



REFORMATION AND THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

OCTOBER 27, 2024

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
MINNEAPOLIS

WELCOME TO ALL

*The people of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church wish to extend a special welcome to all visitors!
Please leave your name and phone number on the visitor card found in the pew.*

*We are committed to the inclusion of all people, with no exception. Therefore, we practice **open communion**, welcoming all to the table to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.*

*Children are full participants in this congregation's worship, educational, and community life! The Mary Martha Room is a quiet space for infants needing to nurse or to nap. For active toddlers, the Community Room has a Children's Corner with books and a table at which to play.
Our ushers are ready to assist you in finding the place that best fits your family's needs.*

***Accessible and all-gender restrooms** are located in the basement.
Single-use, all-gender restrooms are located on the 1st floor.*

*For over forty years, this congregation has advocated for the **full welcome, inclusion, and equity** of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) Lutherans in all aspects of the church and the community. We invite all people into lives of authenticity, integrity, and wholeness.*

***Hearing assist devices and large-print bulletins** are available. Ask an usher if you are interested.*

*Our **services are livestreamed** on Vimeo and Facebook every week. The live shot includes the main floor of the sanctuary. Our members who watch from home love to see their friends at church! If for privacy reasons you prefer not to be on camera, the balcony is outside of the camera's range.*

*If you are seeking **pastoral care**, please speak to a pastor today.*

Today's bulletin cover art is provided by Lorelei Lindorfer. Thank you, Lorelei!

REFORMATION

On this day, more than 500 years after Martin Luther opened a conversation that both began a reforming of the Church and also led to a split in the Church, we pray for the Triune God's healing and continuing reformation of the Church of Christ. Today, with Luther's joyful proclamation of God's grace in our hearts and voices, we celebrate the heart of Christian faith: the Gospel of Christ — the good news — that makes us free! God has made a new covenant with us, written on our hearts, that together we might know God's forgiveness and calling. In the waters of baptism, we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at Christ's Table, and that the Spirit would continue to unite the Church in its proclamation and witness in the world.

GATHER

Origami Doves

When we gather for worship our prayers rise up to God. Our community tenderly holds joy, sadness, worry, and everything in between. You are invited to write your prayers on pieces of paper that will be folded into origami doves by Juliann Breting Rohn and her friends. Today will be the last Sunday to do this during service. The prayer doves will become a part of an art piece that will be built over the coming months and which will live in the sanctuary. At any moment during the service, especially during communion, we invite you to write your prayers. The pieces of paper are on the table near the altar railing.

+invites the congregation to stand

PRELUDE

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, BWV 720

J. S. Bach

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00)

Live with the Spirit
Children's Choir

John D. Horman

Live with the Spirit as your guide. Put your quarrels and troubles aside.

Control your anger and jealousy, settle arguments peacefully.

Be kind and generous, patient too; gentle, loving in all that you do.

Discover the joy in each new day when you are faithful to Jesus' way.

+GATHERING HYMN

Abundant Grace

Please stand and face the cross at the rear of the sanctuary.



1. A - bun - dant grace, our rock our strength, God
2. A - bun - dant love, God shares with us, and
3. To God Cre - a - tor, Je - sus Christ and



helps when we're in need. So we won't fear, since
o - pens ev - 'ry heart. We're rea - dy made, though
God the Spi - rit three, Let all now ga - thered,



God is near, to guide us and to lead.
moun - tains quake, to hear God's word of peace.
cloaked in grace, share joy that we are free!



Grace from hea - ven, live for - giv - en, lov - ed and claimed by God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, So - li De - o Glo - ri - a!

+GREETING

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

+KYRIE

Cantor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. *All:* **Lord, have mer - cy.** *Cantor:* For the peace from a-bove,
and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord. *All:* **Lord, have mer - cy.**

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

+HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast

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

All
Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of
God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and
glo-ry are his. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu -
ia. Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the hymn of all cre-
a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to God and the Lamb for-
ev-er. A - men. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

+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 good news, 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.**

Please be seated.

WELCOME

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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

PSALM 46

Hal H. Hopson

Refrain (First time: cantor, then all)

Refrain

God, the Lord of Hosts, is with us,
Ja - cob's God, the Lord of all.

