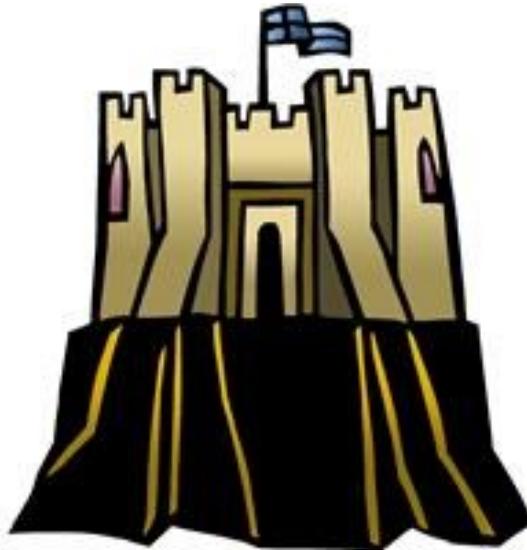


REFORMATION DAY

THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM

OCTOBER 31, 2021



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WE WELCOME YOU to historic Trinity Church. We are blessed by your presence and pray God's richest blessing upon you. We invite you to receive the Risen Christ at the Lord's Table. Those not communing may come forward to receive a blessing.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in finding out more about Trinity or are considering membership, please contact the church office at (610) 374-4861 during normal business hours (9-3, Monday-Thursday).

LARGE PRINT VERSIONS OF THE WORSHIP BULLETIN are available each week in the narthex. If all are in use, please let an usher know, and we will produce more the following week.



Affirmation of Welcome: Trinity Lutheran Church is recognized by Reconciling Works as a "Reconciling in Christ" Congregation which welcomes all LGBTQ+ persons into all facets of congregational life.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

P Presiding Minister **A** Assisting Minister **C** Congregation

CARILLON

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott

Johann Pachelbel

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

God our comforter,

C like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C Amen

GATHERING HYMN

503 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

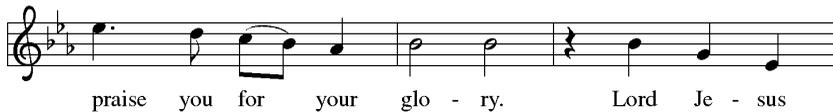
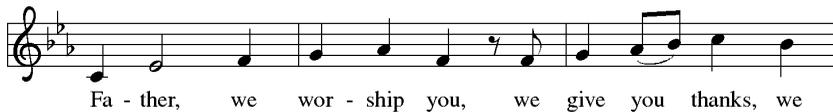
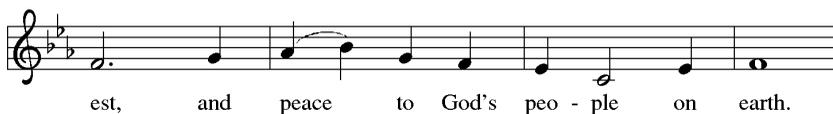
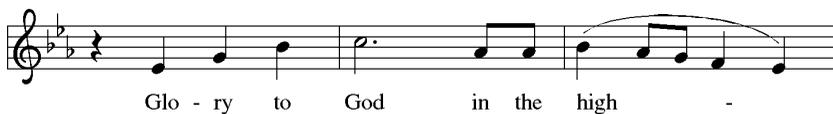
EIN FESTE BURG

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE





Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -



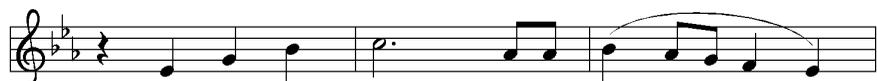
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C Amen

Be seated.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46

The psalm will be read responsively by whole verse. The Assisting Minister reads a verse and the congregation reads the next verse.

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

C Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

A though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

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

A God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

C The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.

- A** The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- C** **Come now, regard the works of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**
- A** 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.
- C** **“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

- A** Word of God, word of life.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Be seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

517 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word

ERHALT UNS, HERR

APOSTLES' CREED

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

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.**

**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. Amen**

Please kneel or be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth,
we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

A brief silence. Each petition concludes:

A Hear us, O God,
C **your mercy is great.**

After the final petition:

P Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into
your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

C **Amen**

Please stand as you are able.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please greet one another from a distance and then be seated.

OFFERTORY

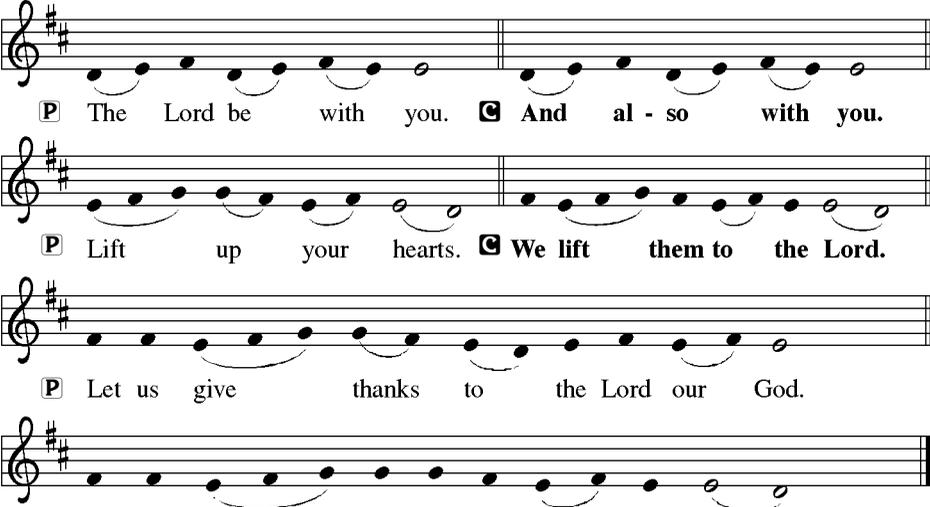
God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength Martin Luther/Setting by Thomas J. Fleming
Beth Welz, soloist

