REFORMATION FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 25, 2026

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 *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott* Dietrich Buxtehude

+GATHERING HYMN *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

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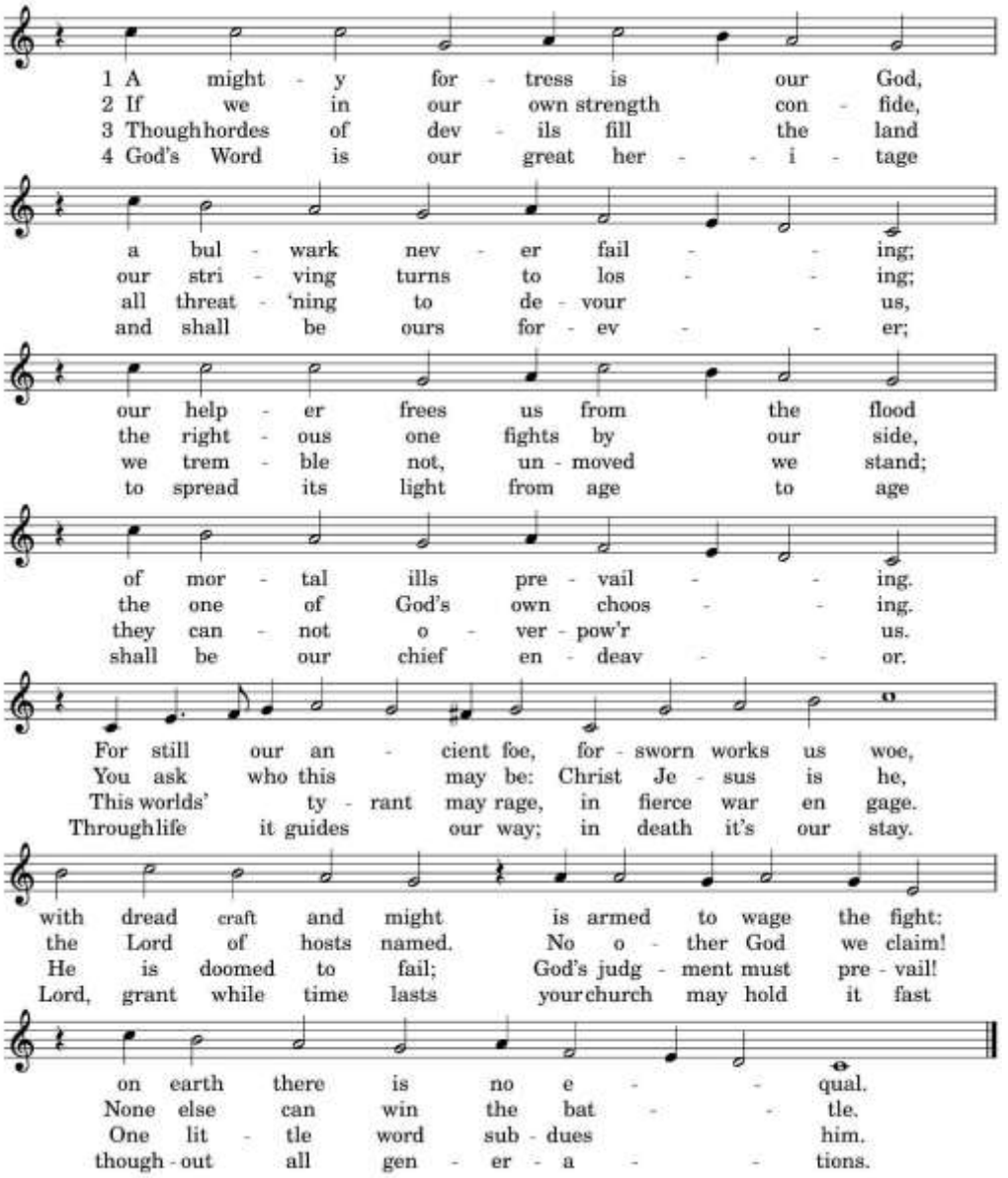

+GREETING

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

Holy One, you planted us by living water, that we might be rooted in righteousness. You call us to be holy as you are holy. Assured of your love, help us to cast aside all fear, that we may love our neighbors as ourselves.
Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK *Karen Kunze and Ben Koch*