God, our strength and mighty fortress, God, our refuge day and night;
God, whose promise is deliverance, God, whose law is truth and light;
Though the earth with fear may tremble, None can shake God's boundless might. **Refrain**

In the city of the Holy, Rivers flow and streams run pure;
Where you, Lord, abide in splendor, There your people dwell secure.
In their hearts your love will flourish, Through the faith your word endures. **Refrain**

Come, behold God's matchless wonders, See the deeds of God's own hand;
Gifts beyond our expectations, Works too great to understand.
Sound God's might in songs of glory Sung to earth's most distant land. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

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

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia!

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

+GOSPEL READING

John 8:31-36

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

SERMON

Refrain



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

8:45 - Please remain standing for the Apostles' Creed, found on page 14.

11:00 - Please be seated for the Rite of Confirmation.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (11:00)

*Confirmands come forward.
Parents, guardians, family members, and caring adults are also invited
to come forward at this time.*

These people have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their baptism:

Lydia Belusa and Emma Murray

Dear friends, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world. In holy baptism, Jesus Christ received you and made you a member of the church. In the community of God's people, you have learned of God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Along with this congregation, I ask you, do you believe in God?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, child of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Eucharist,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

(Confirmands answer) I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these members of the body of Christ and pray for them in their journey of faith?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

ANTHEM

I Am a Child of God
Children's Choir

Bruce & Cheryl Harding

I am a child of God, I am a glimpse of God's new creation, I am a child of God.

I am a song of joy, I am the moment of jubilation, I am a song of joy.

I am a cry for peace, I am commitment and dedication, I am a cry for peace.

I am a child of God, I am a glimpse of God's new creation, I am a child of God.

The confirmands kneel for individual blessings.

God in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in (*confirmand*) the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in her serving, give her patience in suffering, and bring her to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

O God, we praise you for calling us to faith and for gathering us into the Church, the body of Christ. We thank you for your people gathered in this congregation and rejoice that you have set us free for love and service. Together may we live in the Spirit, building one another up in love, sharing in the life and worship of the Church, and seeking justice and peace for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.

Please stand for the prayers, found on page 15.

+APOSTLES' CREED (8:45)

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.

+INTERCESSIONS

Libby and Keith Olstad

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(silence)

Creator God, even as the seasons change, you remain constant and close. Inspire our delight in your creative goodness and sustain us through all of life's seasons. God of mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Covenant-making God, you have promised to put your law into our hearts, making all of us your people. Help us to know and trust your presence in our lives. God of mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Righteous God, you have made us all your own, and we thank you for calling us into community. We especially praise you for Emma and Lydia, confirmed today. Open us to care for them as they continue to grow. God of mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Faithful God, you call us to action. Empower us to "step up." Free us to be creative in our engagement with neighbors near and far. Keep hope in our souls for a better world to come. God of mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, war tears apart communities throughout your world—Ukraine, Sudan, Gaza, Lebanon, Israel. Give courage and comfort to those daily threatened and guide government leaders toward peaceful resolutions. God of mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of caring, we remember those in our midst and throughout the world who struggle with physical and mental illness, grief and loss, confusion and loss of direction in their lives. Reassure those in pain that You are near. We remember especially Bob Brose and his family on the death of his brother, Paul; Jamie Bistram and his family on the death of his father, Dennis; Kathy Ekwall's brother Steve and friend, Jim Farnes; Mike Kelly; Christine and Michael Scanlan (Theresa Duty's brother); Amy Johnson; Aric Sorenson and Ty Inglis; James Nysse's cousin, Eric Steckling; Katie Murray's mom Pat; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom Jo; Juliet Williamson; Jan Mehlhoff's friend, Margie Guelker; and those we hold in our hearts or speak with our voices now (*the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care*). God of mercy,

Hear our prayer.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions. At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "God of mercy," to which the congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer."

Receive our prayers and hopes, God of mercy and justice, as we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

MEAL

+PEACE

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

You are invited to exchange words and signs of friendship and love with those around you.

OFFERING (8:45)

Andante Religioso

Felix Mendelssohn

(11:00)

Sizohamba Naye
Adult Choir, Cantate

arr. Terry D. Taylor

Sizohamba naye. Sizohalalisa. Sizohlabelela

We walk the Lord's road. We sing the Lord's praise. We live the Lord's Word.

+OFFERTORY HYMN

Build New Bridges

(8:45) Soloist, all join final stanza

(11:00) Cantate, all join final stanza

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.

Build new bridges build them out of love,
with hearts that dare to offer care and show God's mercy everywhere;
build new bridges out of love, build them sturdy, out of love.

