

**TRINITY
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

11:00 AM

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Time after Pentecost Reformation

Sunday, October 25, 2026 - 11:00 am

Welcome!

We are glad you are worshiping with us today. Please let us know you are here by filling out the attendance book at the end of the pew.

Childcare

Children are welcome in the sanctuary throughout the worship service. The nursery for ages 0-2 is available on Sunday mornings, and children age 3 through grade 3 are invited to Kid's Praise following the Children's Sermon. They return to the sanctuary before communion.

Hearing Assistance

Personal headsets are available at the sound booth at the back of the sanctuary.

Offering

Our tithes are freely given and support the continued ministry of the church. Please use the envelopes in the pew racks, or give online by scanning the QR code in the pew racks.

Livestream

Sunday morning worship services are streamed live on our website, along with Facebook and Youtube.

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Communion Practice

In Holy Communion, Christ welcomes us and meets us in the bread and wine. God comes to us with love and forgiveness, renews our relationship with our Creator, and nourishes us as the body of Christ. As Jesus promised, he is truly present in this meal. He invites us to remember him as we eat and drink. We come bringing our whole selves—our joys, our burdens, and our sins—trusting in Christ's forgiveness and asking God to shape us in love. (*1 Corinthians 11:23–26; John 6:53–56*)

At Trinity Lutheran Church, all are invited and encouraged to participate in this holy meal. All who wish to receive Communion may do so. If you choose not to receive the bread and wine, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

To be sensitive to our worshipers' needs, we offer red wine and white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Service of Holy Communion

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

The truth of God meets us where we are.

We come with our failures, our hopes, and our need for grace.

We have all fallen short of the glory of God.

Yet we are justified as a gift, through the redemption of Christ Jesus.

Christ calls us to abide in his word.

His truth opens the way to freedom.

The Son sets us free.

In Christ, we are free indeed. Come, let us worship God!

GATHERING SONGS

A Mighty Fortress

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Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our Helper He amidst the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and pow’r are great
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal

Verse 2

Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right Man on our side
The Man of God’s own choosing
Dost ask who that may be
Christ Jesus it is He
The Lord of hosts His name
From age to age the same
And He must win the battle

Verse 3

And though this world with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us
The prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell Him

Chorus 1

A mighty fortress a rock unfailing
The King of Glory forever amen
For endless ages enthroned in praises
The King of Glory forever amen

Verse 4

That word above all earthly pow’rs
No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him Who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God’s truth abideth still
His Kingdom is forever

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Forever and ever!

Chorus 2

A mighty fortress a rock unfailing
The King of Glory forever amen
For endless ages enthroned in praises
The King of Glory forever (amen)
(REPEAT)
Forever amen

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Thy Word

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

Verse 1

When I feel afraid
And think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

Chorus

Verse 2

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end

Chorus

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, you are our refuge when guilt weighs upon us, our hope when shame tells us to hide, and our freedom when sin holds us captive. By your Spirit, keep us abiding in the word of Jesus. Teach us to trust the gift of your grace, to face the truth with courage, and to live in the freedom of love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

KIDS’ PRAISE

*At this time children age 3 – grade 3 are now dismissed,
at the parent’s discretion, to the Chapel.*

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

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The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

The reading is concluded:
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

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

After the reading:
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Jeff Gramza

HYMN OF THE DAY

Your Name

Verse 1
As morning dawns and evening fades
You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart
And glorify Your Name

Chorus
Your Name is a strong and mighty tower
Your Name is a shelter like no other
Your Name let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name

Verse 2
Jesus in Your Name we pray
Come and fill our hearts today
Lord give us strength to live for You
And glorify Your Name

Chorus

Instrumental

Chorus 2x

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NEW MEMBERS

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God’s faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Today, we rejoice as we welcome these new members into our congregation, as they commit themselves to worship, service, and fellowship in this church family. We give thanks for God’s work in their lives and ask for God’s continued guidance as we walk together in faith.

Presentation of New Members

(Each new member or family is introduced by name.)
Hear these words from Holy Scripture: "For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."
—Romans 12:4-5

Statement of Faith and Commitment

Pastor (to the new members): Beloved in Christ, we welcome you as members of this congregation and invite you to share in our mission to proclaim the Gospel, serve our neighbors, and grow together in faith.

As you join this community, I ask you before God and this congregation:

Will you, with God’s help, participate in the life of this church—worshiping, praying, growing in faith, and serving others? Will you seek to live as a faithful disciple of Jesus, bearing witness to God’s love in your daily life?

New Members: *I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

Commitment of the Congregation

Pastor (to the congregation): As members of Christ’s body, we are called to support, encourage, and walk with one another in love. Will you receive these new members with joy, pray for them, and support them as they grow in faith and service among us?

Congregation: **We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray. Gracious God, we thank You for calling these new members into this family of faith. Strengthen them by your Spirit, guide them in their journey, and use them to bring your love and light into the world. May we, as their brothers and sisters, encourage them, pray for them, and walk alongside them in faith. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

Offer a sign of peace with those around you

GATHERING OF GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY SONG

Build My Life

Verse 1
Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Verse 2
Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for You

Chorus
Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Verse 2, Chorus

Bridge
I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken
REPEAT

Chorus

Bridge

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OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, all that we have comes from your hand. Receive these gifts and the lives we offer with them. Use them to proclaim the freedom of Christ, to care for our neighbors, and to repair what has been harmed. Make us joyful in giving, steadfast in hope, and ready to serve; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
**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

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion will be distributed by coming forward and receiving the bread and wine. The center cups (white) are non-alcoholic grape juice. Upon receiving, please put empty cups in baskets provided. If you prefer gluten free, please ask Pastor who is distributing. Please proceed up the center aisle returning to your seat via the side aisles.

COMMUNION SONG

Lord, I Need You
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Verse 1
Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus 1
Lord, I need You, oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Verse 2
Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus 1

Bridge
So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand
I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand
I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Chorus 1

Chorus 2
Lord, I need You, oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

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BENEDICTION

May the God who justifies you by grace quiet every voice that says you are beyond hope. May Jesus Christ, who calls you beloved, free you to face the truth and begin again. May the Holy Spirit strengthen you to live in the freedom of love.

And may the blessing of almighty God— ☩ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Your Grace is Enough

Verse 1

Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

Pre-Chorus

Chorus 2x

Pre-Chorus

Pre-Chorus

(So) remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Chorus

Chorus 2

Yeah Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I sing Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me for me

Chorus 1

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Verse 2

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Matt Maher

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Abide in Christ's word.
Thanks be to God. Our freedom is in Christ.

POSTLUDE