

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

ELW Setting 3 • October 30, 2016

Reformation Sunday

10:45 am Worship Service



*On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free!
We 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 made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians
will also be one at the Lord's table.*

Welcome members and guests to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex. Please include your home address, email address and phone number. Each pew contains cards that you may fill out if you wish to consult with the pastor or provide additional information about yourself.

A nursery is available for children up to five years of age during the service. The nursery is located off the hallway on the Huntington Avenue side of the church building. There are also “quiet bags” available for older children to enjoy during the service. Please ask an usher about borrowing one.

Parents are invited to bring children from the nursery for Holy Communion to receive a blessing. If children become restless or noisy during worship, parents are encouraged to take them in to and out of the sanctuary as necessary.

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Welcome

Prelude

Quiet preparation is encouraged at this time.

Gathering

The assembly stands and faces the processional cross.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Confession and Forgiveness

Both our confession of sin and God's promise of mercy are rooted in our baptism.

We come before God recalling our brokenness, but even more God's great grace poured out upon us because of Christ Jesus' death, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension.

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the only Sovereign, who dwells in light; Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners; the Holy Spirit, who lives within us. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of overflowing grace,

People: we come to you with repentant hearts.

Forgive us for shallow thankfulness.

Forgive us for passing by the ones in need.

Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures.

Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness.

Bring us home from the wilderness of sin,

and strengthen us to serve you

in all that we do and say;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Pastor: There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents. By the grace of God in + Christ Jesus, who gave himself up for us all, your sins are forgiven and you are made free. Rejoice with the angels and with one another! We are home in God's mercy, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

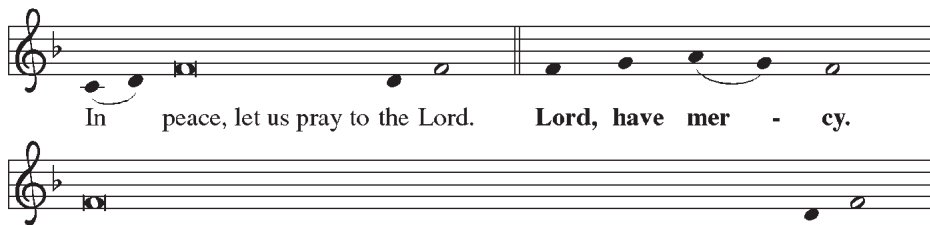
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We sing as the Holy Spirit gathers us for worship. This hymn sets the tone for the day.

The 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



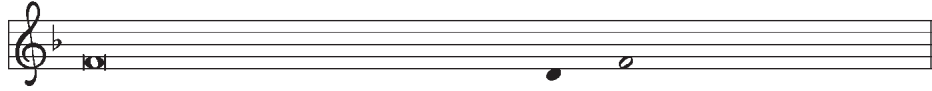
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



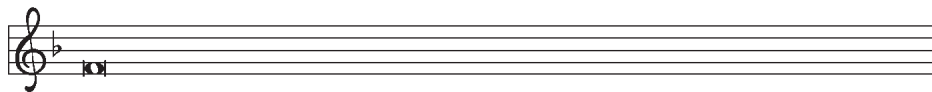
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



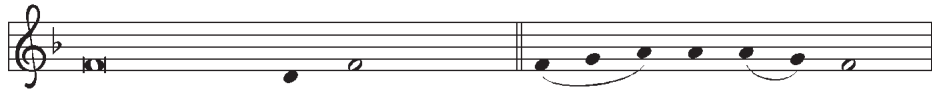
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

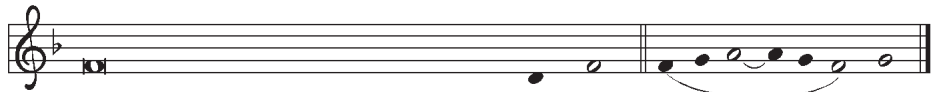


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Hymn of Praise



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

This prayer collects the themes from today's Scripture readings.

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.**

The assembly is seated.

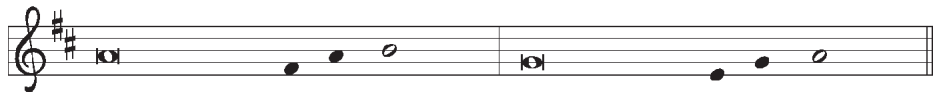
Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

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Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 46



God is our ref- | uge 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 cit- | y 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 up- | on 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.

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

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Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands.

Gospel Procession

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word (sts. 1 and 2)

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Gospel Lesson: John 8:31-36

“Gospel” means “good news” and refers to the message about God’s gracious work in Jesus Christ.

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

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word.
He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

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.**

Gospel Procession

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word (st. 3)

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The assembly is seated.

Time with the Children

Sermon

Pastor Tina Melusky

Silence is kept for reflection after the sermon.

