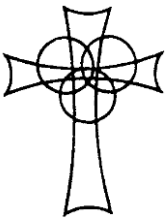
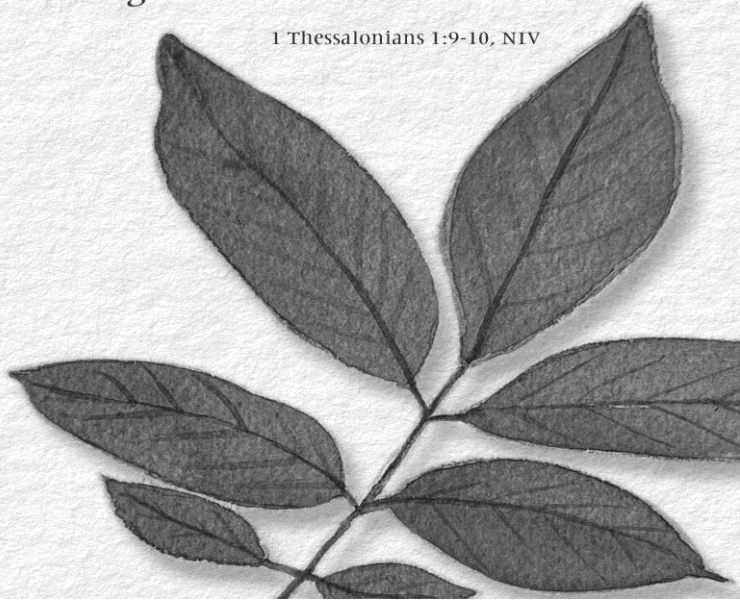


... you turned to God from idols to serve

THE LIVING and TRUE GOD,

and to wait for his Son from heaven,
whom he raised from the dead —
Jesus, who rescues us from
the coming wrath.

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10, NIV



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OCTOBER 22, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

In the Name of Jesus Christ, Welcome! As the seasons change and time continues to run its appointed course, people are always confronted with how change-filled our lives can be. The Pastor and People of Trinity are happy that you have come to worship with us this morning and to receive strength for daily life and living through God's holy Word and Sacraments. We hope and pray that as you go back into the change-filled world we live in, the changeless Christ that we proclaim in this place will go with you.

PRAYER UPON ENTERING WORSHIP

Sovereign God, raise Your throne in our hearts. Created by You, let us live in Your image; created for You, let us act for Your glory; redeemed by You, let us give You what is Yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION

Lutherans believe that in this Sacrament the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the physical elements of bread and wine. And this Sacrament is distributed to the Baptized of the Church who believe in the Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, sincerely repent of their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this Holy Meal. Those who are present at this celebration who are baptized, have been instructed in the meaning of this Supper, and believe likewise are welcome to commune with us at this Altar today. Anyone who desires, child or adult, may come forward to receive a blessing.

Persons who have questions about what Lutherans believe or have any spiritual concerns are asked to speak with an Usher so that they can direct you to the Pastor so that you may speak with him before communing.



THE DIVINE SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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✘ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✘

✘ **The Preparation** ✘

The Flute and Piano Prelude

“Majesty”

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 792

“New Songs of Celebration Render”



1 New songs of cel - e - bra - tion ren - der To Him who
2 Joy - ful - ly, heart - i - ly re - sound - ing, Let ev - 'ry
3 Riv - ers and seas and tor - rents roar - ing, Hon - or the



has great won - ders done; Love sits en - throned in age - less
in - stru - ment and voice Peal out the praise of grace a -
Lord with wild ac - claim; Moun - tains and stones, look up a -



splen - dor; Come and a - dore the night - y One.
bound - ing, Call - ing the whole world to re - joice.
dor - ing, And find a voice to praise His name.



He has made known His great sal - va - tion Which
Trum - pets and or - gans, set in mo - tion Such
Righ - teous, com - mand - ing, ev - er glo - rious, Prais -



all His friends with joy con - fess. He has re - vealed to
sounds as make the heav - ens ring; All things that live in
es be His that nev - er cease: Just is our God, whose

ev - 'ry na - tion His ev - er - last - ing right - eous - ness.
earth and o - cean, Make mu - sic for your might - y King.
truth vic - to - rious Es - tab - lish - es the world in peace.

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The Invocation:

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The Confession of Sins and Absolution:

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

The Introit of the Day

Psalm 121:1-4, 7-8; antiphon: verse 5

P The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

C **I lift up my eyes to the hills.**
From where does my help come?

P My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

C **He will not let your foot be moved;**
he who keeps you will not slumber.

P Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

C **The LORD will keep you from all evil;**
he will keep your life.

P The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.



The Hymn of Praise

This Is the Feast



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



B Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Salutation and Collect of the Day:

P The Lord be with you.

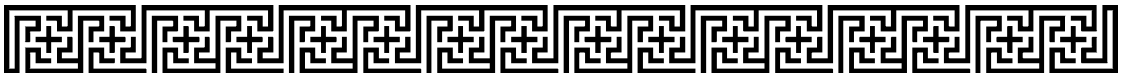
C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, the Protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our Ruler and Guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

The Congregation is seated.



The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 45:1-7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
 whose right hand I have grasped,
 to subdue nations before him
 and to loose the belts of kings,
 to open doors before him
 that gates may not be closed:
²“I will go before you
 and level the exalted places,
 I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
 and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
 and the hoards in secret places,
 that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
 the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
 and Israel my chosen,
 I call you by your name,
 I name you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other,
 besides me there is no God;
 I equip you, though you do not know me,
⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun
 and from the west, that there is none besides me;
 I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
 I make well-being and create calamity,
 I am the LORD, who does all these things.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
 To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
 Grace to you and peace.

²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Trinity Singers

“I’d Rather Have Jesus”

The Congregation rises.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The Congregation is seated.

The Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 719

“I Leave All Things to God’s Direction”



1 I leave all things to God’s di - rec - tion; He loves me
 2 God knows what must be done to save me; His love for
 3 My God de - sires the soul’s sal - va - tion; My soul He,
 4 My God has all things in His keep - ing; He is the



both in joy and woe. His will is good, sure His af -
 me will nev - er cease. Up - on His hands He did en -
 too, de - sires to save. There - fore with Chris - tian res - ig -
 ev - er faith - ful friend. He gives me laugh - ter af - ter



fec - tion; His ten - der love is true, I know. My for - tress
 grave me With pur - est gold of lov - ing grace. His will su -
 na - tion All earth - ly trou - bles I will brave. His will be
 weep - ing, And all His ways in bless - ings end. His love en -



and my rock is He: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
 preme must ev - er be: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
 done e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
 dures e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.

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The Sermon

Against All Odds

Text: Isaiah 45:1-7

The Congregation rises.

The Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come.

Amen.

The Prayer of the Church:

P Mindful that God has commanded us to pray and has promised to hear us, let us bring our requests and thanksgivings to Him in the confidence that He will grant our every desire according to His good and gracious will.

P Almighty God, our merciful and great High Priest, protect and guide Your holy Christian Church here on earth that she may daily live by Your mercy and grace. Defend her from the assaults of the evil one, silence those who teach falsehood, and bless her faithful proclamation of the Gospel, that all may come to the knowledge of the truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious Lord, grant us strength to come before You daily on behalf of the needs of others. Give us diligence in prayer, confident that You will hear our intercessions and thanksgivings for the sake of Your beloved Son. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** Lord of Your People, grant that our Trinity and Mekane Yesus congregations may ever give our service to You, saying “Yes” to the work You have given us to do in Your vineyard, and through the working of Your Spirit in the lives of those You have called, bring into Your house a large and abundant harvest of souls to the praise of Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Ruler of the nations, grant peace to our troubled world, especially in Ukraine, in Israel and the Palestinian Territories, and wherever there is unrest and war. Thwart the schemes of those who promote lawlessness and violence, and sustain the countless number who suffer at the hands of the wicked. Grant to every nation good and faithful rulers who seek the common good, so that all people may live in quietness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord of all, watch over and bless those in our communities who give of their time to improve the lot of others. Especially during these difficult economic times, give them compassionate hearts to assist those who are less fortunate, that all those in need may know the support of their communities. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** God of all grace, Your Son showed compassion by healing the sick and infirm. According to Your good pleasure, grant healing to those in our time whose bodies have become frail due to disease and illness, especially _____. If it be Your will that their infirmities remain with them, then grant them comfort and strength to rely on You in their time of need, trusting that You will never leave nor forsake them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Giver of every good and perfect gift, be with all those who celebrate Your great and abundant blessings to them, especially _____. Continue to bring them joy and move us all to be ever thankful for all the blessings that come to us from Your loving hand. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord of life, grant comfort to those who mourn the death of loved ones (*especially ...*). By the proclamation of Christ’s victory over death assure them that all who die in Christ will surely rise to eternal life on the Last Day. Help us all to live each day in that confidence so that we may face our final hour in confidence and hope. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Compassionate Lord, You care for every child of Your creating. Hear the prayers of Your children for all of the needs and concerns we have, especially as we remember _____, as well as the requests of those who have asked for our prayers, which we present to You now from the things unspoken and hidden in our hearts.... And we pray You to hear and accept our prayers, granting us all things that seem best for us according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant us, Lord God, a living faith that joyfully receives the life here offered in the holy Body and Blood of Your beloved Son, that with joyful hearts we may go forth from this Altar loving You above all things and serving our neighbor in love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of all the saints, we give You thanks for St. James of Jerusalem; Dorcas, Lydia, and Phoebe; Philipp Nicolai, Johann Heermann, and Paul Gerhardt; St. Simon and St. Jude; and the whole throng of Your people, who having faithfully confessed Your Son's Name in the world, now dwell forever with You. We pray that You would fill us with faith like theirs and assist us to imitate their lives of witness that we too may come to share together with them in the joys of life eternal in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace:

