



Trinity Lutheran Church



October
26
2025

Reformation
Sunday

Together
in Community
Living
with Christ
Caring
for Neighbors

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."
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.
*We offer our thanks and welcome to Deacon Dave Mareske joining us once again to preach &
preside at communion today. We pray that all are inspired by our worship.*

PRELUDE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 2

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

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

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Built on a Rock

ELW 652

1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land, bells still are chiming and calling—calling
the young and old to rest, calling the souls of those distressed, longing for life
everlasting.

- 2 Surely, in temples made with hands God the Most High is not dwelling—high in the heav’ns his temple stands, all earthly temples excelling.
Yet God who dwells in heav’n above deigns to abide with us in love, making our bodies his temple.
- 3 Christ builds a house of living stones: we are his own habitation; he fills our hearts, his humble thrones, granting us life and salvation.
Where two or three will seek his face, he in their midst will show his grace, blessings upon them bestowing.
- 4 Yet in this house, an earthly frame, Jesus the children is blessing; hither we come to praise his name, faith in our Savior confessing.
Jesus to us his Spirit sent, making with us his covenant, granting his children the kingdom.
- 5 Through all the passing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are ringing, many may come to hear your Word, who here this promise is bringing:
“I know my own, my own know me; you, not the world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. Amen.”

Text: Nicolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867-1937, adapt. Text © 1958 *Service Book and Hymnal*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C And also with you.**

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, 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 u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,
 let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**
 Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, 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 in the high - est, 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 in the high - est, 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.



Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A 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.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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.

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.**

⁷The 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;
⁹behold 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.”
¹¹The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 3:19-28

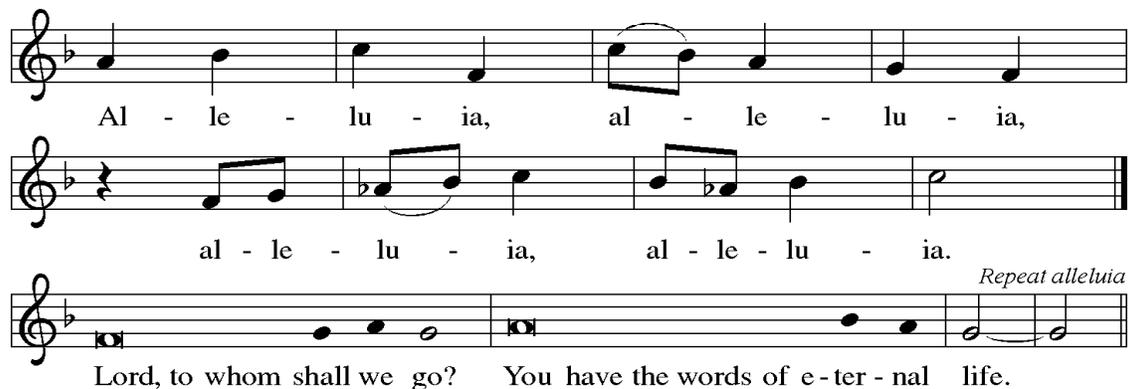
¹⁹Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 8:31-36

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They 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?’” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

DEACON DAVE MARESKE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

ELW 517

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word; curb those who by deceit or sword would wrest the kingdom from your Son and bring to naught all he has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow’r make known, for you are Lord of lords alone; defend your holy church, that we may sing your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity on earth; support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

APOSTLES CREED

P Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

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.

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.

