

The
truth
will make
you
free

JOHN 8:32



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Reformation Sunday
October 25 & 26, 2025

Welcome to Worship!

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The *worship bulletin* is intended to help guide us through our worship. Sections in **bold** print are for congregation response.

We believe our risen Lord Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of ***Holy Communion*** and we extend our Lord's invitation to all who are baptized to share in this meal.

Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please contact an usher if you need ***communed in the pew***.

A ***large print copy*** of our worship service and ***wireless sound enhancers*** are available in the front narthex.



Reformation Sunday October 25 & 26, 2025

Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:15am (Broadcast, 98.7FM, 107.5FM, 1480AM, 910AM;
Livestream @www.trinitylatrobe.com), Sunday 10:45am

Service of Holy Communion (ELW Setting 1)

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 prelude is a signal to end our conversation and
prepare our hearts and minds for worship*

Prelude and Silent Prayer

**Prelude 10:45am
10:45am**

“Joyful Praise”
“Thy Word”

Geschke
Grant

Trinity Ringers
Youth Choir

(at the end of the bell peal, please turn to face the cross in the back, or remain seated as you are comfortable.)

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Confession and Forgiveness

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 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 and self-examination.)

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn *(please turn and follow the cross in procession)*

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

ELW #504

Greeting

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

Hymn of Praise

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of nine staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with many half and quarter notes. There are several phrases of music that are not accompanied by lyrics, such as the first measure of the first staff and the final measure of the ninth staff.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

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

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

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.

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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

Let us pray. 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.

(please be seated)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Children's Message

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

"The days are surely coming" is a formula to indicate that the prophet is speaking of the Day of the Lord – the time when God will act to fulfill the divine promises, and sin will become unthinkable. While this Day will come at the end of time, there are "pre-echoes" of that Day, points in the meantime when the hand of God is evident and our lives are transformed. For Jeremiah, the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, foreseen in this passage, is one of those pre-echoes. For Christians, the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ is the premier pre-echo, but our baptism and, in fact, every Sunday we gather are pre-echoes as well.

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. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 46 (Leader/Assembly: Saturday, spoken; Sunday, sung)

This psalm was the inspiration for "A Mighty Fortress," Luther's most famous hymn. The first several verses have also provided connections with the Wartburg, the castle in which Luther took refuge after being condemned by the emperor. The whole psalm sums up very well the work of the Word and the Spirit in the thinking of the Reformers – providing both sustenance and safety.

¹ God is our ref-¹uge and strength,
a very present¹ help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the¹ earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths¹ of the sea;**

³ though its waters¹ rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble¹ with its tumult.

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- ⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-¹y of God,
the holy habitation of¹ the Most High.**
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall¹ not be shaken;
God shall help it at the¹ break of day.
- ⁶ **The nations rage, and the¹ kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth¹ melts away.**
- ⁷ The LORD of¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold.
- ⁸ **Come now, regard the works¹ of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up-¹ on the earth;**
- ⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in¹ all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the¹ shields
with fire.
- ¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that¹ I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted¹ in the
earth.”**
- ¹¹ The LORD of¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold.

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

In the past two chapters, Paul has been telling the Christians at Rome that, while Jews have been given and have not fulfilled the law of Moses, Gentiles have been given and have not fulfilled the law implanted naturally in each human. We have no hope, therefore of being worthy to enter into a right relationship with God. Unless...

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;

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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.

Gospel Acclamation

(please stand to welcome the Gospel or remain seated as you are comfortable)

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

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

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel: John 8:31-36

After the feeding of the 5000, Jesus claimed that anyone eating his flesh and drinking his blood would share his eternal life. Whether because the notion of cannibalism was so distasteful or because he claimed to give what only God could, Jesus began to lose popularity from that point on. Even some of his disciples left, and it seems that it is with these disappointed former followers that Jesus speaks in today's Gospel.

The Holy Gospel according to John the 8th chapter. **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’?”

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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.**

(please be seated)

Sermon

Pastor Jess Felici

Hymn of the Day *(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)*

“Rise, Shine, You People!”

ELW #665

*The Saturday 5:30pm and Sunday 8:15am liturgies use the Nicene Creed.
The Sunday 10:45am liturgy uses the Confirmation insert.*

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;

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We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

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

MEAL

Gathering of Gifts

◆ *As we move to the time in our worship where we offer our gifts to God's church, a portion of your offering supports hosting Grief Support groups, and the mailing of grief support resources to families after the death of a member. As siblings in Christ, we care for one another in times of hardship and trial.*



*If you prefer, scan the QR code to give online.
You may then place a giving card from the pew
in the offering plate as it passes by.*

Choir

Offertory *(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)*



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

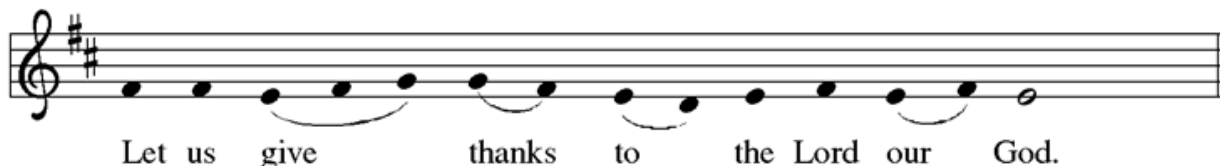


We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. 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.

