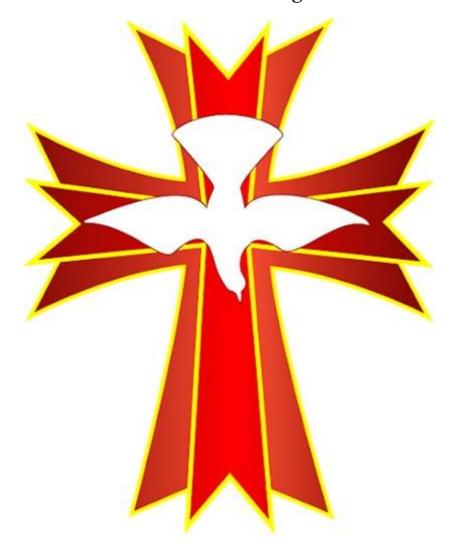
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Reformation Sunday

10:00 AM Worship Service • October 27, 2024

ELW Setting 3



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.

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. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information.

The nursery is available, however since there are no attendants at this time, feel free to use it as needed.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

6812 River Road, Newport News, VA 23607 (757) 245-7861 – http://trinitylutheran-nn.com Church Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



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PASTOR MELUSKY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday 9-10:30am, 11:30am-12:15pm; Wednesday 9:30am-12pm; Thursday 9am-12pm Times are flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in.

Pastor's Cell: (734) 239-4013

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CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune in G

Jeremy J. Bankson

GATHERING

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.

The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.

In our desire to be first

we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing,

your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

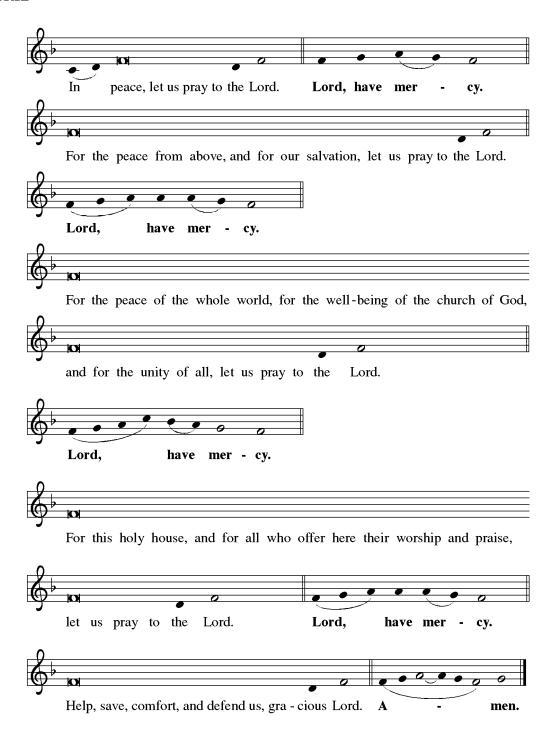
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God EIN FESTE BURG; brass setting by David Cherwien

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



HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

The assembly is seated

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

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 (Jer. 22:16). 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 partner, 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.

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46 (sung responsively)



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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

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and 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 God's 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 God's grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by blood, effective through faith. God did this to show Christ's righteousness, because, in God's divine forbearance, God had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that God alone is righteous and that God 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.

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (stanzas 1-2) WESTMINSTER ABBEY; brass setting by Jeremy J. Bankson

ELW 645

GOSPEL: JOHN 8:31-36

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

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

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 PROCESSIONAL

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (stanzas 3-4) ELW 645

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Tina Melusky

SERMON

Pastor Tina Melusky

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

ELW 517

ERHALT UNS, HERR; brass setting by David N. Johnson

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

God of grace, hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

The assembly is seated.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God Is Our Refuge

Allen Pote

God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble.

Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

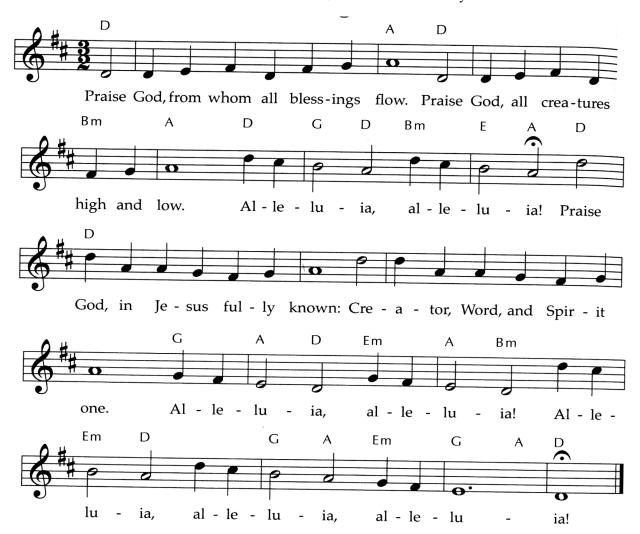
Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God. He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth.