P "Where two or three are gathered together in My Name," says the Lord,
"there am I in the midst of them."

The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

C **And also with you.**

The Congregation is seated.



✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

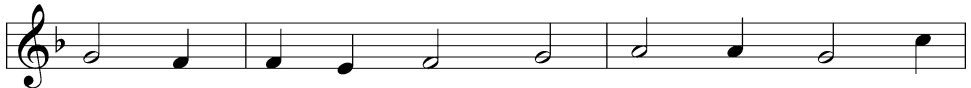
The Hymn of Preparation

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 623

“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may
 2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y
 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold, To seize the
 4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
 bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of
 gift of love re - told; All that You are we
 in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
 stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



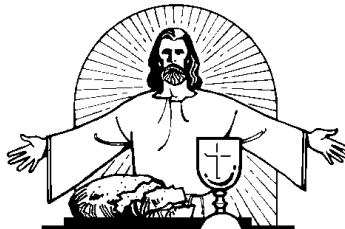
bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
 sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
 here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
 til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
 wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

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The Congregation rises.



The Preface Dialogue:

P The Lord be with you.



C And al-so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



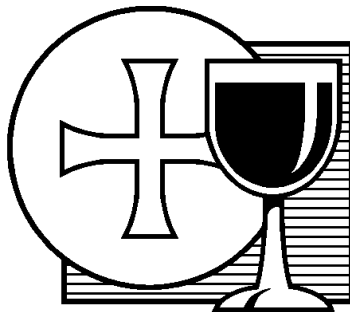
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:



The *Sanctus*:

C 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.
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving:

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His Body and His Blood on the cross.

Gathered in the Name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His Body and drink His Blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

The Words of Our Lord:

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

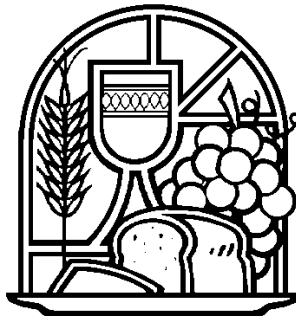
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The *Pax Domini*:

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - - men.



The Agnus Dei:

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Congregation is seated.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated in this place in the joyful confidence that Jesus Christ Himself comes to us to give us in bread and wine His very Body and Blood to offer to us the forgiveness of sins. All Baptized Christians who have been instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament and confess with us Christ's Real Presence in this Holy Meal are welcome to commune with us at this Altar. A fuller explanation of what Lutherans believe concerning Holy Communion may be found on page one of this worship folder.

Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation at the chancel rail. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. You may kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. The Sacrament is distributed in the following manner...Please extend your hand to the assistant to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood may be received in one of two ways, using that which you feel most comfortable: 1) individual cups containing wine and white grape juice will be offered by the Pastor, or 2) drinking from the chalice. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Music at the Distribution:

“Lift Your Name Medley” – The Trinity Singers

The Congregation rises.

The Post-Communion Canticle:

Thank the Lord

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
 He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
 joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
 es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Post-Communion Collect:

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the Fountain and Source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

The Benediction:

- 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.



C A - - - - - men.

The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 733

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”



- 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
 Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
 Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 Soon bears us all away;
 We fly forgotten as a dream
 Dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Be Thou our guard while troubles last
 And our eternal home!

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

✠ *To God Be All Praise and Glory!* ✠

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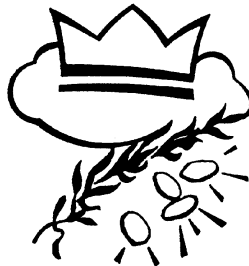
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THOSE WHO SERVE US THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP

The Celebrant & Preacher
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The Communion Assistant
The Worship Assistant
The Choir
The Flutist
The Parish Musician

The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel
Tracy Peele
George Kurtzweil
Paul Ritter
The Trinity Singers
Susan Kennedy
Skip Hall



NOTES AND NEWS

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS ... Copies of the *Lutheran Service Book* in Large Print are available for use during worship for those who may have need of them. You may find them on the literature table at the rear of the sanctuary, and please return them there following the service.