WORD

CHORAL INTROIT *Bonse Aba* trad. Zambian Song
Cantate arr. Andrew Fischer

Bonse aba mu pokelela Ba lipele maka akuba bana

All that sing have the right to be called the children of God

FIRST READING *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

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

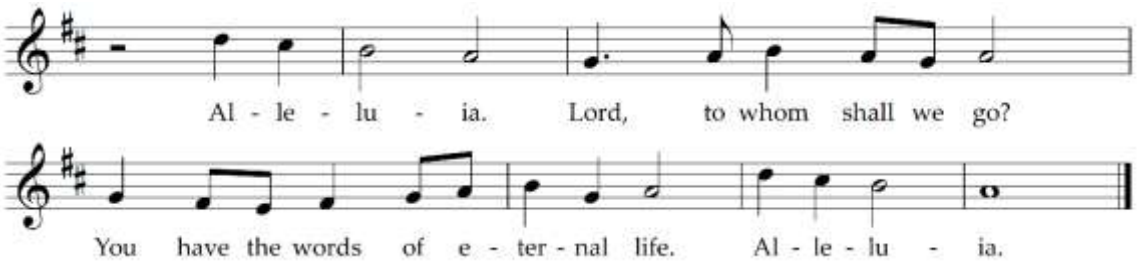
PSALM 46 Mark Patterson

Sung by the Children's Choir

God is our refuge and strength, our everpresent help in trouble.
God is our refuge and strength, the Lord almighty is with us.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth gives way,
and the waters roar and the mountains fall into the sea.

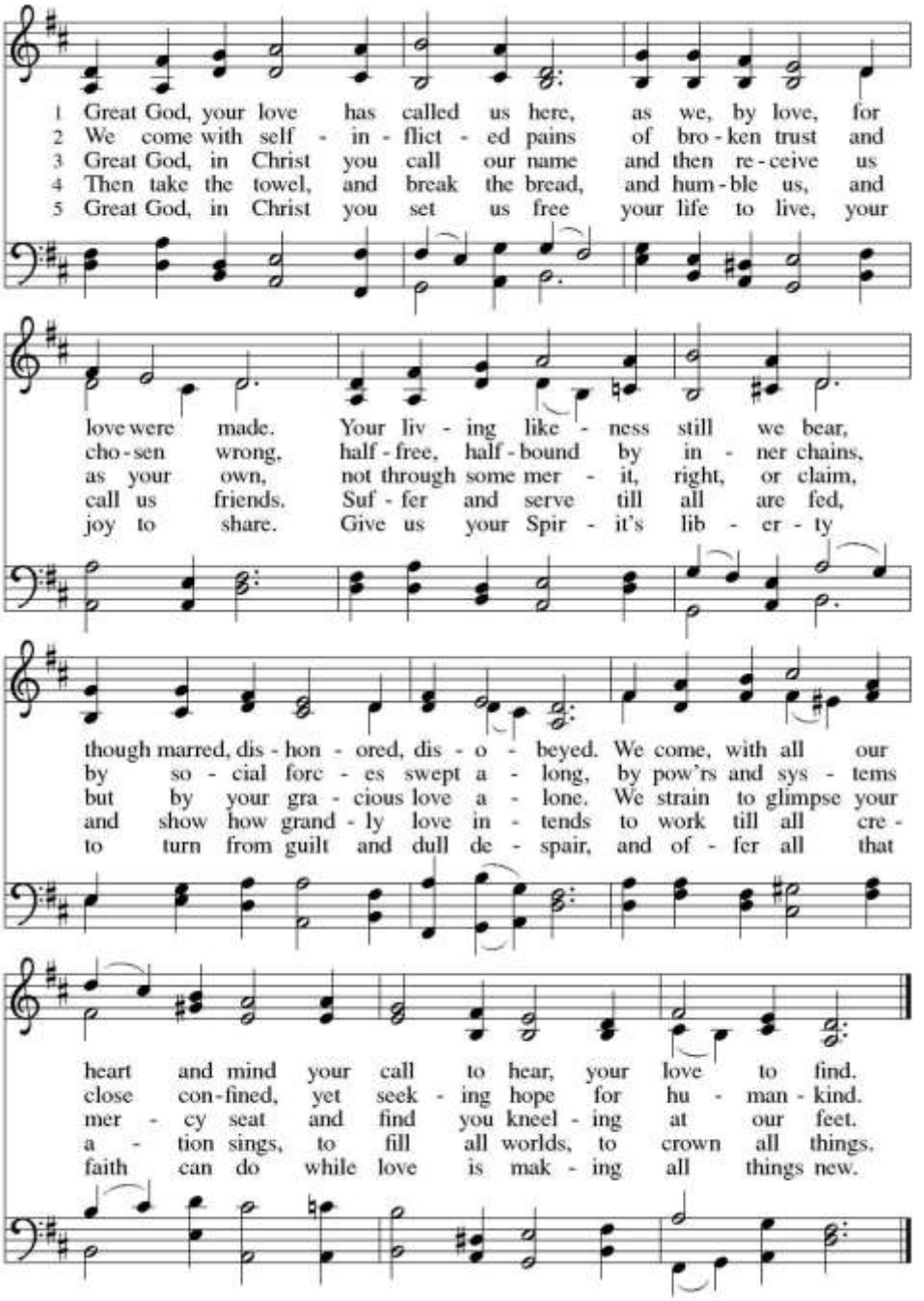
SECOND READING *Romans 3:19-28*

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

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia*

+GOSPEL READING *John 8:31-36*

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

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY *Great God, Your Love Has Called Us*