Build new bridges build them out of hope,
with eyes that see how things can be and seek God's kingdom earnestly;
build new bridges out of hope, build them sturdy, out of hope.

Build new bridges build them out of peace,
with knees that kneel and hands that heal and strive to make God's justice real;
build new bridges out of peace, build them sturdy, out of peace.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Build new bridg - es build them out of joy, with". The second staff contains: "ra - diant smiles that stretch for miles and share the Word that rec - on - ciles;". The third staff contains: "build new bridg-es out of joy, build them stur-dy, out of love." The music consists of a simple melody with some rests and a final double bar line.

+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 Comforter.

Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

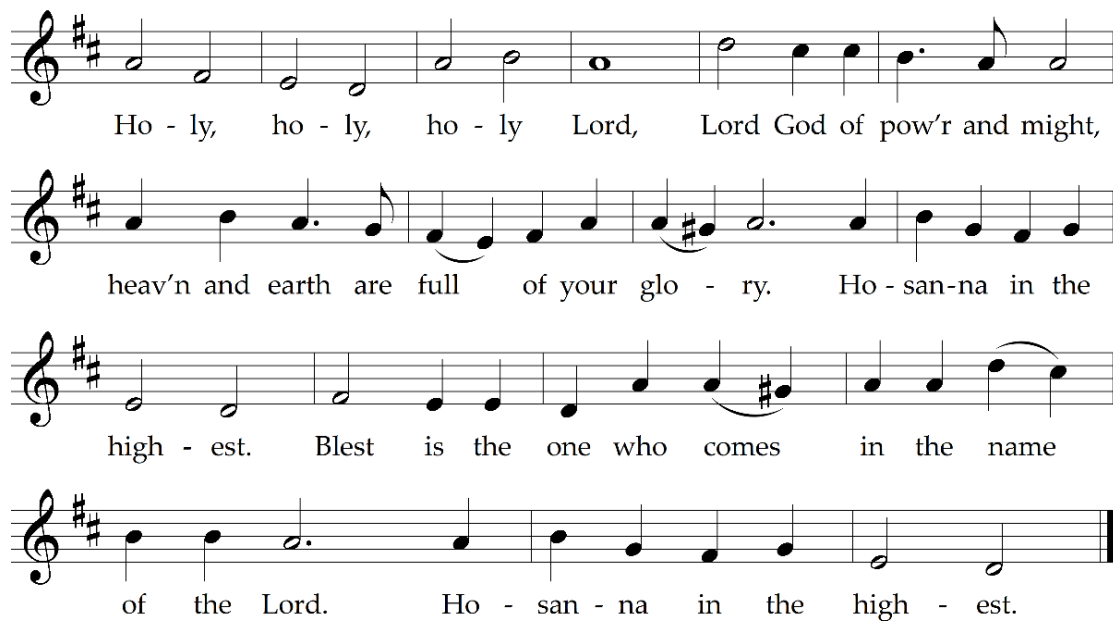
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has one long measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has one long measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some slurs and ties.

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, O 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 the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the
high - est. Blest is the one who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together,

**Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

+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, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION INVITATION

All are welcome at the table. This is Christ's table where no one is a stranger.

(11:00) For those worshiping at home, hear these words spoken for you: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

All are welcome at the table.

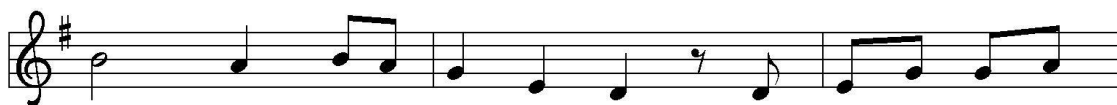
Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.

An usher will direct you down the center aisle, where you can pick up a communion cup. You are invited to stand or kneel in front of the table, beginning from the middle and moving toward the outside. After you have received the bread and the wine, please return to your seat by way of the side aisle, where an usher will receive your communion cup.

