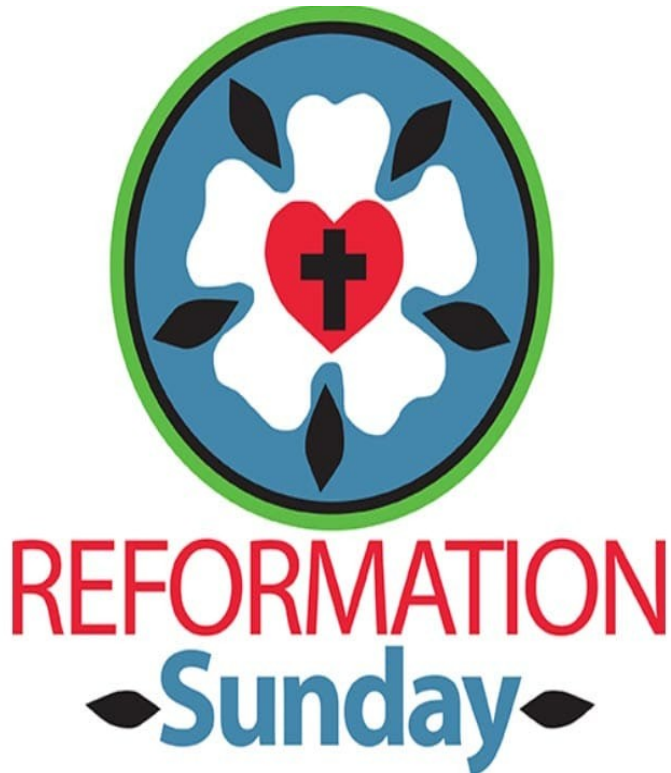




Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

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10:00am

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Introduction

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

* THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found.

Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ✚ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

** Please stand as you are able*

* **THE GATHERING SONG:** #504
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

* **THE 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.**

* **THE 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.

THE WORD

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.

The Word of the Lord.

C: **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.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*** THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Sung page #151a

C: Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

*** P:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 18th chapter

*** C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

Gospel: : John 8:31-36

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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOOD NEWS 101

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

Ten Thousand Reasons

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*** THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

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**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.**

***THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Renewed in God’s everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

God of grace,
Receive our prayer.

*** PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

**OFFERING
SPECIAL MUSIC**

*** THE OFFERTORY:** Let the Vineyards be Fruitful **# 184**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

THE MEAL

*** THE OFFERING PRAYER**

Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.

Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

* **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (Sung) page 152

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

* **THE PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times
and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and
merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day
overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the
choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

* **THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (Sung) page 153

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

* **THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

* **THE LORD'S PRAYER** page 154

**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 INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of
mercy.

THE LAMB OF GOD (sung) page 154

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

THE DISTRIBUTION

* **THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God,
through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

THE SENDING

* **THE BLESSING**

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever
Amen.

* **THE SENDING SONG:**

The Church's One Foundation

#654

* **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Serving Today: October 26, 2025

Communion Assistant: Laura Poethke

Acolyte: Allyson Schmalz

Lector: Judy Bariexca

Usher: Amber Johnson & Bonnie Mazza

Musician: Mike Bedics

Sound System: Laura Poethke

Serving Next Week: November 2, 2025

Communion Assistant: Lynn Haab

Acolyte: Allyson Schmalz

Lector: Lynn Haab

Ushers: Ferol Howell & Steve Anderson

Musicians: Michelle Foster

Sound System: Bonnie Mazza

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE CALL the church office (609-387-1202) whenever a family member, neighbor, or friend who is a member of Holy Trinity is hospitalized or moves from one hospital to another. Due to stricter privacy laws, hospitals do *not* notify the church when a member is admitted to the hospital and keep us informed of hospitalizations so Pastor Haab can visit and keep people in our prayers.

SUNDAY MORNING: Worship 10AM every Sunday. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend our Worship at 10 AM every Sunday. Our blended worship is back on the 4th Sunday of each month.

MORE INFORMATION: on these and other upcoming worship times and events can be found on the church Facebook page [HolyTrinityBT](https://www.holytrinityelc.org) and the church website: www.holytrinityelc.org

GIVING OF TALENTS AND TIME : Stop by the bulletin board located in the main hallway and see how you can help.

FOOD PANTRY: Items needed: Apple sauce, canned meats (no tuna) like chicken, ham, Spam, cooking oil, crackers, canned fruits, powdered or evaporated milk, canned stews and chili, cereal, butter/ margarine, frozen breakfast items, frozen meatballs, chicken nuggets, pot pies, laundry detergent, dishwashing detergent, toilet paper.

BIRTHDAY FELLOWSHIP and LOUD OFFERING take place on the first Sunday of each month. We recognize those who celebrate their birthday that month and also pass *Philip the Bucket* to collect spare change to help those in need.



Please join us for a

Thanksgiving Service

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2025 @ 7PM

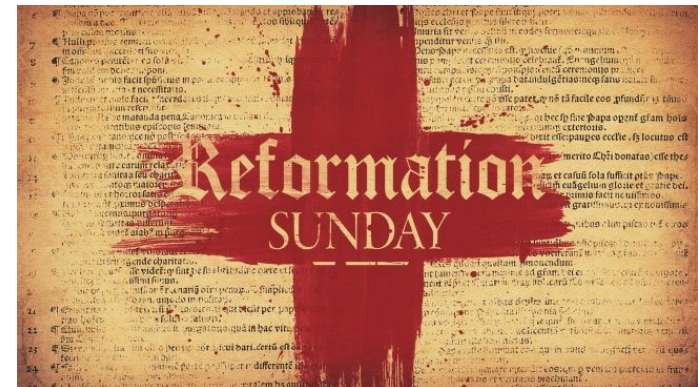
Lead by Bonnie, Laura, Karin and our Sunday School Classes

Dessert Fellowship will follow the service. If you would like to donate a dessert, please see signup sheet on the bulletin board.

VOLUNTEERS INFORMATION: Have you ever wanted to be a part of the ministry team. On February 1, 2026, we will be hosting a volunteer fair during our fellowship time after worship. Please mark your calendars and join us to see just how easy it is to serve on one of our worship teams.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Today: 10:00AM Worship/Holy Communion
Wednesday: 5:00—7:00PM Sisters of Sobriety
Friday: 7:00—10:00PM AA
Next Sunday: 9am Sunday School
 10am: Worship /Holy Communion



Upcoming Events for the Remainder of 2025

November 2: All Saints Day

November 25: Thanksgiving Service @ 7pm

November 29: Greening of the Church @ 1pm-4pm

December 14: Christmas Concert @ 6:30pm with Voices That Reign and Youth Choir

December 24: Christmas Eve Worship @ 7pm & 10pm

December 28: Lesson and Carols @ 10am