+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)

As we celebrate Reformation Sunday, we remember the witness of Martin Luther and the reformers of the church in every generation. Empower us to continue the work of reform and renewal in our own day. We ask your blessing upon all people who have been harmed by the church and its leaders, that the truth may make them free. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the healing of natural places despoiled by pollution and human greed. Give all living creatures access to safe land, water, and air. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for our criminal justice systems and all those whose lives are affected by them. Give wisdom and discernment to police, probation officers, judges, and attorneys; give courage and peace to prisoners and the formerly incarcerated. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the relief of all those who are sick or suffering, especially Wayne Vetter, recently hospitalized; Lyle Steinfeldt, recovering from complications following surgery; Carol Kelly; Jim Langworthy's brother, David; Maelene Krig's brother-in-law, Jeff Ramsdell; Carol Masters's son, Paul; Ron Duty; Donna Heyer's grandson, Jeremy; Senem Yumsak; Ayhan Yumsak; Aysel Yumsak; Marlene Peterson,; Merlin Wells; Dorothy Kelly; Tre Tellor's mom Jill; Karen Batdorf's sister, Marie; Josie Tober; Stella Townsend; and those we name aloud or in our hearts (*the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for those exploring or returning to a life of faith. Encourage and guide them, that they may find their hope in you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions. At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "Hear us, O God," to which the congregation will respond, ***"Your mercy is great."***

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.**

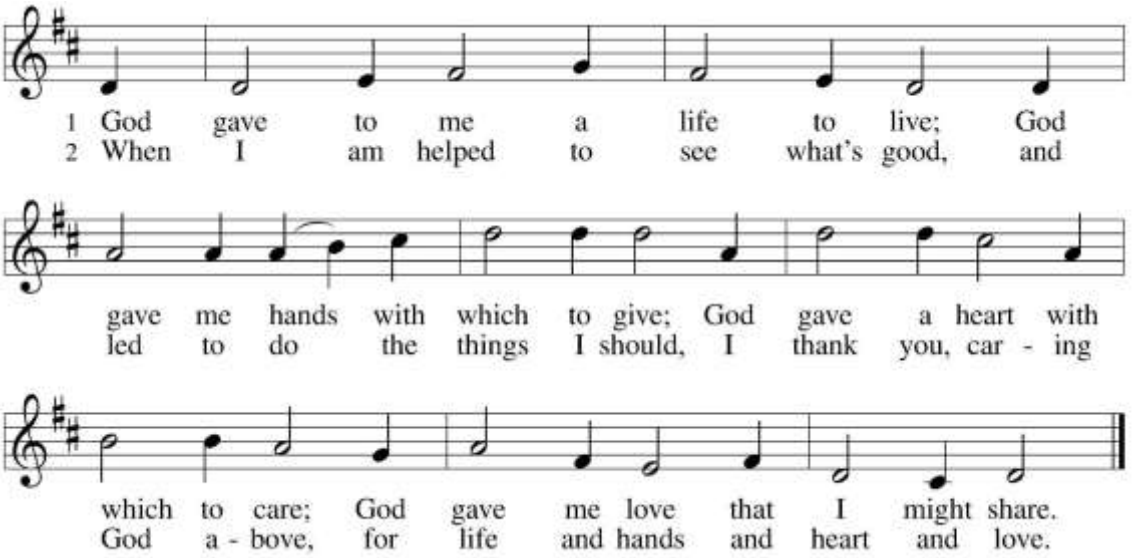
You are invited to exchange words and signs of friendship and love with those around you.

OFFERING *I Am a Child of God* arr. Ann L. Schrooten
Children's Choir, Cantate

I am a child of God, I am a glimpse of God's new creation, I am a child of God.
I am an endless prayer, I am a yearning for contemplation, I am an endless prayer.
I am an angry voice, I am compassion and consternation, I am an angry voice.
I am a cry for peace, I am commitment and dedication, I am a cry for peace.
I am a song of joy, I am the moment of jubilation, I am a song of joy.

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.

