Trinity Lutheran Church

Reformation Sunday
October 25, 2026

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Welcome

Introduction: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" instrumental

Invocation:
P: We are here to worship as we live, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
C: We are here to worship. Amen.

***Confession of Sin and Forgiveness:**
P: The Word of God has power to create and sustain faith in us. The Word of God comes to us through God's Law and God's Gospel, changing and transforming us each day.
C: "Indeed the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit … it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)
P: "And before Him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account." (Hebrews 4:13)

(silence for self-examination)

P: Holy, gracious heavenly Father,
C: Quiet the noise of the world around us, the noise within us, and help us to hear and listen to Your Word that we may grow in trusting Christ as Saviour and Lord; finding our freedom and life in Christ alone. I confess that I am a sinner, having sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, and not having loved my neighbour as myself. I am heartily sorry for my sin and ask Your forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.
P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, hear these words of St. Paul, *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation." (Romans 1:16a)* The Gospel is the good news that God gave Jesus Christ, His only Son, to die for the sins of the world. St. Paul assures us that "*in it (the gospel) the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith …the righteous shall live by faith*". (Romans 1:17) This was the message reclaimed by the Reformation. "*Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." (Rom 3:23-24)* I, as a called and ordained servant in Christ's Church, and by Christ's authority *(John 20),* speak these words of life to you, your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. "*So, if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:36)*
C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy" LBW 165

Apostles Creed

God's Word: Psalm 46
P: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
C: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
P: though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. 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 the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.
C: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.
P: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah
C: Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought 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 shields with fire.
C: "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."
P: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

Children's Story

Children will go to Sunday School

Hymn: "Living Waters"

God's Word: Romans 3:19-28 pew Bible pg 915

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

Hymn: "Salvation Unto Us Has Come" vs 1-4 LBW 297

Holy Gospel John 8:31-36

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; 32and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 33They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" 34Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. 36So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

Message Liam

Hymn of the Day: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

Offertory:

Offering will be received at this time

Prayers of the People:

Lord's Prayer: pg 71

Benediction:

Sending Hymn: “Run & Run”

Dismissal

P: Go in the peace of Christ, you are loved and sent.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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