

REFORMATION FESTIVAL AND THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

OCTOBER 26, 2025

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
MINNEAPOLIS

WELCOME TO ALL

We honor that we gather and worship on the **Dakota Homeland**.

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.

GATHER

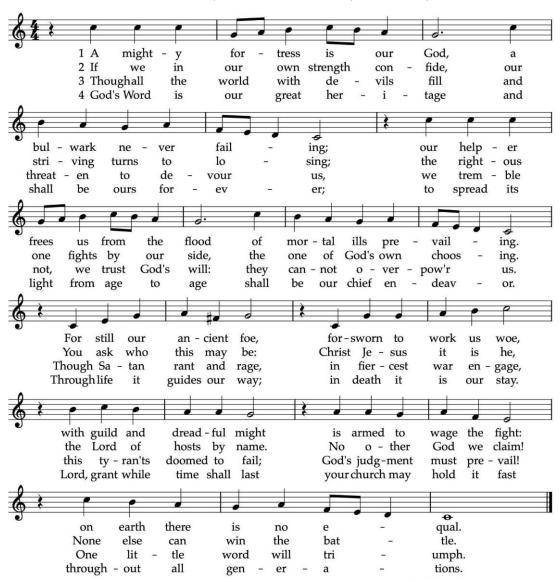
+invites the congregation to stand

PRELUDE Erhalt uns, Her, bei deinem Wort various composers

+GATHERING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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



+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.**

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious and Holy One:

We thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Break us open by your Word, making room in us and in our community for all manner of reformation, even though we may not fully mean that, we want to try. We pray in community with the Holy Three in Sacred One-ness, Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK

"I dream of a world..."

M. A. Martin

Word

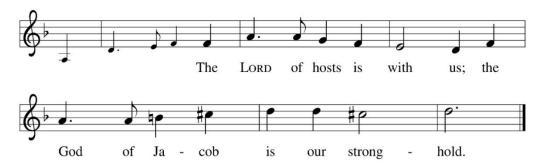
FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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

PSALM 46 Rick Erickson

Refrain (First time: cantor, then all)



God is our refuge 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. Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the city 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. Refrain

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolation God has brought upon 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.

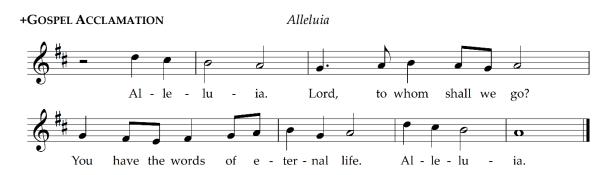
"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth." **Refrain**

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Refrain

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

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



+GOSPEL READING

John 8:31-36

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

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

Faith Begins By Letting Go



AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Confirmand comes forward.

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

This person has been instructed in the Christian faith and desires to make public affirmation of her baptism:

Mary Alice Martin

Dear friend, we rejoice that you now desire to make a 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 a witness 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 a 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?

(Confirmand answers) I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support this member of the body of Christ and pray for her in her journey of faith?

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

ANTHEM

I Am a Child of God combined choirs

Bruce & Cheryl Harding

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

The confirmand kneels for individual blessings.

God in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in (*Mary Alice Martin*) 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 our sibling 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.

+INTERCESSIONS Sundays and Seasons

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)

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,

Receive our prayer.

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,

Receive our prayer.

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,

Receive our prayer.

Heal all who suffer, O God, and bring them peace. Draw near to people who are incarcerated. Give hope to people experiencing housing or employment insecurity, oppression, or discrimination. Heal those who are ill, especially Mary Petersen, recovering from Covid; Donna Goodlaxson, recovering from pneumonia; Mike Miller; Mary Heltsley; Tre Tellor's mom Jill; Tina and Neela; Tracey Baubie's mom ShaRon; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom Jo; Rick Lathrop; Karen Batdorf's sister Marie; Mike Kelly; Katie Murray's mom Pat; Josie Tober; Ron Duty's friend, Marie Failinger, in hospice; 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). Be our stronghold at all times. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

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. Mend hurt feelings and heal wounds we have caused one another. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

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

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
Adult Choir

Dale Wood

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone; Chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one; Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

To this temple where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today; With thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy servants as they pray, And thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One, One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

During the month of October, we invite you to bring forward both your financial offerings and your dream cards and place them in the central basket at the baptismal font at the front of the sanctuary. These slips will be linked together, a visible reminder that our gifts—our money and our dreams—are connected, and that God empowers us to use both for the sake of the world.