+OFFERTORY HYMN *God Gave to Me a Life to Live*

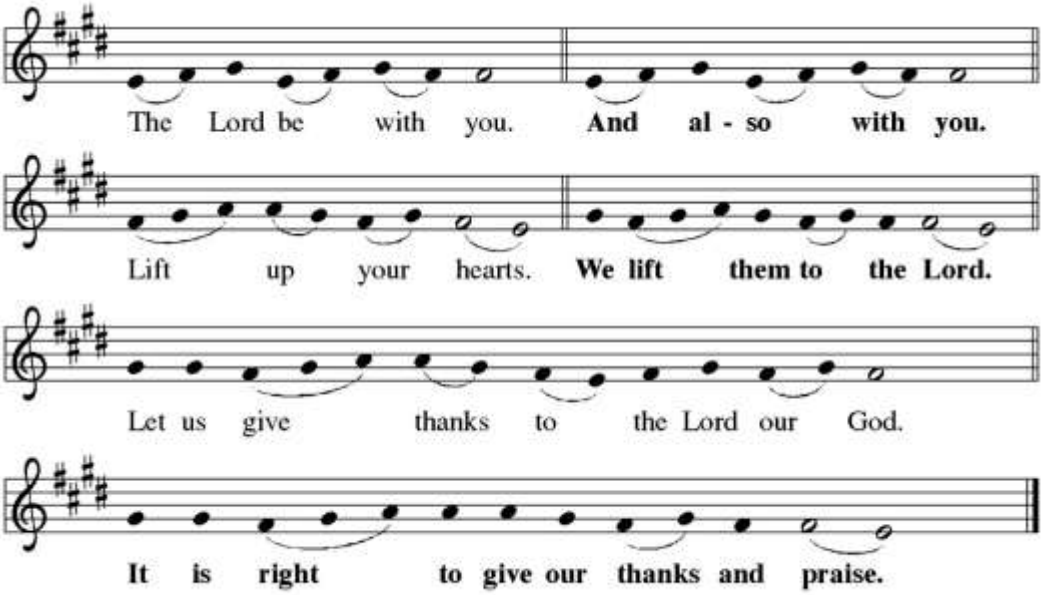


+OFFERING PRAYER

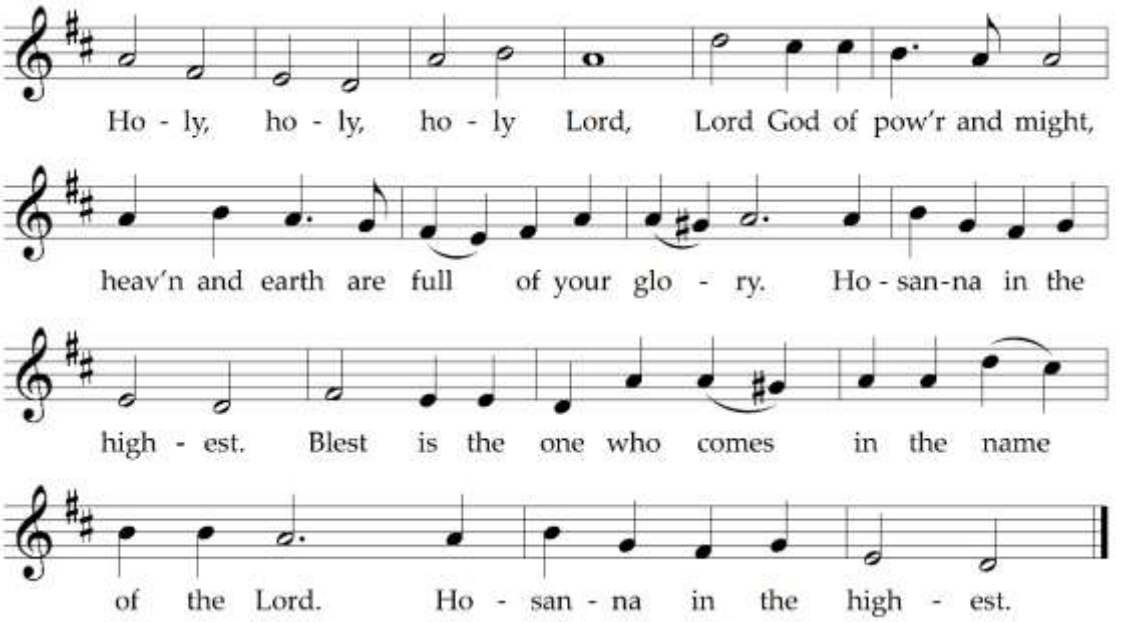
God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them. You raised up prophets, including your servant, Martin, among your people and through them spoke your word of life and truth. In your compassion, Jesus came among us lifting up those who were bowed down, feeding the hungry, and setting free those held captive by society's chains. Through his living, dying, and rising, we, too, are raised and made new. 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.

