catechism:

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

What does this mean?

I believe that God has created me and all that exists. He has given me, and still preserves, my body and soul with all their powers. He provides me with food and clothing, home and family, daily work, and all I need from day to day. God also protects me in time of danger and guards me from every evil. All this he does out of fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, though I do not deserve it. Therefore I surely ought to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

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.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ – true God, Son of the Father from eternity, and true man, born of the virgin Mary – is my Lord. At great cost he has saved and redeemed me, a lost and condemned person. He has freed me from sin, death and the power of the devil – not with silver or gold, but with his holy and precious blood and his innocent suffering and death. All this he has done that I may be his own, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

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

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own understanding or effort believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and kept me in true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it united with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church day after day he fully forgives my sins and the sins of all believers. On the last day he will raise me and all the dead and give me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.



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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: respond after God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING THE PEACE

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

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

For the Fruit of All Creation

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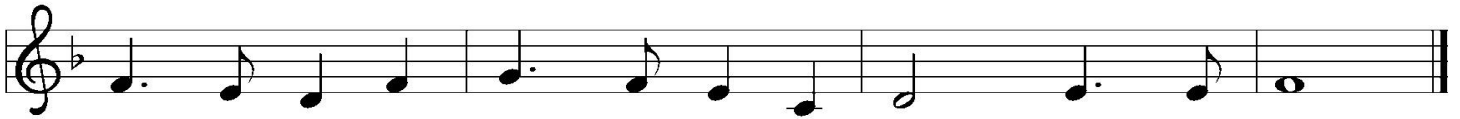
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

(USHERS AND WEDNESDAY SCHOOL STUDENT BRING UP THE OFFERING)

OFFERING PRAYER

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. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us pray:

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.

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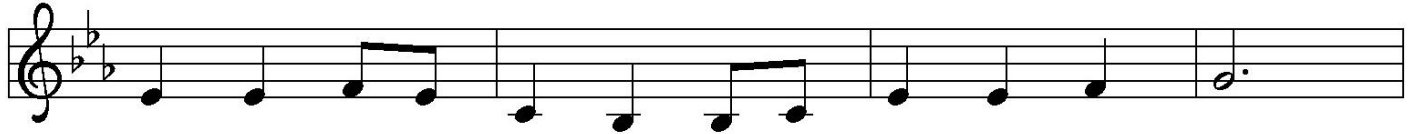
BENEDICTION

The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

Be Thou My Vision

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1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

BELL / DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE GOD'S WORK...OUR HANDS!

SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship	
Accompanist	Mary Mulry
Acolyte	Riley Voigt
Reader	Sandy Beito
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen
Usher/Greeters	Lee & Isaac Johnson Diane & Larry Evers
Altar Guild	Beth Klein



***WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHIES** to Susie & Matt Pedersen and their family and friends in the loss of their husband and father, **Wade** who passed away on Sunday, October 20th and was laid to rest with services here at Trinity yesterday. May God bless and keep them in His perfect peace.*



It's already time to begin planning for the Women's Candlelight Advent Dinner to be held Sunday, December 8th.

8 Hostesses are still needed. Are you interested in decorating a table and inviting seven women to join you for an inspirational evening?

Sign up in the narthex Today. If you wish to attend or work, there is a sign up for you as well.

If you have any questions, please contact Joleen Dittbenner at 507 227-2401.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS AND GARLAND FOR SALE!

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 selling wreaths and garland until October 31st as a fundraiser to help with expenses.** Wreaths will be delivered to church before Thanksgiving. You can stop by the church office or see us at the table in the narthex to order. As always, thank you all for your support!



Remember! Daylight Savings starts next Sunday!



From October 1st through October 31st, WELCA will be selling **That's My Pan! Stop by the table in the church entrance to see samples and place an order.** Ordering is also available online at: <http://www.thatsmypan.biz/WELCA> They have lots of different items to personalize and make wonderful Christmas gifts.

All orders will be shipped to Trinity for distribution, unless you specify a different shipping address, and will be here mid-November.



Our website: <http://www.thatsmypan.biz/WELCA>
Ordering will be available from 10/1 through 10/31.



Traditional Cake Pan



Bar Pan



Wood Paddleboard



8x8" Solid Oak Cutting Boards



4-Piece Bamboo Utensil Set



5 Piece Acacia Utensil Set



Laser Engraved Pie Pan & Lid



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If you want to support Trinity Lutheran Church but want your orders shipped directly to you, click the "Not Local" link at the very top of this page.



DO YOU PROVIDE CARE FOR A LOVED ONE?

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is a small-group workshop designed to help family caregivers take care of themselves. Whether you are helping a parent, spouse, or friend who lives at home, or in a living facility you will benefit from the tools presented in this program. Participants learn practical strategies to better handle caregiver challenges, skills proven to reduce feelings of guilt, anger and depression, tools to communicate more effectively, improve self-care and minimize stress. This FREE workshop is sponsored by Active Aging Programs, Catholic Charities of Southern MN.