He is the Word, we are his hands; he will lead us. He is the air, we are his song; we will celebrate his presence all the day long.

The assembly stands.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN; brass arr. Geoffrey T. Bell



OFFERTORY PRAYER

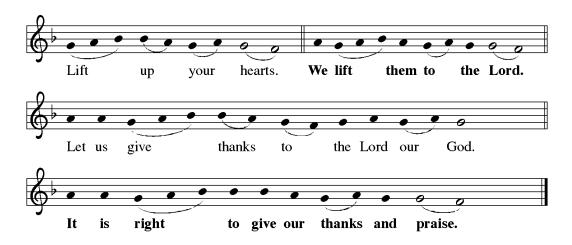
Blessed are you, O God,

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.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING



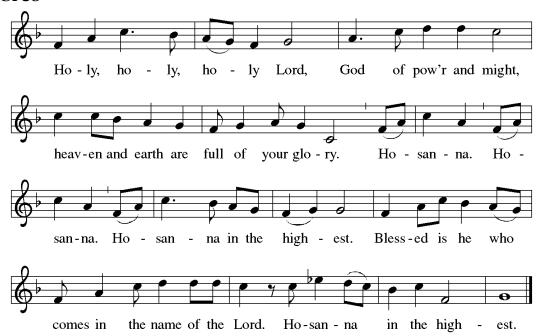


PROPER PREFACE

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



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



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.

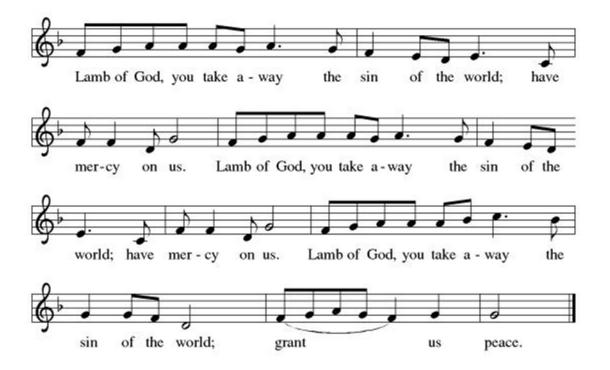


LORD'S PRAYER

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.

The assembly is seated

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION

Communion is held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a *clear* cup with wine or a *purple* cup with grape juice from the tray. Recycling baskets for your plastic cups are located outside the doors of the sanctuary. Trinity has an open table – all are welcome to come to the feast.

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBNUTION

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER

ELW 520

That Priceless Grace
THAT PRICELESS GRACE

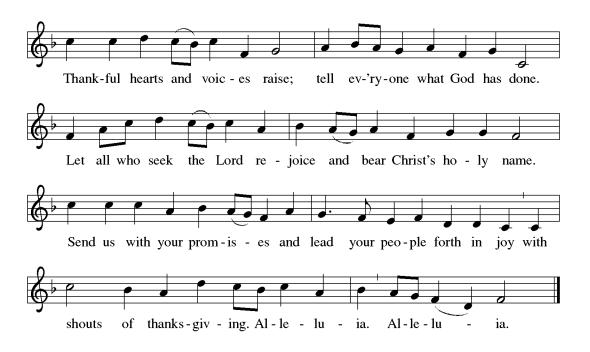
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The assembly stands.

SENDING

TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING OF HANDS FOR GLOBAL MISSION

BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

ELW 654

AURELIA; arr. Jeremy J. Bankson

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

God of Grace Paul Manz; brass setting by Jonathan Crutchfield

BRASS ENSEMBLE

Trumpets – Jeremy Garnett, David Vonderheide
Trombones – Nick Gonzalez, Rodney Martell
Horn – Ellen Polachek
Timpani – Will McVay

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY

CRUCIFER — Shawn Murphy

ACOLYTES — Elena and Karina Stevens

TORCHBEARERS — Drew Rummel and Carter Recupero

BIBLE BEARER — Emma Recupero

LECTOR — Bill Solomon

USHERS/GREETERS — Jerry Cobb, Karoline Ardis,

Dave Roselius, John Lunsford

CAMERA/LIVESTREAM — Doug Hill

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>RED FOOD BOX</u> Thank you so much for your continued donations to the Red Box! We will always need water and food donations. A reminder that if you donate fruit cups, please be sure they are applesauce cups only– other fruit cups attract critters! This is an important ministry for our community members, receiving a gift that reminds them that they are valued children of God!