If you wish to receive communion from your pew, please let an usher know.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Light Dawns on a Weary World



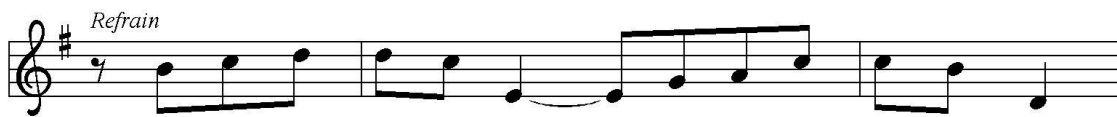
1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea-tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Though the Earth Shall Change



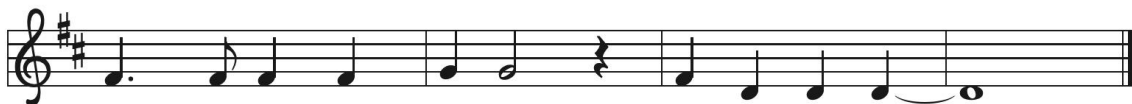
Though the earth shall change, though the moun-tains trem-ble,



though the wa - ters rage, you, God, are here.



Though the na - tions war, though the peo - ples bat - tle,



though the em - pire fal - ters, we will not fear.

+BLESSING

The body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Companion and Savior.

Amen.

SENDING

+SENDING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*Children and youth are invited to join the worship leaders as they recess
and gather at the rear of the sanctuary to share the dismissal.*

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a
2 If we in our own strength con - fide, our
3 Though all the world with de - vils fill and
4 God's Word is our great her - i - tage and

bul - wark ne - ver fail - ing; our help - er
stri - ving turns to lo - sing; the right - ous
threat - en to de - vour us, we trem - ble
shall be ours for - ev - er; to spread its

frees us from the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
one fights by our side, the one of God's own choos - ing.
not, we trust God's will: they can - not o - ver - pow'r us.
light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.

For still our an - cient foe, for - sworn to work us woe,
You ask who this may be: Christ Je - sus it is he,
Though Sa - tan rant and rage, in fier - cest war en - gage,
Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay.

with guild and dread - ful might is armed to wage the fight:
the Lord of hosts by name. No o - ther God we claim!
this ty - ran'ts doomed to fail; God's judg - ment must pre - vail!
Lord, grant while time shall last your church may hold it fast

on earth there is no e - qual.
None else can win the bat - tle.
One lit - tle word will tri - umph.
through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

+BENEDICTION

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

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbors!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

setting, David Cherwien

*You are invited to the Community Room
(located at the rear of the worship area) for a time of conversation and refreshments.*

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LITURGY: *ELW SETTING FOUR*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

| 8:45 AM | | 11:00 AM |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Ingrid Rasmussen | Preacher | Ingrid Rasmussen |
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| | Crucifer | Confirmation Youth |
| Stephanie Sulzbach | Cantor | Stephanie Sulzbach |
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| Sue Roberts | Communion | Confirmation Youth |
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| Council & Personnel Committee | Coffee Servers | Council & Personnel Committee |
| | Counters | John Sulzbach |
| | Closer | Bob Hulteen |

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28—SECOND OF A TWO-PART SERIES ON *CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM AND CHRISTIAN ZIONISM*

In October the Adult Ed committee is hosting a two-part series on Christian Nationalism and Christian Zionism. In preparation for this series, you are invited to read Pamela Cooper-White's book *The Psychology of Christian Nationalism: Why People Are Drawn In and How to Talk Across the Divide*. Part two will be a discussion on Christian Zionism led by Teresa Butel, Monday, October 28, 7:00 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE DISCUSSION OCTOBER 30

At our October meeting, the Church Council had a meaningful conversation about the possibilities and the hurdles of changing permanently to only one worship service on Sundays. As a leadership team, we decided that our next faithful step would be to host a series of focus groups. At these gatherings, we will invite reflections on three questions:

1. What do you love about worship at Holy Trinity?
2. What might be strengthened in our community if we moved from two services to one service?
3. What might we miss, lose, or need to shift if we moved from two services to one service?

The final focus group will meet on Wednesday, October 30, at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room. If you have not been able to attend a session, please email Pastor Ingrid with your thoughts about one or two Sunday worship services.

BIPOC EDUCATION GRANT FUNDRAISING BRUNCH NOVEMBER 9, 2024

The Racial Justice and Indigenous Justice Committees of our congregation extended our collaboration with the Tiwahe Foundation and Mother St. James AME Church to provide educational grants to BIPOC students. To learn more about this special appeal, plan to attend a special brunch with the leaders of St. James AME on Saturday, November 9, from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. There will also be an adult forum on this special appeal effort on Sunday, November 17.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 10:00 A.M.