OUR PRAYER LIST ... We are pleased to have an active ministry of prayer among us, attested by the weekly “O Christ, Hear Us” page in the bulletin, inviting us all to remember these persons and needs in our prayer during worship at Trinity and in our own personal prayers during the week. We kindly ask you to also help us keep this list current and up to date by letting us know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. To do this please contact Pastor or the church office with a note that can be placed in the offering basket at church, or with an email.

ALTAR FLOWERS ... The flower chart for 2023 is available for you to donate floral arrangements to adorn the Lord’s Altar in honor of special occasions or in memory of loved ones. The chart can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. The donation for a single arrangement is \$35.00. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email (trinity-elc-office@verizon.net).

LUTHERAN RADIO ONLINE AND ON THE AIR FOR YOU THIS WEEK:

KFUO Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUO.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kfuo), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/kfuo), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfuo).

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study Hebrews 8-10 on Sharper Iron’s “The New Covenant in Christ” (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. ET), continue studying Mark 1-4 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 12:00 p.m. ET), and dig into “Confession” in the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (October 28 at 11:00 a.m. ET). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUO Radio app.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR ... Our family and friends are with us in life but they can't shield us from life and all its uncertainty. Where will you find security? Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, October 29, 2023, for a message from Lutheran Hour Speaker, the Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "What Are People Good For?", locally on WFAX 1220 AM or 100.7 FM at 11:00 AM and 10:00 PM, as well as at 5:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Saturdays. If you are out of the radio station's range you may listen online to WFAX worldwide at WFAX.com. The Lutheran Hour can also be heard online on KFUF.org on Sundays at 12:30 PM and 5:00 PM. For more information on this media ministry, or to listen to messages on demand, visit the Lutheran Hour Ministries website at lhm.org, under "Media" and "The Lutheran Hour".

TREASURER'S NOTE:

With this bulletin we're bringing back a feature from our old bulletins: a list of the previous month's offerings and how it compares to the income needed to meet our budget. Additionally, this provides an opportunity for an early preview of our financial summary for 2023.

So, here are September's figures:

Offerings received for the month: \$8,858.00

Income needed in September to meet the budget: \$10,829.44

Looking at the entire year, for January through July our offerings were roughly 10% short. In August, they were almost right on target, while in September they were short as listed above. Overall expenses have been basically on target throughout the year, though some individual items have deviated. This has translated into us needing to take out \$8,000 from our Thrivent fund to cover 2023 expenses—\$4,000 on May 1, and another \$4,000 on July 1. Along with \$5,000 that we took out in early January to cover past due (2022) bills, we've withdrawn \$13,000 since last December. As of October 5th, the current balance in our Thrivent accounts is \$37,696.

I'm always impressed and awed by the generosity of this congregation—and the above figures include Mekane Jesus' much-appreciated regular giving as well. I've found it helpful to realize that if everyone increased their offerings by about 10% (maybe a *bit* more), we would probably be in good shape. We've increased our own very modest family offerings by 10%, and I hope others might do so too, or whatever they think is appropriate, giving from the heart as each is able.

– Michael McCoyer, Treasurer

COMPASSION CENTER NEWS... Our Compassion Center is open and is serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. If you are able to volunteer during the Center's open hours, please contact Elma. Thank you all for your continued help and support and prayers.

In an effort to keep the cupboards full at the Compassion Center during this ongoing time of need in our community, we will continue to need your generous donations of food. All non-perishable foods are welcome, and especially needed items include:

Peanut Butter; Pasta; Pasta Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Canned Tuna and Chicken;
Canned Fruit; Soup.

Clothing donations are also welcome. There is a need for boys' and men's clothing, especially pants.

There is also a need for diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, and 6.

Donations can be dropped off at the Center during Center hours. And you can also leave your donations at church, and we will make sure that they are delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

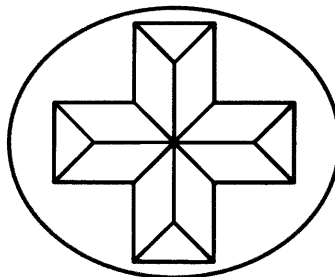
Center Hours: Mondays & Tuesdays: 10 AM – 4 PM
Wednesdays: 10 AM – 2 PM

Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD
Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23

PREPARING FOR THE COMING SUNDAY ...