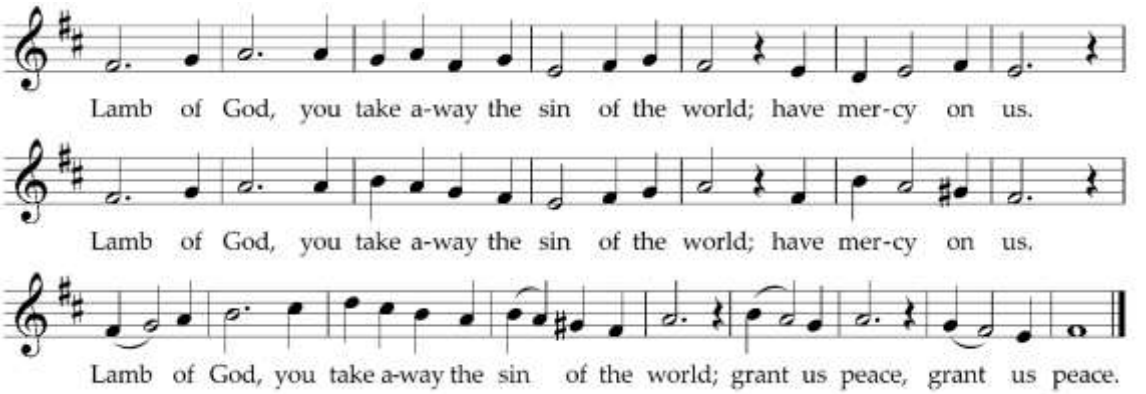
+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+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



Please be seated.

COMMUNION INVITATION

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

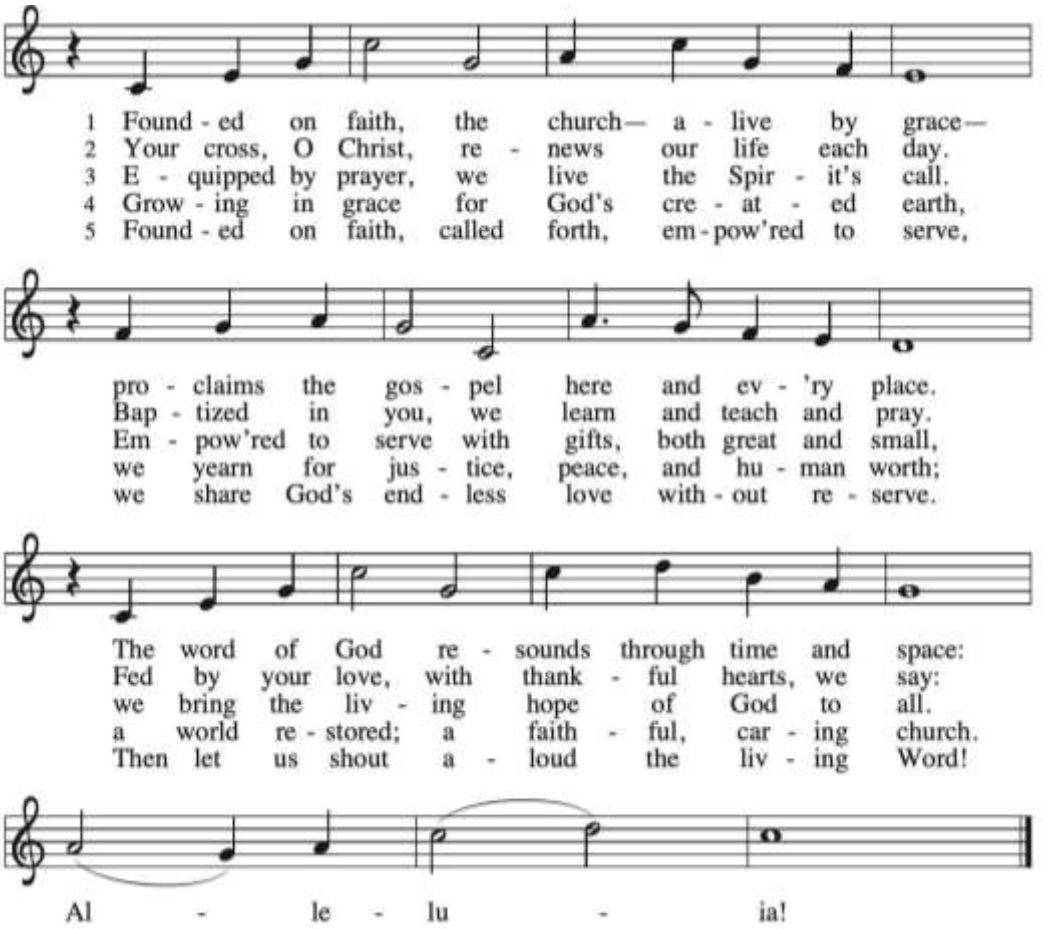
For those worshiping at home, hear these words spoken for you: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