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. God of abundance,
C you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

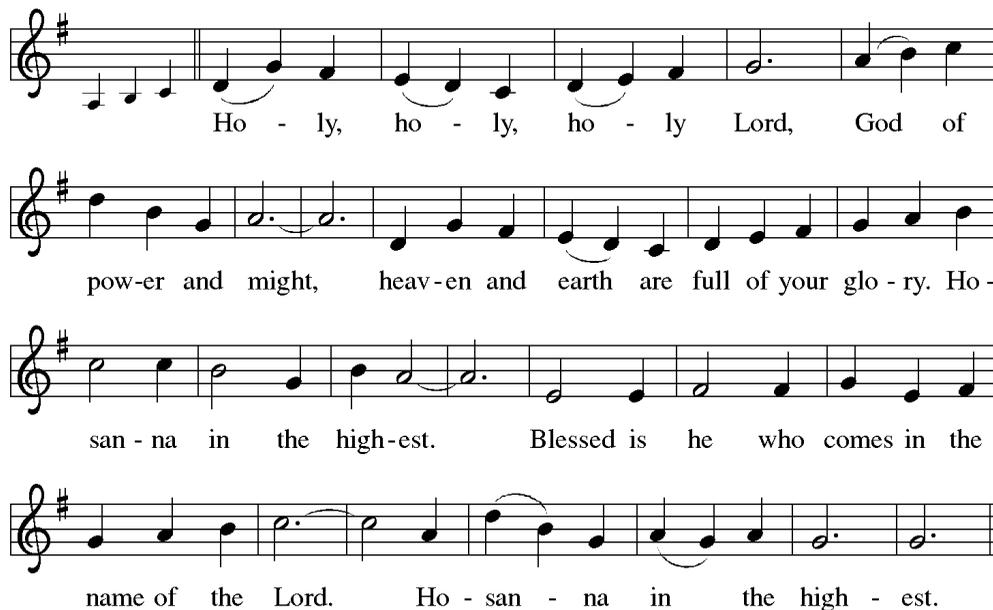
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is indeed right, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God...power of the Most High, now and forever.

G Amen

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**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

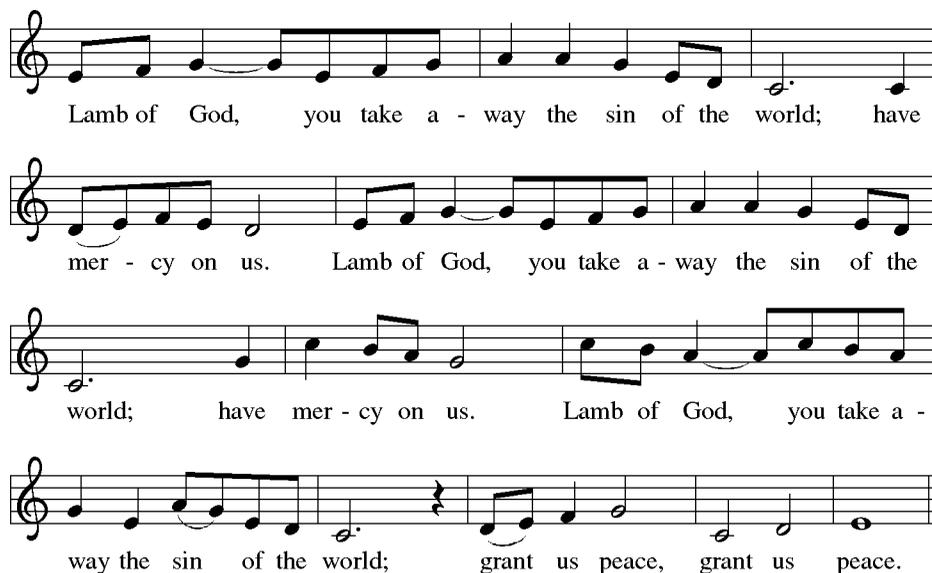
- P** All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.
- C** **Amen**

Be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

We invite all who wish to receive the Risen Christ in this meal to join us at the Lord's table. Coming to the altar, following the direction of the usher, be sure to maintain a safe distance between households. If you are in need of a gluten-free wafer or would prefer grape juice to wine, please ask your server. Returning to your seat, please deposit the used glass in the baskets provided. Those not receiving the sacrament may come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to come to the altar for communion, tell the usher and the sacrament can be brought to you. God bless you with the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation!

LAMB OF GOD



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.

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort

Johann Gottfried Walther

After all have receive Communion, please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you
in his grace.

C Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A** Let us pray. Lord of life,
C in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

BLESSING

- P** People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever.
C Amen

SENDING HYMN

657 Rise, O Sun of Righteousness

SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT

DISMISSAL

- A** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Ein feste Burg

Jan Bender

We thank Pr. Fred Opalinski for presiding and **Beth Welz** for sharing her musical gifts this week.

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