

# **Trinity Lutheran Church, LCMS**

5758 W. M36, Pinckney MI 48169

[www.trinitypinckney.org](http://www.trinitypinckney.org)

(734) 878.5977

Pastor Michael R. Ruhl

(734) 678.9358

## **Reformation Sunday**

Standing on the Scriptures

October 27, 2024

Modified Creative Worship



## **PRE-SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **SERVANT PROCESSIONAL**

## **AS WE GATHER**

The Lutheran Reformation was a spiritual movement that began on October 31, 1517. That is when Martin Luther, a German priest and professor, posted his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. The posted Theses statements challenged the Roman Christian Church's doctrine and practice of encouraging people to purchase the forgiveness of sins and reduce the number of years in purgatory

before being released to heaven. Luther argued that people could only be forgiven for their sins if they were truly sorry and trusted in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. Luther did not want to start a new Christian denomination, but only to see the Church return to the clear teachings of Holy Scripture. God would grant forgiveness by grace and through faith in Christ. The Reformation movement later led to the creation of what we know as the Lutheran Church and the Protestant branch of Christianity.

✠ **PREPARATION** ✠

**HYMN** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

*LSB 656*

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
     A trusty shield and weapon;  
 He helps us free from ev'ry need  
     That hath us now o'ertaken.  
 The old evil foe  
 Now means deadly woe;  
     Deep guile and great might  
     Are his dread arms in fight;  
 On earth is not his equal.
  
- 2 With might of ours can naught be  
 done,  
     Soon were our loss effected;  
 But for us fights the valiant One,  
     Whom God Himself elected.  
 Ask ye, Who is this?  
 Jesus Christ it is,  
     Of Sabaoth Lord,  
     And there's none other God;  
 He holds the field forever.

3 Though devils all the world should fill,  
 All eager to devour us,  
 We tremble not, we fear no ill;  
 They shall not overpower us.  
 This world's prince may still  
 Scowl fierce as he will,  
 He can harm us none.  
 He's judged; the deed is done;  
 One little word can fell him.

4 The Word they still shall let remain  
 Nor any thanks have for it;  
 He's by our side upon the plain  
 With His good gifts and Spirit.  
 And take they our life,  
 Goods, fame, child, and wife,  
 Though these all be gone,  
 Our victory has been won;  
 The Kingdom ours remaineth.

Text: tr. composite; Martin Luther, 1483–1546

Text: Public domain

## INVOCATION

**P**In the name of the Father and of the ✠  
 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G**Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES**     *Psalm 41:13;*  
*79:9, 13; 125:1–2*

**P**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,

**G**from everlasting to everlasting!

**P**Help us, O God of our salvation, for the  
 glory of Your name; deliver us, and

atone for our sins, for Your name's sake!

**☩ We, Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; from generation to generation, we will recount Your praise.**

**☩** Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

**☩ As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people, from this time forth and forevermore.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

### *Psalm 130*

**☩** Beloved in the Lord, as together we make our confession of sins this day, we speak the words of a confessional hymn text based on Psalm 130, written by Martin Luther more than five hundred years ago in 1523. In confidence, let us come before our gracious Lord to confess our sins and to receive His gracious and complete forgiveness. We speak the words of *Psalm 130* and then echo the words of **LSB Hymn 607**, stanzas penned by the great reformer himself.

**☩ Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

**☩** *From depths of woe I cry to Thee, In trial and tribulation;*

**C** *Bend down Thy gracious ear to me,  
Lord, hear my supplication.*

**P** *If Thou rememb'rest every sin, Who  
then could heaven ever win Or stand  
before*

*Thy presence? (Hymn 607, Stanza 1)*

**C** *If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O  
Lord, who could stand? But with You  
there is forgiveness, that You may be  
feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul  
waits, and in His word, I hope; my soul  
waits for the Lord more than watchmen  
for the morning, more than watchmen  
for the morning.*

**P** *Thy love and grace alone avail to blot  
out my transgression.*

**C** *The best and holiest deeds must fail To  
break sin's dread oppression.*

**P** *Before Thee none can boasting stand,  
But all must fear Thy strict demand and  
live alone by mercy. (Hymn 607, Stanza  
2)*

**C** *O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the  
Lord there is steadfast love, and with  
Him is plentiful redemption. And He will  
redeem Israel from all his iniquities.*

**P** *Though great our sins, yet greater still Is  
God's abundant favor;*

**C** *His hand of mercy never will Abandon  
us, nor waver.*

**P** *Our shepherd good and true is He,  
Who will at last His Israel free*

**C** *From all their sin and sorrow. (Hymn  
607. Stanza 5)*

**P** God has promised His forgiveness of sins to those who repentantly confess their sins, imploring His grace and mercy for the sake of His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, and always und His authority as His called and ordained servant, I am blessed to announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**✠ WORD ✠**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 46*

**P** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**C Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

**P** though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. *Selah*

**C There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

**P** God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

**C The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

**P**The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah

**C****Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

**P**He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

**C****“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”**

**P**The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah

**C****Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

## **REFORMATION ANTHEM**    *For God So Loved the World*

Trinity Adult Choir

For God so loved the world,  
He gave his priceless pearl,  
For God so loved the world,  
He gave His only Son

Love came that none should die,  
Christ came, a sacrifice,  
that whosoever believeth in Him  
would have Eternal Life,  
would have Eternal Life

For God so loved the world,  
He gave His only Son.  
For God so loved the world.