<u>THE TEAM FOUNDATION</u> The Team Foundation Ministries Fund enables Trinity Lutheran Church to do the work of the gospel by supporting local and global outreach ministries. If you know of an organization that would benefit from this financial support, you or a representative of the organization may apply using the online form via this link: https://forms.gle/cGKdirK1TeShTZFb7

Request Guidelines:

- 1. Monies can only be dispersed to organizations. They cannot be used for individuals.
- 2. One form should be submitted for each request.
- 3. Information and/or justification for giving to this organization must be included. Forms must be submitted by November 17, 2024
- **If you prefer to use a printed version of the form, you may print the attached PDF, obtain one from the table in the TLC Narthex, or obtain one from the TLC administrative assistant in the church office.

Everything I Learned in Confirmation...I already forgot...

Have you ever asked, "Why do we do that?" while sitting in church? Have you ever wondered how we got to where we are? Has the Bible ever confused you? Join the club! This fall we are tackling all the things we probably learned in Confirmation and then promptly forgot! The next meeting will be Thursday November 7 at 6:30 PM. We will gather every other Thursday throughout the fall, from 6:30-8 PM for discussion and to dive into the ins and outs of faith. If you'd like to join us, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. We will be meeting in person and on Zoom.

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

Congregational Council continues its work to update to the church constitution and bylaws. The most recent draft after the August collaboration session has been provided via Constant Contact. In the draft, gray highlighted text denotes changes to the constitution that align with the most recent synod template while those highlighted in yellow and underlined are proposed Council updates. The final draft will be available to the congregation no later than October 27, before the final vote to be scheduled concurrently with the election of new Council members in December.

TRINITY WORK DAY

Property Committee and Council are planning a work day after the service today, October 27 to refresh some areas of our church property. Please free to change into work clothes after church. Some of our tasks are to clean out window wells and weed our flower beds. Bring work gloves, small shovels, sturdy buckets, large trash bags. Leaf vacuums and ladders might be helpful. In case of rain we will switch to indoor tasks such as window and kitchen cupboard cleaning plus polishing and painting. For indoor work Windex and other household cleaners and your favorite rags and sponges will also be helpful. Remember that many hands make light work and cleanliness is next to godliness.

PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Nursing Homes/Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell, Millie Christensen, and Barbara Olson; Shut- ins Home: Peggy Cash, and Shirley Anderson.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Nancy Sumpter, Tricia Wessler's Mom, requested by Pastor Tina; Mary Best, a friend of Connie Hoover, requested by Connie Hoover; Charlie Edmonson, friend of Sandy and Jerry Cobb, requested by Sandy Cobb; Nancy Allerding, who works with the Costa Rica mission trip, requested by Tricia Wessler; Dr. Bill Whitehurst, friend of Dottie Self, requested by Dottie Self; Sherry Johnston, former member and sister of Donna Owens, requested by Judy Hunt; Harlan Hamby, requested by Katherine Harry; The family of Carole Knopp, by Wendy Mynoymany; Scully, Pastor Tina and Ben's dog, requested by Tricia Wessler; Janet Stephan, requested by the Dail Family; Amanda Griegos and her family, requested by Diane and Dave Roselius; Karen Admano and her husband Matt requested by Patricia Fielding; the Ahlen family, requested by Kathy Stevens; Beth Eisdorfer, daughter of Terri Hoffeditz; Cousin Florence (Alzheimer's) and Richard, requested by Dottie Self; Jean Wimmer--friend of Jeannette Dail.

Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty: James Fielding, in Tokyo, Japan, Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Sierra Leone.; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National guard, LAFB; Michael Titus, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and wife, Elisabeth Bruce.

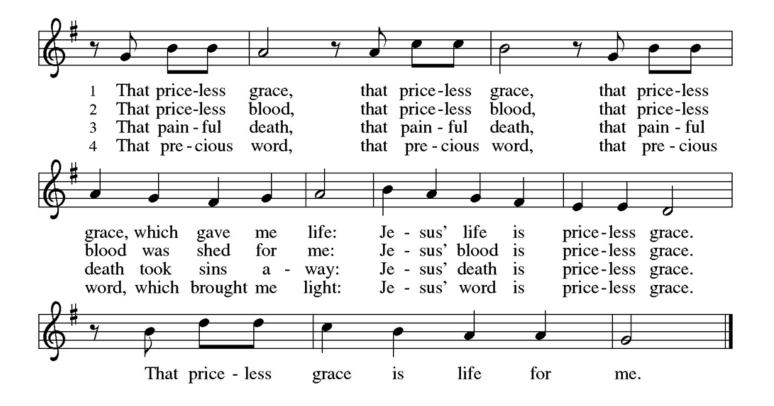


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