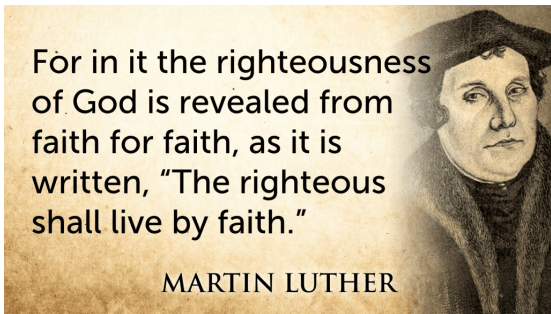




Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

502 Bardshar Road
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Sunday, October 25th, 2026
Reformation Sunday

Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us into a community of prayer.

Prelude

Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.
Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2 No strength of ours can match his might!
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide,

a sword and shield vic - to - rious;
 We would be lost, re - ject ed.
 all threat - 'ning to de - vour us,
 no thanks to foes, who fear it;

he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod
 But now a cham - pion comes to fight,
 we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand;
 for God him - self fights by our side

and wins sal - va - tion glo - rious.
 whom God him - self e - lect ed.
 they can - not o - ver - pow'r us.
 with weap - ons of the Spir - it.

The old e - vil foe, sworn to work us woe,
 Ask who this may be: Lord of hosts is he!
 This world's prince may rage, in fierce war en - gage.
 If they take our house, goods, fame, child, or spouse,

with dread craft and might he arms him - self to fight.
 Christ Je - sus our Lord, God's on - ly Son, a - dored.
 He is doomed to fail; God's judg - ment must pre - vail!
 wrench our life a - way, they can - not win the day.

On earth he has no e - qual.
 He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Greeting

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, the love of Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

You are the treasured people of the Lord, **a people holy to Lord Our God.**

Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

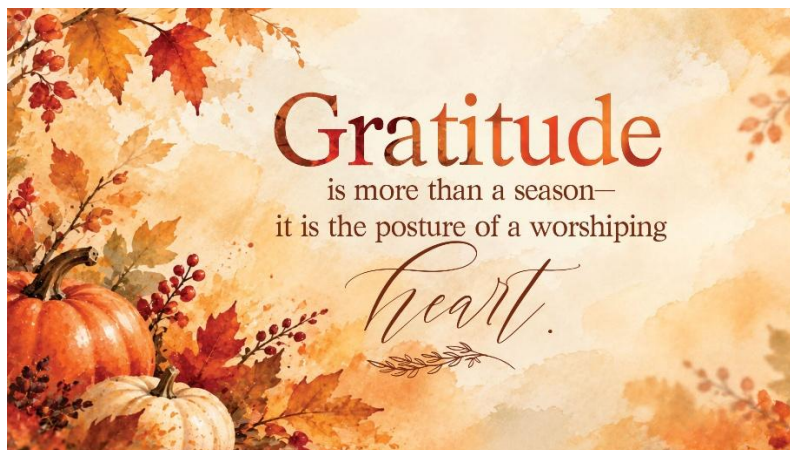
One does not live by bread alone, **but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

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 the gospel, 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.**

Hymn of the Month: Thy Holy Wings

No. 613



Thy Holy Wings



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
 where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
 and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Word: *God speaks to us in scripture reading, silence, reflection, and song.*

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

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

Psalm: Psalm 46

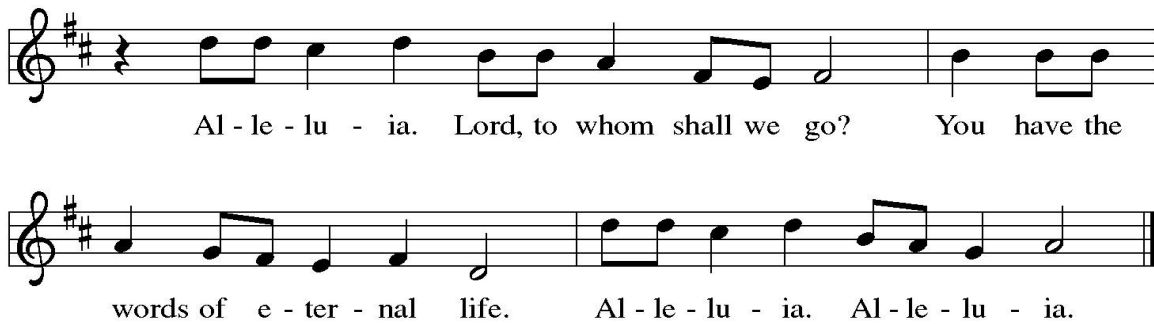
- ¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**
³ though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**
⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
⁶ **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**
⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
⁸ **Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**
⁹ 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.
¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**
¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

- ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.
²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.
²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: John 8:31-36

The gospel according to John, **Glory to you O Lord.**

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They 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'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Jen Herrmann

Hymn of the Day: God Is Love (sing twice)

No. 1041



God Is Love

God is love. God is love; let us love one an -

oth-er as God first loved us. God is love.

