



REFORMATION SUNDAY

Trinity Lutheran Church



October
27
2024

Reformation Sunday

Together
in Community
Living
with Christ
Caring
for Neighbors

If you continue in
my word, you are
truly my disciples;
³² and you will
know the truth,
and the truth will
make you free.

John 8:31-32

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We are glad you are here!

***It is always good to be together, hearing the Word proclaimed
and sharing in the Lord's Supper.***

Thank you for choosing to worship at Trinity Lutheran Topeka.

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

Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 3

GATHERING

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity...forever.

C **Amen.**

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

C **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.**

P God promises to forgive...your sins are forgiven.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW 503

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old evil foe, sworn to work us woe,
With dread craft and might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
Ask who this may be: Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus our Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpow'r us.
This world's prince may rage, in fierce war engage.
He is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.
- 4 God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
If they take our house, goods, fame, child, or spouse,
wrench our life away, they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

GREETING

P The grace ...be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord

ELW PAGE 138

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast

ELW PAGE 140

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Almighty God...now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 46

Sung responsively



- ¹ God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.
- ² **Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;**
- ³ though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
- ⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.**
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.
- ⁶ **The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away.**
- ⁷ The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
- ⁸ **Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;**
- ⁹ 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.
- ¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”**
- ¹¹ The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 3:19-28

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go*

ELW PAGE 142

P The Holy Gospel, according to John, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 8:31-36

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR BARBARA JONES

HYMN OF THE DAY

God, Whose Almighty Word

ELW 673

Please stand for the last verse.

- 1 God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight: hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.
- 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight; health to the troubled mind,
sight where illusions blind;
oh, now to humankind
let there be light.
- 3 Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy dove,
speed forth your flight; move on the water's face
bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.
- 4 4 Holy and blessed three, glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might: boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride, through the earth, far and wide,
let there be light.

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed. ELW PAGE 127

THE PRAYERS

A Challenged by God's Word,...and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

A Lord of all,...God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands,...now and forever.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING AND OFFERING SONG

ELW 181

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Blessed are you...our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right...join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW PAGE 144

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW PAGE 145

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW PAGE 146

COMMUNION HYMN

Healer of Our Every Ill

ELW 612

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

1 You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*

2 In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain*

3 Give us strength to love each other, ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain*

4 You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain*

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body...keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Blessed are you,...our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you...give you peace.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* **ELW 779**

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
- 2 ‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
 how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
 ‘tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures;
 he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
- 5 When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
 We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C **Thanks be to God. Our worship has ended. Now our service begins.**

Please join us for coffee and refreshments downstairs in Fellowship Hall immediately after worship.

POSTLUDE

Everyone who goes to the Altar for communion will be viewed on camera. Should you prefer not to have your image recorded, please stay in your seat and tell an usher you would like to have communion served to you in your pew.

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10:00AM-3:30PM, Monday through Thursday

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Caring for Our Neighbors

Jesus commands us that when we care for the least of these; that we are in the presence of Christ (*Matthew 25:44-45*). As a congregation, we deeply care about serving those in need in our community. We hope to be a place of refuge and support for our neighborhood and to be a place to uplift those people that struggle around us. We also support ministries both local, national, and global as a church in the ELCA. As a congregation, we focus our efforts to partner with community organizations like Doorstep, while expanding opportunities to help our neighborhood through activities like our food ministry and community garden. We continue to be open to the ways that God calls us to be a presence in our community and to create a world where all are cared for in our society (*Philippians 2:4*).

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