For God sent not His Son into the world  
to condemn the world  
But that the world through Him might live,  
that the world through Him might live,  
that the world through Him might live.

For God so loved the world.

For God so loved the world.

For God so loved the world,

He gave his priceless pearl,

For God so loved the world,

He gave His only Son

Love came that none should die,

Christ came a Sacrifice,

that whosoever believeth in Him

Would have Eternal Life,

Would have Eternal Life.

For God so loved the world,

He gave His only Son

For God so loved the world,

For God so loved the world,

For God so loved the world,

Words and Music by Joseph M. Martin

Copyright 2005 by Malcolm music, a division of Shawnee

Press, Inc., International copyright secured. All rights reserved

## **SALUTATION**

**P**The Lord be with you.

**G**And also with you.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P**Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out  
Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people.

Keep us steadfast in Your grace and



truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**☩ Amen**

**FIRST READING** *Revelation 14:6–7*

(Another angel proclaims an eternal Gospel message.)

6 Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people.

7 And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

**℣** This is the Word of the Lord.

**☩ Thanks be to God.**

**CHORAL GRADUAL** *God’s Son Has Made Me Free*” **Trinity Adult Choir**

God's Son has made me free  
 From Satan's tyranny  
 From fear of death, and bonds of sin  
 From all that plagues my soul within

The Holy One Divine  
 Became a friend of mine  
 From heaven high, from starry sky  
 He came to live to die  
 O boundless love, he came, he died,

he rose forever glorified

He came to give to die, that I might live  
 From heaven high, from starry sky  
 He came to die that I might live  
 Might live with him eternally

God's Son has made me free  
 God's Son has made me free  
 Yes free, yes free!  
 Free, free, free,  
 God's Son has made me free!!

H.A. Brorson, Edvard Grieg, 1843-1907 Arr. Oscar R. Overby  
 Adapted text and arrangement © 1945 and 1973 Augsburg  
 Publishing House

**EPISTLE** God grants the gift of  
 redemption through Jesus Christ.

*Romans 3:19–28*

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it--<sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to

be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

<sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith.

<sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

**L**This is the Word of the Lord.

**G**Thanks be to God.

**VERSE**      *Luke 12:32*

**G**Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**      The Kingdom of God has always suffered violence *Matthew 11:12-19*

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

**G**Glory be to You, O Lord.

<sup>12</sup>From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force.

<sup>13</sup>For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup>and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to

come. <sup>15</sup> He who has ears to hear, let him hear. <sup>16</sup> “But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, <sup>17</sup> ““We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’ <sup>18</sup> For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ <sup>19</sup> The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

**P**This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C****Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” LSB 660

- 1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
Ye soldiers of the cross.  
Lift high His royal banner;  
It must not suffer loss.  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry  
His army He shall lead  
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished,  
And Christ is Lord indeed.
- 2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;  
The trumpet call obey;  
Stand forth in mighty conflict  
In this His glorious day.  
Let all His faithful serve Him  
Against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger  
And strength to strength oppose.

- 3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;  
 Stand in His strength alone.  
 The arm of flesh will fail you,  
 Ye dare not trust your own.  
 Put on the Gospel armor;  
 Each piece put on with prayer.  
 Where duty calls or danger,  
 Be never wanting there.
- 4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;  
 The strife will not be long;  
 This day the din of battle,  
 The next the victor's song.  
 The soldiers, overcoming,  
 Their crown of life shall see  
 And with the King of Glory  
 Shall reign eternally.

Text: George Duffield, Jr., 1818–88, alt.

Text: Public domain

## **SERMON “Here WE stand” (2 Thessalonians 2:13-15)**

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH (Questions 201-203 from the *Small Catechism* of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther)**

**P** What did the Holy Spirit do when He brought you and me to faith in Jesus Christ?

**C** **By means of the Law of God, the Holy Spirit first convicts me of my sin and leads me to repentance, so that, working through the Gospel and the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper, the Holy Spirit then brings me to faith in Christ and makes me a member of the Christian Church.**

**P** What is the Church?

**☐ It is the Body of Christ - that is, all people whom the Spirit by the Word and Sacraments, has gathered to Christ in faith throughout the world.**

**☐** How is the Church different from other communities?

**☐ Christ is the Head of the Church, and so it is called the CHRISTian Church.**

**☐** The Church is the only community in the world in which God “daily and richly forgives my sins and the sins of all believers.” Therefore the Church is called “holy” and the “communion of saints”.