It will be held at the Sleepy Eye Community Center. It begins Wednesday Oct 30th and runs for 6 consecutive Wednesdays from 1-2:30 pm. Class size is limited and registration is required by Oct. 25th. For more information or to register, contact Mary at 507-458-9687 or email at mcassem@ccsommn.org

Powerful Tools for Caregivers



Powerful Tools for Caregivers is a group workshop designed to help caregivers develop self-care tools and strategies to better manage the unique challenges facing them.

Who Should Attend

- Anyone acting in a caregiving role whether or not care receiver lives with you

What You'll Learn

- Managing stress, isolation, fatigue and difficult emotions
- Challenges of caregiving
- Building confidence
- Setting goals
- Problem solving
- Improving communication with family and health care team



ACTIVE AGING PROGRAMS
Catholic Charities of Southern MN

This workshop meets

**6 consecutive Wednesdays
October 30th -
December 4th**

1:00 – 2:30 pm

**Sleepy Eye
Community Center
115 2nd Ave NE**

Classes are FREE of charge
Seating is limited
Registration Required by Oct. 25th

To register contact:

Mary Cassem

Active Aging Programs 507.458.9687

mcassem@ccsommn.org

Visit our website for more information: www.ccsommn.org

In late September, Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a Category 4 hurricane, ravaging communities in the southeast, from Florida to Virginia. As the floodwaters have started to recede, the extreme devastation — especially in North Carolina and Tennessee — has become clearer. Entire towns, roads and bridges have been washed away, and millions are without power and cell service.

Whatever unfolds because of this storm, Lutheran Disaster Response will be there. Lutheran Disaster Response has strong relationships in the region and is already at work on the ground. Working alongside synods and other partners,

Lutheran Disaster Response is prepared to provide support throughout the impacted region. We anticipate that our greatest impact will be reaching those in underserved and rural areas.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to those affected by hurricanes and related disasters, such as mudslides, severe storms and flooding. These gifts also empower us to respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts to "Hurricane Response" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes, until the response is complete.

YES, I WANT TO HELP!

- Lutheran Disaster Response: *Where needed most* \$ _____ DDG0010
- Lutheran Disaster Response: *Hurricane Response* \$ _____ DDG0087

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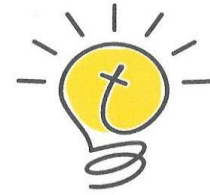
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Scan to give online



Give through your congregation or make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to: **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009** and write "*Where needed most*" or "*Hurricane Response*" on your check's memo line.

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Gather Us In
2024 Equipping Congregations Day

Saturday, Nov. 2nd
Location: Peace Lutheran, New London MN.

This Equipping Day will focus on many aspects of worship, from specific how-to ideas, to creative imaginations, to ways to welcome all people and extend the kind of hospitality that leads people to want to come back again and again and be part of this loving community.

Register online at www.swmnelca.org.
\$30 per person.
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Angie Larson
Executive Pastor at Calvary Lutheran Church, Alexandria MN.

Lunch catered by Azteca Mexican Restaurant!

Attend your choice of 2 out of 6 Workshops!
Workshop Descriptions are posted online at www.swmnelca.org/event/2024ecd.

"How can we get more people back in worship again?" Most of us are asking this question. Why? Not only because we miss seeing one another; that's important! We also believe that worship is the primary gathering of God's people around word and sacrament. Worship gathers us in - all of us, no matter who we are, where we come from, what we think, whatever the burdens we carry. We come, just as we are. But we don't stay in worship. The word and sacraments send us out to love God and our neighbors every day. And so we get to live in a beautiful rhythm of God gathering us in and then sending us back out into God's mission.



Southwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



**OUR PIE FELLOWSHIP WILL FOLLOW
THE THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE.
PLEASE CONSIDER BRINGING A PIE
TO SHARE. THANK YOU!**



OCTOBER 27, 2024

***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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Please take your bulletin home for weekly devotion



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@trinitysleepyeve.org or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message.

TRINITY'S WEBPAGE Send an email to the church office at secretary@trinitysleepyeve.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.sleepyeveonline.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. Please talk to Pat or Darlene if you are interested.

Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	102
Church School & Confirmation	70
Website	45
Bible Studies Attendance:	4+8+6 =18
Weekly Giving:	\$5832.95
October Giving	\$15,124.86
Amount given this year	\$192,855.74
Amount needed to meet Budget	\$234,930.00
2024 Budget	\$298,000.00

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 **Greg, Sheila, Linda, Grazie, Sandy, Cindy, Larry, Krista, Sherry, Kali, Jane, Ramsey, Sarah, Molly, Patricia, Nancy, Lennon, Chris, Julie, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, John, Lois, Emma, Milo, Ed, Carlo, Dorothy, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, 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 Sue and Matt Pedersen and the family and friends of her husband, **Wade**.... 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 wife ...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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