THE PRAYERS

A Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

A Free your church, O God, with grace, mercy, and love to be transformed by your word. Direct your church to be united in word and deed so that all creation knows the uniting and transforming power of the gospel. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A Renew creation, O God, so that all living creatures thrive together. Guide those who work to restore and renew creation. Preserve and care for endangered species throughout the world. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A Bring peace among the nations, O God, so violence and terror are not the norm on your earth. Inspire leaders of communities to work for peace and justice. Unite our politicians with a common mission and purpose. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A Heal all who suffer, O God, and bring them peace. Give hope to people facing oppression or discrimination. Heal those who are ill, especially Brian Dumler, Junior & Liz Utech, Shelley Andrews, Martha Nemeth, and David McGinnis. Be our stronghold at all times. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A Forgive us our sins, O God, and grant us your grace. Move us to understanding and reconciliation between people of other faiths and other Christian traditions in our community. Heal hurt feelings and wounds we have caused. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A Bless these for whom we ask prayers this week. We pray for Charlotte O'Brien as she celebrates her birthday and for Bob Horton and Curt Lewis as they remember their baptisms. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A Lord God, you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses. Grant that we be encouraged by the example of your servant Terry Allen, son of Donna Allen, that we may share in your eternal joy with all the saints in heaven. Bless and support the family and friends of Terry as they celebrate his life.

C receive our prayer.

P We give you thanks, O God, for the life and witness of all your saints. Give us hope in your son's victory through the cross. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment features a steady, rhythmic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The score ends with a double bar line.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

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.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C **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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

We invite all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior to share in Holy Communion. Grape juice is available as an alternative to wine as well as gluten-free wafers. Everyone is invited to receive communion or a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate an openness to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing.

Everyone who goes forward 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.

LAMB OF GOD

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

ELW 654

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

- 1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he
bought her, and for her life he died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation one
Lord, one faith, one birth: one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed, by schisms rent
asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn
of song.
- 4 Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war, she waits the
consummation of peace forevermore; till with the vision glorious her longing
eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet
communion with those whose rest is won. Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace, that we, like saints before us, may see you face to
face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your
servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We
ask this in Jesus' name. **C Amen.**

SENDING PRAYER FOR COMMUNION KITS

P Gracious God, loving all your family with a parent's tender care: As you sent the
angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist us in this ministry on which we
are sent forth. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we
bring this sacrament, that through the body and blood of your Son we all may
know the comfort of your abiding presence. **C Amen.**

BLESSING

P The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your
hearts; and the life of the Spirit † bless you and give you peace.

SENDING HYMN*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***ELW 504**

- 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 satanic foe has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dreadful 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. You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Jesus, mighty 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 overpower us. Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage! His might 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. Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The kingdom's ours forever!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*. Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

DISMISSAL**A** Go in peace. Do not lose heart.**C** **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Oct. 26..... Reformation Sunday.....
 Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM
 Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM
 Coffee Hour after worship

Tues., Oct. 21 Quilters 9:00 AM
 TLHA meeting 7:00 PM

Sun., Nov. 2 All Saints' Sunday
 Hymn Sing Along 10:15 AM
 Doorstep Food Collection Day
 Worship 10:30 AM
 Coffee Hour after worship

Worship Assistants

Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Worship Leader	Coffee Hosts
Oct. 26	Brayden Winsor	Diane Bottorff, Dean McGinnis	John Wendlandt	LaVell Winsor	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Marcy Carlson	Deacon Dave Mareske	Duane & Debbie Pomeroy
Nov. 2	Braxdon Penry	Diane Bottorff, Curt Lewis		Fred Sierks Jr.	Donna Allen & Team 3	Ted Murphy	Bob Horton	Junior & Liz Utech, Marilyn Heckman
Nov. 9	Curt Lewis, Ella Bosch	Duane Pomeroy		Duane Pomeroy	Donna Allen & Team 3	Marcy Carlson	Bishop Donna Simon	Marcy Carlson & Janelle Meredith
Nov. 16	Cindy McGinnis	Ted Murphy, Howard Reece		Shelley Andrews	Donna Allen & Team 3	Bob Horton	Marcy Carlson	Howard & Loni Reece



Coffee hosts are needed. Please let Diane know if you would like to help on November 23rd, Nov. 30th, or any Sunday in December. Thanks!



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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*).

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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