If you prefer to donate to the mission and ministry using Venmo or card, the QR codes can be found on the back page of the bulletin.



+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

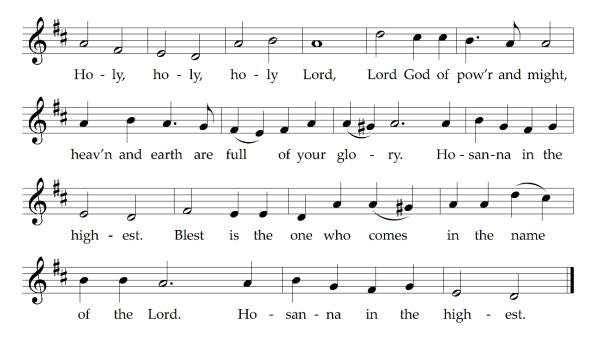
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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.

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



+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.

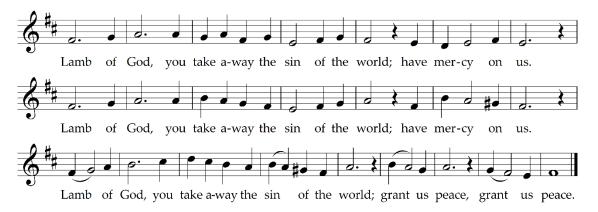
Give us today our daily bread.

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



Please be seated.

COMMUNION INVITATION

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

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.

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

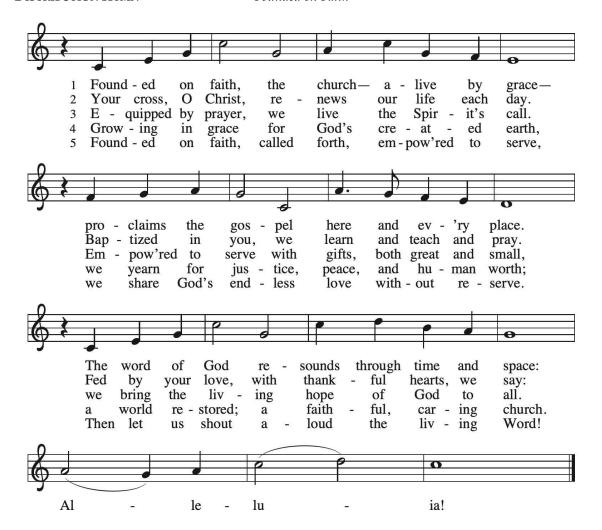
An usher will direct you down the center aisle, where you can pick up a communion cup. You are invited to stand or kneel in front of the table, beginning from the middle and moving toward the outside. After you have received the bread and the wine, please return to your seat by way of the side aisle,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

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



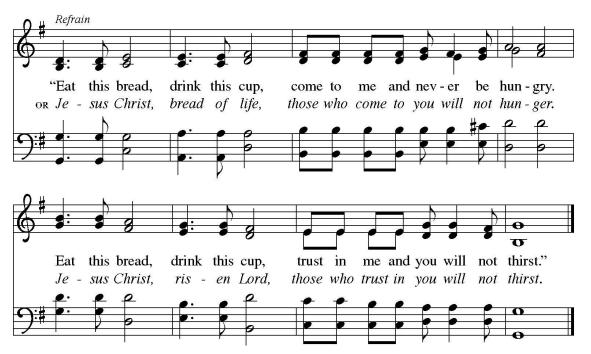
DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Founded on Faith



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Eat This Bread



+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

Abundant Grace

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.