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

ELW 729

This hymn complements the day's Scripture readings and often underscores the message of the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace, which enables people to live in unity and in the spirit of mutual forgiveness, comes from Christ whose word has been proclaimed.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The assembly is seated.

Announcements

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Offertory Hymn

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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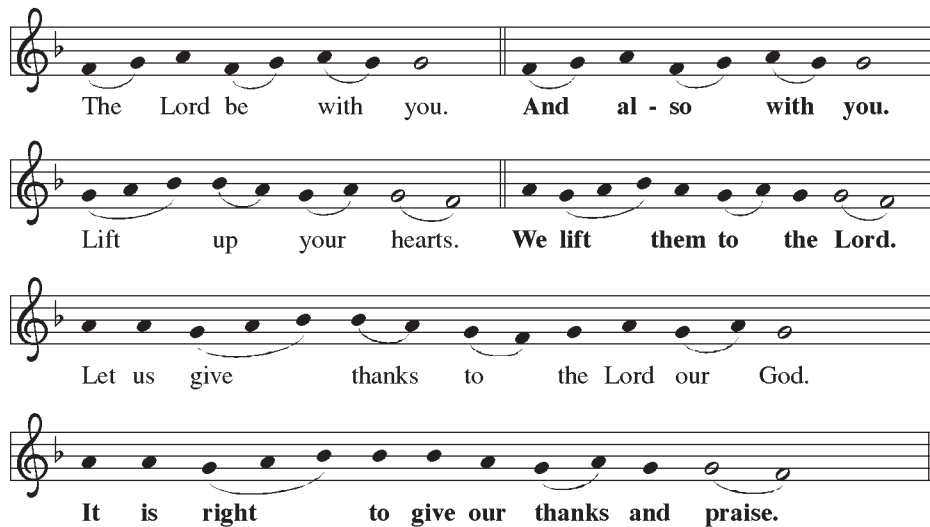
This hymn becomes our prayer as our gifts are collected and dedicated to our Lord's service. Our offerings support the ministries of Christ's church in this congregation, our community, our Virginia Synod, and our E.L.C.A.

Offertory Prayer

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. **And** al - so 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.

Proper Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

"Holy, Holy, Holy" echoes the heavenly chorus in Isaiah 6:3 and the crowds of Mark 11:9 as Jesus triumphantly entered Jerusalem. This reminds us that we are in the presence of a God identified both by holiness and humility.

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Eucharistic (Thanksgiving) Prayer unites God's creative and redeeming acts throughout history to the work of Jesus Christ.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

Lord's Prayer

When we pray for our daily bread, we are acknowledging that God provides for our needs each day.

**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.

*At the breaking of the bread, the Presider says, "Gifts of God for the people of God."
 The assembly is seated.*

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

This canticle echoes John the Baptist's pronouncement in John 1:29 that Jesus is the Passover Lamb of God's people and the Savior of the world.

Communion

As you receive the bread in your hand, you may commune by intinction using the silver chalice, or you may consume the bread and then drink from the pewter chalice.

Music During the Distribution

Built on a Rock

ELW 652

The assembly stands.

Sending

Table Blessing

The blessings and body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Post Communion Canticle

Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Post Communion Prayer

We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

ELW 654

This hymn concludes our worship by directing our attention towards Christ-like service in the world.

Dismissal

Our liturgy is ended. Go in peace. Serve the Lord and proclaim the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Serving Today

Crucifer	John Savage
Acolytes	Laura Madler and Nathan Rummel
Torchbearers	Mark Madler and John Savage
Bible Bearer	Laura Madler
Lector	Mary Dell
Presenters	Janet Anderson and Donna Wittkopp
Usher Captain	Cliff Obara
Ushers	Jerry Cobb, Anne Evans, and Anne Obara Jarvis Edwards (at the rail)
Nursery Coordinator	Charlotte Duff
Nursery Supervisor	Charlotte Duff
Altar Guild	Harlan and Virginia Hamby
Building Lockup	Dick Davis

Today's Music

Prelude

Canzona Bergamasca

Samuel Scheidt (1587 - 1654)

Offertory

A Festival of Psalms: Psalm 46

John Ness Beck (1930 - 1987)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be removed,
 though the mountains be carried away to the very midst of the sea;
though the waters roar and the mountains quake at his majesty.
There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God,
 the holy place of the tabernacle, the holy place of the Lord.
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; he shall defend her from the night through the dawn.
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
“Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted above all nations, I will be exalted upon the earth.”
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Music During the Distribution

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

Postlude

Galliard Battaglia

Samuel Scheidt

Notes on the Music

During this year of preparation for the 500th anniversary of Luther's Reformation in 2017, Trinity will feature several of the finest examples of our rich musical heritage. Today we hear two works by Samuel Scheidt. He lived most of his life in Halle, Germany, serving first the court and then the town's churches, including one where Luther had preached. Later at that same church, Georg Friedrich Händel would be baptized and Johann Sebastian would inspect the organ.