**☐ Only the Church is founded on the testimony of Jesus’ apostles, whose witness to His teaching, work and saving death and resurrection is preserved in the Holy Scriptures and to be proclaimed to all nations. Therefore the church is called “apostolic”.**

**☐** Therefore, the church is One - the only community in which there is salvation,

**☐ For the Church is the gathering of all who believe in Jesus Christ, who comes to them in His Word and Sacraments.**

## **HYMN OF CHURCH MILITANT**

“The Son of God Goes Forth to War”

LSB 661

- 1 The Son of God goes forth to war  
A kingly crown to gain.  
His blood-red banner streams afar;

Who follows in His train?  
 Who best can drink His cup of woe,  
 Triumphant over pain,  
 Who patient bears his cross below—  
 He follows in His train.

2 The martyr first, whose eagle eye  
 Could pierce beyond the grave,  
 Who saw his master in the sky  
 And called on Him to save.  
 Like Him, with pardon on His tongue  
 In midst of mortal pain,  
 He prayed for those who did the  
 wrong—  
 Who follows in his train?

3 A glorious band, the chosen few,  
 On whom the Spirit came,  
 Twelve valiant saints—their hope they  
 knew  
 And mocked the cross and flame.  
 They met the tyrant's brandished  
 steel,  
 The lion's gory mane;  
 They bowed their necks their death to  
 feel—  
 Who follows in their train?

4 A noble army, men and boys,  
 The matron and the maid,  
 Around the Savior's throne rejoice,  
 In robes of light arrayed.  
 They climbed the steep ascent of  
 heav'n  
 Through peril, toil, and pain.  
 O God, to us may grace be giv'n  
 To follow in their train!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.

Text: Public domain

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*LSB, p. 215*

**P** Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ, our Lord, has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C**hear our prayer.

**P** May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C**hear our prayer.

**P** Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [*name(s)*] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C**hear our prayer.



**P** Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C**hear our prayer.

**P** Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C**hear our prayer.

**P** Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C**hear our prayer.

**P** And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C**hear our prayer.

**P** We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C**Amen.

## GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns  
LSB 525, Sts 1 and 4

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem  
drowns  
All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless king  
Through all eternity.
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die.

Text (st. 1): Matthew Bridges, 1800–94, alt.; (st. 4): Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903

Text: Public domain

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**P** Vater unser im Himmel, geheiligt  
werde dein Name,

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,**

**P** Dein Reich komme, dein Wille  
geschehe.

**C** **Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done**

**P** Wie im Himmel so auf Erden

**C** **on earth as it is in heaven;**

**P** Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute;

**G** give us this day our daily bread;

**P** Und vergib uns unsere Schuld, wie auch wir vergeben unseren Schuldigern;

**G** and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;

**All:** *For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.*

**BENEDICTION**                      *Numbers 6:24–26*

**P**The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  
✠ give you peace.

**G**Amen.

**HYMN**“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your  
Word”                      *LSB 655*

- 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, 1827–78, alt.

Text: Public domain

Modified Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series B, Quarter 4.

Copyright © 2024 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Some quotations from *Martin Luther's Ninety-Five Theses* © 2016 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.



## MINISTRY CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### Sun Oct 27

9 am Children's Sunday School  
and Adult Bible Study – To Be a Disciple  
(Matthew)

10 am Reformation Sunday Worship

### Tues Oct 29

10 am Adult Bible study – *Being Lutheran*  
Book Bible Study

11 am Trinity Prayer Warriors

4 pm Deadline for announcements and  
info

Evening Book Study-Being Lutheran -  
Time TBD

### Sun Nov 3

9 am Children's Sunday School  
and Adult Bible Study – To Be a Disciple  
(Matthew)

10 am Pentecost 24 Worship w/  
communion

**Godly Men** will meet on November 7, at  
6 pm

**VOTER'S ASSEMBLY NOVEMBER 10** On the  
agenda will be the budget

## **CHARTING OUR COURSE**

*Attendance week of October 20, 2024*

10:00 am Worship in Person: 57/Online  
plays: 210

Communion: 30

9:00 am Kids Sunday school In Person: 5

9:00 am Adult Bible Class in Person:

11/No Video

10:00 am Tuesday bible class in person: 8

## **SERVING US TODAY**

Acolyte: Andrew Eppler, Daniel Eppler,  
Nolan Labut

Elders: Rob Brumm and Bill Hertel

Pastor: Pastor Michael R. Ruhl

Organist: Linda Freeman

Special Music: Heidi Swanson, Kenny  
Minger, Aili Swanson, Daniel Eppler