+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

P. Radtke

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

Prayer written by Rev. Susan Debner as part of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Minneapolis, MN) expansive prayer project.

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Volunteers are needed to welcome people into Holy Trinity during the Festival De Las Calaveras (a Minnehaha Ave. block event) on Saturday, November 1. Shifts are two hours, beginning at 2:30, 4:00, 6:00, and 8:00 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room or call the office if you can help.

SMALL GROUP EVENT: EXPLORE SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

Are you looking to deepen or refresh your spiritual life this fall? Join us for a four-session small group exploring a variety of spiritual practices—simple, grounding ways to connect more fully with God in everyday life. Led by Nicki Hines and Marge Higgins, this group will meet Thursdays, October 30, November 6, and November 13 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 9, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9, 9:00 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 9, at 9:00 a.m. Over breakfast and coffee, 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.

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Are you constantly wondering if you're still a youth? Does your spirit tell you "Yes!" But your back says "heck no!" Does your body lose control when a mid-2010s pop song comes on? Well then, this group is for you!

We are creating a young adults group for Holy Trinity. A space where we can explore who we are, share a meal, a story, and perhaps unwanted wisdom our mom told us in that one phone call last week. We will convene on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m., sharing a meal at our church. This will be followed by a shared drink at our west campus (Arbeiter Brewery).

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Monday, October 27	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Book Discussion in the Library with Ryana Holt
Tuesday, October 28	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, October 29	5:00-6:00 PM	Choir Family Meal
	5:45-6:45 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	5:45-6:30 PM	Jubilation Youth Bell Ensemble
	6:00-8:00 PM	Supervised Play Time
	6:30-8:00 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
	6:45-7:30 PM	Cantate
Thursday, October 30	6:30-8:00 PM	Small Group "Explore Spiritual Practices"
	7:00 PM	Christ Be Our Light: Chanting the Psalms
Sunday, November 2		Daylight Saving Time Ends
	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
	9:00 AM	Youth Education
	10:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	12:00 PM	Swahili Service

ADULT FORUM

9:00 a.m. each Sunday in the Library

TODAY Stewardship Sunday

Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room to celebrate God's work through the ministry of Holy Trinity. In the spirit of the Reformation—a movement fueled by bold vision and faithful imagination—we invite you to a conversation about the world we are called to help shape. Guided by the theme "I dream of a world that...", the Financial Stewardship Committee, Council leaders, and pastors will reflect on how our shared financial commitments can support the work of justice, compassion, and belonging—within our congregation and far beyond. You will be invited to commit financial support for our ministry in 2026. This gathering takes the place of the adult forum today. Breakfast tacos will be served!

November 2 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 (9:00 a.m.). During the hour, we'll have an opportunity to share stories about the photos we bring.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 2, 2025

Set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed so you're not too early to church in the morning!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT

We are looking for volunteers to help with Advent Evening Soup Suppers (December 3, 10, and 17). 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 also need volunteers to set up and clean up each of these evenings. Sign up in the Community Room.

MAKERS AND BAKERS ADVENT BAZAAR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 8:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

The youth are spreading holiday cheer to help usher in the Advent season. Whether you have a homemade craft or jam to share, a batch of sugar cookies, or hand-knit socks, you are invited to donate your goods. All proceeds help to support the summer youth trips in 2026. Start planning now and sign up in the Community Room to make your contribution. The bazaar takes the place of the adult forum today.

MAKE YOUR YEAR-END GIFTS

We invite you to plan for and make your final contributions for the current fiscal year at this time. Please allow for additional processing time with consideration to the holiday season if you are anticipating requesting funds from retirement accounts. This will give us all adequate time to deposit and post gifts before the close of the tax year and also get year-end statements out to you in a timely manner. Thank you so much for all you share with Holy Trinity!

NOMINATE A SPECIAL APPEAL FOR 2026

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 12, 2025. Nominations, supported by a standing committee, may be emailed to Pastor Ingrid. The congregation will be informed of the 2026 special appeals at our annual meeting in January.

DONATE

We are grateful for your donations that allow us to build community in this corner of Minneapolis and beyond!



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