Great Thanksgiving



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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



Lord's Prayer

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.**

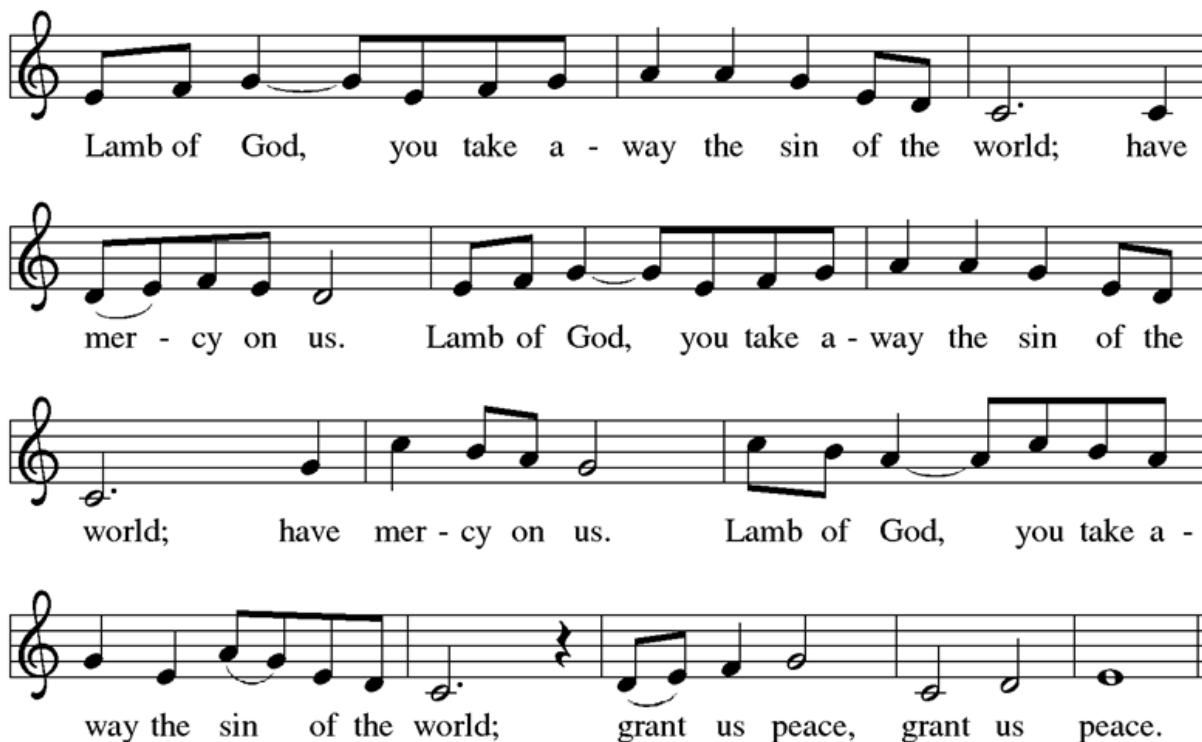
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

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

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.

(please be seated)

Distribution of Communion

*To receive communion, please come down the center aisle, take a cup from the tray and gather at the altar rail. Receive the bread into your hand. Wine will be poured into your cup. **The communion wine is gluten free. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.** For those unable to receive wine, communion cups with water are available. Leave the altar rail, place your cup on the tray and return to your pew via the side aisles. **If you would like to receive communion in the pew, please contact an usher.** Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

Table Blessing *(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)*

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

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. 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.

(Sunday 10:45am please be seated)

SENDING

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

Choral Blessing for the Confirmands (Sunday 10:45am)

“Child of God” DeVries *(please follow the words on the insert)*

Blessing (10:45am please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)

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.

Sending Hymn *(please turn and follow the cross in procession)*

“Built on a Rock”

ELW #652

Dismissal

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

THE ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of our parents and grandparents, Clarence W. “Doc” and Betty J. Keim, given by Charlie, Karen, Daniel, David, Marc and Gretchen Vogle.

THE FLOWERS AT THE FONT are dedicated to the Glory of God in honor of our confirmands, Allie Glagola, Lucas Grohal, and Izabella “Bella” Watkins, given by the Christian Education Committee.

THE BROADCAST THIS WEEK is dedicated to the Glory of God in honor of Pastor Susan Luttner, and the Tuesday Morning Bible Basics Class, given by Jay and Meri Beth Elder.

Serving this Weekend

Preaching: Pastor Jess Felici **Presiding:** Pastor Jason Felici
Director of Music: Debbie Morley
Lectors: **Saturday 5:30pm:** Linda McDowell
 Sunday 8:15am: David Gebhart
 Sunday 10:45am: Cheryl Morgan
Liturgical Deacons: **Saturday 5:30pm:** Kathy Waldron
 Sunday 8:15am: Nancy McHenry, Rose McLain
 Sunday 10:45am: Kathe Houck, Sandy Redinger
Ushers: **Saturday 5:30pm:** Tom & Beth Dlugos, Isaiah Sherba,
 Donna Showalter
 Sunday 8:15am: Sandy Kisick, Keith Bronson, Sr.,
 Keith Bronson, Jr., Melinda Terney
 Sunday 10:45am: BJ and Amber Hebenthal, Mike & Jill Macey
Acolytes: **Saturday 5:30pm:** Kelly Stanko
 Sunday 8:15am: Claire Benning, Will Benning
 Sunday 10:45am: Emma Felici, Autumn Glagola, Madison McLain
Tellers: **Sunday 8:15am:** Jason Sheppard, John Hugo, Kathy & Mark Jones
 Sunday 10:45am: Eleanor Fagan, Will & Linda Brigaman,
 Anna Hudec, Susan Vargo

Acolytes Serving Next Weekend November 1 & 2

Saturday 5:30pm: Kelly Stanko
Sunday 8:15am: Bella Watkins, Zayden Pasparage
Sunday 10:45am: Will Hebenthal

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