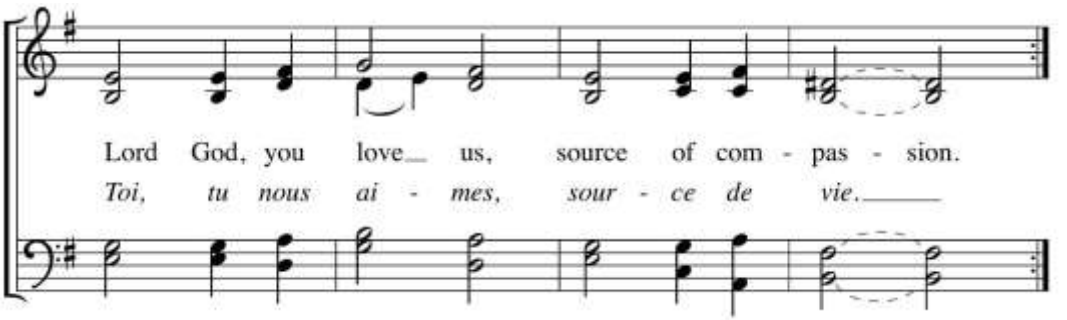
These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

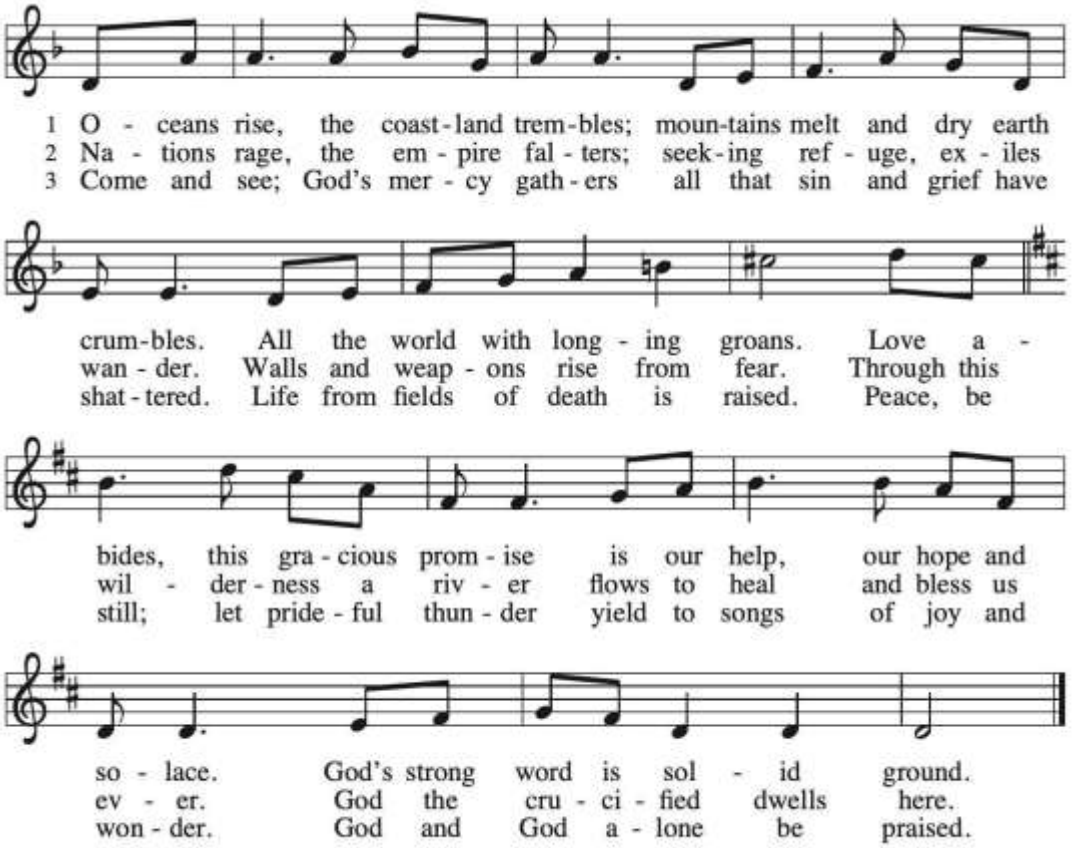
Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.

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 *Lord God, You Love Us*



DISTRIBUTION HYMN *God Alone Be Praised*

+BLESSING

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

Amen.