God is love. God is love.

The musical score is written for two voices, Treble and Bass, in a key of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: 'God is love. God is love; let us love one an - oth-er as God first loved us. God is love. God is love. God is love.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the third system.

Thanksgiving for the Word:

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

Affirmation of Baptism: Lincoln Smith and Tyler Wiedenheft

(8:00am) Affirmation of Baptism – Confirmation

(10:30am) Renewal of Baptismal Vows – Marked by *

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism.

I present Lincoln Smith and Tyler Wiedenheft who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

The presiding minister may continue with prayer.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these young men,
whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.
You have called them to yourself,
enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit,
and nourished them in the community of faith.
Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism,
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.
We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son 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.**

* 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 Lord's supper,
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?

Each person responds:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support these young men and pray for them in their life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

The blessing may be repeated for each person.

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in _____ the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his faith, guide his life, empower him in his serving, give him patience in suffering, and bring him to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Let us rejoice with these brothers 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.**

(10:30am only)

* Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever. **Amen.**

Offertory (Usher please bring the offering to the altar)

Offertory Song: Lord I Lift Your Name On High

No. 857

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

857

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: 'Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.' The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: 'I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.' The third staff has the lyrics: 'You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth'. The fourth staff has the lyrics: 'to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,'. The fifth staff concludes the piece with the lyrics: 'from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.' The score ends with a double bar line.

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.

I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth

to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,

from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

Prayer: *The Holy Spirit prays with us and through us.*

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness and bears the wounds of the world.

Therefore, let us be bold as we pray, trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Intercession

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

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. 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 ask your blessing upon all people who have been harmed by the church and its leaders, that the truth may make them free. We pray for the relief of all those who are sick or suffering. 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, so that they may find their hope in you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

With gratitude, we remember those disciples who paved the way for us and all of our beloved dead. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of grace
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

No. 836

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Joyce Patterson
Usher:	Roy Patterson & Sally Warner
Acolyte:	Zane Warner

At 10:30...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Gayle Thompson
Usher:	Ken Schenk & David Wobser
October Altar Care:	Barb Sessler & Bonnie Lieb

PRAYER CONCERNS

For individuals and families impacted by rising living expenses; FAITH members, including Mary Ann Neidler; Victory Kitchen ministry; the pastors & people of our companion synods in Tanzania, Serbia, & Montenegro.

Pastor Jen can be contacted at 419-822-7630 or jen.herrmann@gmail.com

Offering plates are in the entryways by the bulletins. If you forgot to leave your offering, an usher or pastor can help you find them after the service.

ATTENDANCE: October 18th 52 + 25 = 77

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS:

General Fund -- \$2,650.00

Building Improvements -- \$40.00

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Candy Beatty in memory of Russ Brown who passed on October 29th.

THE MEMORIAL FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Greg & Cindy Norman in memory of their father Les Norman's birthday on October 23rd.

THE PIANO FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of confirmation students Tyler Wiedenheft & Lincoln Smith from Larry & Pat Wiedenheft

This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Service of Word & Prayer Sunday School	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:15 am
MONDAY	Huron @ V2 V1 @ Zion	7:30 pm
WEDNESDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	7:00 pm
SATURDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Communion Service Sunday School Trunks for Treats	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:15 am 9:15 am

Trunks for Treats will be **November 1st at 9:15 am**. Decorate your trunk and pass out treats to our youth. Thanks to all participants!



JAM sessions have concluded for 2026.
Thank you for your support and praise!

Attention Trinity Chimers: We will **practice November 8th at 9:00 am** to work on Christmas. If you are interested, **please come**. We're hoping to play December 13th during the youth Christmas program. We'll also see who is available for Christmas Eve worship.



**FOOD
PANTRY
NEEDS**

Community Mission is seeking donations for boxes of instant mashed potatoes and jars of gravy. Trinity is partnering with Grace's Food Pantry to help build ready-to-cook Thanksgiving dinner boxes. We will collect items through **November 10th** and donations can be placed in the basket in the hallway. Thank you for helping us make Thanksgiving a little better for others.

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