We at Holy Trinity believe that community is integral to faith, which is why we invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. A new member orientation will be held on Sunday, November 10, at 10:00 a.m. in between services in the Bartsch Room. Over coffee and snacks, those interested in membership will have the opportunity to learn more about one another and about Holy Trinity's mission and ministry. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome. Please speak with one of the pastors if you intend to come.

WORSHIP GATHERINGS DURING ELECTION WEEK

- **Monday, November 4, and Wednesday-Friday, November 6-8**

Join Pastor Ingrid, Pastor David, Pastor Doug, and Cantor Phil for a Soup for You! lunch in the church basement at noon. At 12:30 p.m., we will move upstairs to the sanctuary for a 20-minute prayer service.

**Please note: we will not meet on Tuesday, election day.*

- **Monday, November 4—Election Worship with Longfellow Congregations at 7:00 p.m. at St. Peder’s Lutheran Church**

Longfellow congregations will gather together for prayer at St. Peder's Lutheran Church, 4600 E. 42nd St. on November 4 at 7:00 p.m. We will be using an adapted Healing of the Nations liturgy developed in Holden Village. All are welcome, regardless of religious or political affiliation, as we bring our prayers for the future and wellbeing of the United States and all of creation to God. Holy Trinity is assisting with sweet treats for this gathering; sign up in the Community Room if you can bring one dozen cookies or bars. We need ten bakers!

BOOK GROUP WITH PASTOR DOUG NOVEMBER 21, 2024

Join Pastor Doug in reading Cole Arthur Riley’s book *This Here Flesh*. Sign up in the Community Room; copies of the book are also available there for those interested in joining the discussion. Pastor Doug will send out a short reflection by email each week. The group is invited to gather for one in-person gathering on Thursday, November 21, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Further details will be sent to participants.

NOMINATE A SPECIAL APPEAL FOR 2025

Each year, Holy Trinity identifies and authorizes special financial appeals for 2-3 organizations or efforts. If you have a 501(c)3 organization that you’d like to nominate, please contact one of the church’s standing committees and ask for support of your nomination. Nominations will be accepted until November 11, 2024. Nominations, supported by a standing committee, may be emailed to Pastor Ingrid. The congregation will be informed of the 2025 special appeals at our annual meeting in January.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT

We are looking for volunteers to help with Advent Evening Soup Suppers (December 4, 11, and 18). For each meal, 4 households would prepare and serve enough soup for 30 people. One household would prepare 4 boxes of Kraft Mac & Cheese and one household would pick up bread from Laune Bread (already ordered and paid for). We are also in need of volunteers for set-up and clean-up each of these evenings. Sign up in the Community Room.

C H U R C H S C H E D U L E

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| Monday, October 28 | 6:30-8:00 PM 7:00 PM | Adult Choir Rehearsal Book Discussion in the Library with Teresa Butel |
| Tuesday, October 29 | 11:00 AM | Worship Readings Discussion |
| Wednesday, October 30 | 5:00-6:00 PM 5:30-6:30 PM 5:45-6:45 PM 5:45-6:30 PM 6:00-8:00 PM 6:30-8:00 PM 6:45-7:30 PM | Choir Family Meal Worship Schedule Discussion Children's Choir Rehearsal Jubilation Youth Bell Ensemble Supervised Play Time Gloria Ringers Rehearsal Cantate |
| Sunday, November 3 | 8:45 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM | <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> Worship Service of Holy Communion Adult Forum Youth Education Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service |

ADULT FORUM

10:00 a.m. each Sunday in the Library

TODAY

"Uprising Story Project"

Dr. Amy Levad

Amy Levad will provide an update about the Uprising Story Project, including discussion of the materials she has collected and plans for next steps for sharing and publication. Please join to share your thoughts and ideas for going forward.

November 3

Adult Forum to Honor the Saints

Today we remember those sinner-saints who have died before us. Too rarely are we given the opportunity to talk with one another about the loss of beloved friends and family members. This year, we invite you to bring pictures of the saints in your life and display them in the Community Room during the adult forum hour (10:00 a.m.). During the hour, we'll have an opportunity to share stories about the photos we bring.

Join us in celebrating our Holy Trinity pastors!

October is Clergy Appreciation Month, and while we appreciate our ministers 365 days a year, it's a special time of year to recognize them publicly for the incredible work they do alongside us. We'll have special treats during coffee hour today and a banner where you can write or draw your appreciation for them. Please take the time today to thank Pastor Ingrid, Pastor Doug, Pastor David, and Cantor Phil and let them know how much they mean to you and to this community.