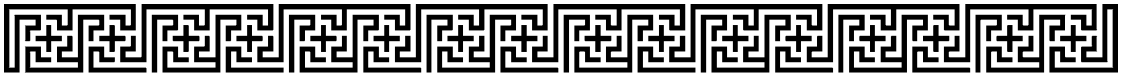
The Festival of the Reformation (Observed), October 29, 2023

Scripture Readings: Revelation 14:6-7; Romans 3:13-28; John 8:31-36



PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 22 – 29
May Be Subject to Change

Today	<i>The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	8:30 AM Adult Bible Study
	9:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	10:45 AM Trinity Singers Rehearsal
	12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)
Monday-Tuesday	<i>Pastor Away attending SED Circuit Visitors' Meeting in Richmond</i>
Monday	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open
Tuesday	9:00 AM—Noon Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open
Wednesday	9:00 AM—Noon Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Compassion Center Open
Thursday	9:00 AM—Noon Church Office Open
Next Sunday	<i>The Festival of the Reformation (Observed)</i>
	8:30 AM Adult Bible Study
	9:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)



CHURCH STATISTICS

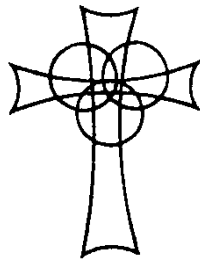
Sunday, October 15, 2023

Worship Attendance: 18; Communed: 18.

OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2023:

Offerings received for the month: \$8,858.00

Income needed in September to meet the budget: \$10,829.44



✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

Intercessions for the Week of October 22, 2023

Prayers for Continued Healing and Help

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

John, Diane, Julie & Kenny, Diane, John Tyler, Waymond, Alan, Kate, August, David, Ernie, Paul, Art & Shirley, and Angela

For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; Betty, mother of Helen;
Susan, relative of Gus & Betty; Joe, friend of Cullen; Britnany, niece of Lynda;
Juliet, mother of Ras-I; Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty;
Dennis & Caron, former Concordia School Teachers; Jari, former Concordia Teacher;
Catelyn, step-granddaughter of Ernie; Nathan, son of Art; Helen, aunt of Judy;
Bernie, friend of Trinity; Robin, daughter of Vincent & Tracy;
George, friend of Dave & Joyce; Danny, friend of Dave & Joyce;
Paul III, grandson of Paul; Ralph, uncle of Vincent & Tracy;
Cynthia, friend of Kim; Craig, friend of the Praticos; Oliver, son of David & Lisbeth;
Yvonne, relative of Carole; Bea, sister of Waymond; Doris, mother of Vincent;
Dee, Godmother of David; Kay, sister of Carole; John, father-in-law of Kristina;
Billy, co-worker of Judy; Tyler, son of coworker of Paul;
Orbelina & Family, mother of former Concordia Students; Evelyn, aunt of Judy

Thanksgivings and Blessings

Michelle McNear and Maforbeng Sanga, who celebrate their birthdays this week.
Christopher & Lauren McBroom, who celebrate their wedding anniversary this week.

Those Who Mourn

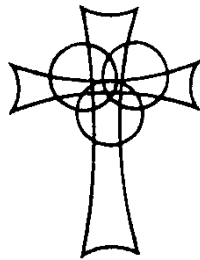
For the family of Bill Tavel, friend of Judy Welch, who recently passed away.
For the family and friends of the Reverend Gerald Patrick Coleman, who passed away
on October 16th.

We Keep In Our Prayers

- ✠ Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ✠ Pastor Gugssa Biru and the people of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Maryland.

- ✘ For the Lord to continue to move the hearts of our Trinity Members to a deeper realization of our part in His mission to the world and to be *Ablaze!* with a desire to tell the Good News about Jesus with those whom we come into contact in our lives.
- ✘ For the work of our Compassion Center, for Elma Pervaiz, our center coordinator, and for Redeemer Lutheran and the Lutheran Mission Society, our mission partners.
- ✘ Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- ✘ For peace and justice among the residents of our nation's cities and towns where there is unrest from fear and distrust.
- ✘ For an end to racism and bigotry in our nation and world.
- ✘ For all those still affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- ✘ For our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution for the faith and Name of Jesus, even to the point of shedding their blood.
- ✘ For peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or acts of terror.
- ✘ For all those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.





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Sunday Mornings:
Adult Bible Study – 8:30 AM
Worship with Holy Communion – 9:30 AM

Worship Services are livestreamed on Facebook Live
For more information, please visit the church website.

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