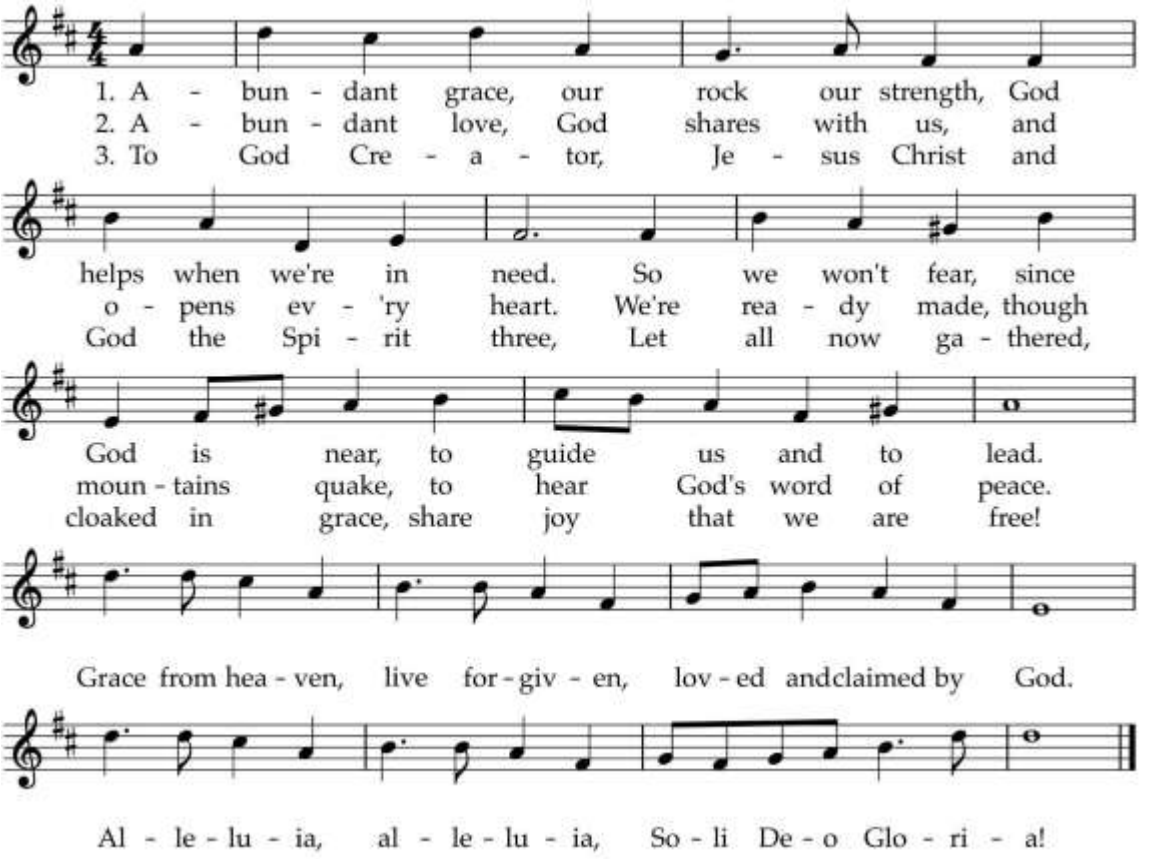
+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

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

May the God of love
draw us together in Christ.
May the God of hope
fill us with strength and joy.
And may the God of grace
✢ bless us now and forever.
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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C O M M U N I T Y I N F O R M A T I O N

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.

WELCOMING FILMMAKERS TO HOLY TRINITY

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary has invited Pastor Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen and her friend, Pastor Hierald Osorto of San Pablo Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, to be part of a documentary series called *Luminous Christians*. The series tells stories of people living out their faith in ways that bring hope and healing to their communities.

Our two congregations supported one another during the federal occupation of Minneapolis, and we'll gather again in December to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe together. While the film will feature Pastors Ingrid and Hierald, the story is really about the communities that gather week after week in our connected neighborhoods, seeking God's vision for the life of the world.

Today, we welcome filmmakers Ryan Stopera, Lorenzo Serna, and Bhavana Goparaju. They won't have cameras with them today. They're simply here to listen, learn, observe, and get to know our congregation. We hope you'll extend a warm Holy Trinity welcome and share a little about what makes this community so special!

AN EVENING WITH GLOBAL REFUGE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 7:00 P.M.

Holy Trinity welcomes Krish Vignarajah, President and CEO of Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran and Immigrant Refugee Service), for an evening of conversation about welcoming newcomers, refugee resettlement, and the work of building communities of belonging, particularly in partnership with congregations and faith-based communities across the United States.

TAMALE SALES SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 11:00 A.M.

