

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 25, 2020**



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In his small Catechism Luther states: "I believe that I cannot by my own understanding or effort believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and kept me in truth faith. In the same way he calls, enlighten, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it united with Jesus Christ in the one true faith."

C: We give thanks for the work of the Holy Spirit calling, enlightening, sanctifying and uniting us with Jesus in one faith.

THE GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG: "Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C: Amen.

L: Faithful God, have mercy on us.

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgement on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: God hears the cries of all who call out in need and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SONG: “Just as I Am” ELW #592

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8dnUns2dIw>

CHILDREN’S TIME: “Just as I Am...God Loves Us So” - Zoom Costume “Parade”

SONG: “God Loves Us So”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9NnlGZMEj00>

FIRST READING: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

¹The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

²Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

¹⁵You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

PSALM 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

¹You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from

mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷ though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸ So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:34-46

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked Jesus a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³ Jesus said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴ “The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet””?

⁴⁵ If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶ No one was able to give Jesus an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

MESSAGE: Shivon Miller

SONG: “What Wonderous Love is This” Fernando Ortega

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ngqj23syZU>

CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES’ CREED

L: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

SONG: “We Believe” The Newsboys

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WjZ01FcK0vk>

THE OFFERING

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OFFERING SONG: “Love” We are Messengers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I2IvHbXZp-I>

OFFERING PRAYER

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us that might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and our world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and song. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us offer our prayers to God, responding to each petition with the words “Grant us your tender care.”

A brief silence.

On this day commemorating the Reformation, O God, we pray: that Christian churches around the globe be reformed and renewed; that ecumenical collaboration be widened and deepened; and that Lutherans stand firm in the gift of the gospel. . .

Hear us, holy God:

Grant us your tender care.

Attending to the natural earth, O God, we pray: that the seas and lands be cleansed of pollution; that both rainstorms and droughts be moderated; and that animals retain their habitat. . .

Hear us, steadfast God:

Grant us your tender care.

Aware of disorder around the world, O God, we pray: that wars and armed terrorism cease; that violent extremism everywhere be calmed; that governments meet the needs of their poorest residents; that the days before our election be peaceful; and that all prejudice based on gender, color, orientation or ethnicity be rejected. . .

Hear us, sovereign God:

Grant us your tender care.

Facing the coronavirus, O God, we pray: that the pandemic and its anxieties subside; that medical personnel and services be everywhere supported; that any who are unemployed find work and all who have been evicted finding housing; and that a trustworthy vaccine be developed. . .

Hear us, compassionate God:

Grant us your tender care.

Moved by the needs of all our neighbors, O God, we pray: for those suffering from discrimination; for those incarcerated or held in immigrant camps; for farmworkers and their children; for all who are hungry; and for those we name here before you. . .

Bev McIntosh and family, Dorlene, Alex and Trista, and Adrien

Hear us, mothering God:
Grant us your tender care.

Thinking lastly of ourselves, O God, we pray: that we be enabled to love our neighbors as ourselves, and that you receive our personal petitions. . .

A brief silence.

Hear us, loving God:
Grant us your tender care.

Grateful for the lives of all who have died in the faith, especially for all the people whose efforts reformed and renewed the church, O God, we pray that at the end we join with them in your glory:

Hear us, eternal God:
Grant us your tender care.

Enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, as we trust in your might and your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered together 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.

BLESSING from 1 Thessalonians and 2 Corinthians 13:

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all. Siblings in Christ rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

SENDING SONG: "Love the Lord Your God" Lincoln Brewster

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EABeFfsqLdc>

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!