Supporting local food businesses owned by People of Color continues to be a goal this fall. Many of these businesses were severely challenged during Metro Surge last winter. They still face obstacles with employees who have been deported, customers who fear leaving their homes to shop, and increased prices of ingredients for their products. This morning, you can help by buying tamales in the Community Room!

COMMUNAL VISIONING FOR MURAL WITH OLIVIA LEVINS-HOLDEN
Sunday, November 1, following worship
Following worship, all are invited to join local artist and muralist Olivia Levins-Holden as we continue to collaborate on the design process for a community mural through the *Our Deepest Belonging* Storytelling Project. Across the coming months, Holy Trinity and each of our building partners will participate in visioning and storytelling experiences—sometimes within their own communities and sometimes together. Through questions about belonging, place, and interconnection, participants will help uncover the stories, symbols, and shared aspirations that will shape a mural reflecting the many communities who call this space home. Light food and beverages will be provided.

PRE-ELECTION WORSHIP GATHERING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 7:00 P.M.
Longfellow congregations will gather for prayer at Saint Peder's Lutheran Church, 4600 E. 42nd St. on Monday, November 2, at 7:00 p.m. 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.

COME CELEBRATE WHAT WE'RE BUILDING TOGETHER THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5
You're invited to the Community Launch of *Rooted in Place, Open to All!* Join us on Thursday, November 5, for a festive evening celebrating Holy Trinity, our building partners, and the community that brings this place to life. Come for refreshments, conversation, stories, and a chance to imagine together what's possible as we invest in a building that can welcome and serve our community for generations to come.

6:30–7:00 p.m. | Gather & Celebrate
7:00–7:30 p.m. | Stories, Vision & Impact
7:30–9:00 p.m. | Explore, Connect & Dream Together
Stay for as much or as little as you'd like!

Mark your calendar, bring a friend, and come celebrate with us! This is a moment to give thanks for all that has taken root here and to imagine together what comes next.

MY FAITH STORY, MY LIFE STORY WORKSHOP WITH MARCELLA PROKOP
Saturday, November 7, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
The small details of your life are interwoven with the sacred. In this one-day workshop, participants will turn personal memory into story, exploring the places where life and faith intersect. Using a "Where I'm From" poem template as a starting point, writers will start to craft poetry, fiction, or creative nonfiction that traces these rich threads of connection. Through literary examples, writing prompts, and conversation, writers of all backgrounds, beliefs, and skill levels are invited to develop drafts of their origin stories during this free workshop. Join Pastor Ingrid and Marcella for this heart-centered event by signing up in the Community Room to participate.

CELEBRATE WORKER POWER THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 6:30-9:00 P.M.
Join Pastor Ingrid at CTUL's annual gala! CTUL (Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Lucha) brings workers together to organize for better wages, working conditions, and a more just economy—and this is a night to celebrate that work.

Worker Power Means All of Us / El poder de los trabajadores incluye todas nosotres Thursday, November 12 | 6:30–9:00 p.m. First Universalist Church, 3400 Dupont Ave S. There will be an invitation to give during the evening, but there is absolutely no expectation that you do so. Holy Trinity has already made a gift on behalf of our whole faith community. Sign up in the Community Room for a guest spot.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT
We are looking for volunteers to help with Advent Evening Soup Suppers (December 2, 9, and 16). 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, 9:00 A.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. Contact Pastor David or CYF Ministry Coordinator Taryn to make your contribution. All proceeds help to support summer 2027 programming for confirmation and post-confirmation youth. 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!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 1, 2026
Set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed so you're not early to church in the morning!

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Monday, October 26	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, October 27	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	7:00 PM	*Dearly Beloved* Book Discussion
Wednesday, October 28	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 29	7:00 PM	Global Refuge Event
Sunday, November 1		*Daylight Saving Time Ends*
	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
	9:00 AM	Youth Education
	10:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	11:00 AM	Tamale Sales in the Community Room
		Communal Visioning for Mural
	12:00 PM	Swahili Service

ADULT FORUM

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

TODAY **"Safeguarding Our Elections"**
Keith Ellison

It is an anxious time. The current administration is continuing its efforts to interfere with elections, intimidate voters, and create false narratives. Deportations continue. Our beloved Somali neighbors are once again under attack. In addition to the grassroots efforts so critical to pushing back, the Minnesota Attorney General's Office has led on the legal efforts to protect our neighbors and prevent interference in our election processes. Join Attorney General Keith Ellison at 9:00 a.m. in the library for a conversation on the work his office is doing to safeguard our elections and protect our neighbors.

November 1 **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 Library during the adult forum hour at 9:00 a.m. During the hour, we'll have an opportunity to share stories about the photos we bring. Following the adult forum, the photos can be brought to the sanctuary for the All Saints worship service.

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