



October 31, 2021

Reformation Sunday

Worship focus: *As We Wait for Jesus :
Stand in His Grace Alone!*

OPENING HYMN

202 – “If God Had Not Been on Our Side” (verses 1 & 3)
(The “Amen” is sung after the last hymn only.)

Please stand.

P: O Lord, open my lips

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

P: Hasten to save me, O God.

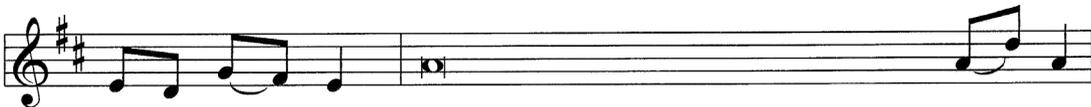
C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

P: Praise be to God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Let us worship him.

OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks- giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



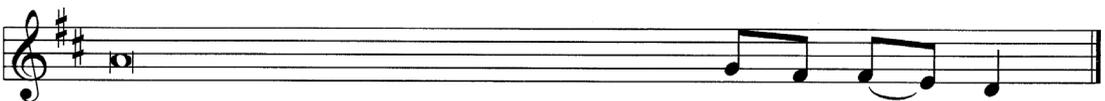
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Please be seated.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 22

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Revelation 14:6, 7

In John's visions of the end times he sees an angel with the eternal Gospel to proclaim to every nation.

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. ⁷ He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Please stand.

GOSPEL – Mark 13:5-11

Jesus tells His disciples that one of the signs of the Last Day is that “the gospel must first be preached to all nations.”

⁵ Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶ Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁸ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains. ⁹ You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. ¹⁰ And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. ¹¹ Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

SEASONAL RESPONSE

P: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

200 – “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Congregation will sing verses 1, 3, and 4. Choir will sing verse 2.

Brittany Jensen will accompany on trumpet.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Daniel 3:16-28

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego testify to the true God before Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon. God delivers them from the fiery furnace.

¹⁶Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.” ¹⁹ Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual ²⁰ and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. ²¹ So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace.

²² The king's command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, ²³ and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace. ²⁴ Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?" They replied, "Certainly, O king." ²⁵ He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods." ²⁶ Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, ²⁷ and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them. ²⁸ Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God."

Please Stand

SERMON Text: Daniel 3:19-28

Theme: Lord Jesus Christ, Your Power Make Known

1. For you are Lord of lords alone.
2. Defend your church.
3. That we may sing your praise eternally.

HYMN 390 – "Salvation unto Us Has Come" (verses 1, 2, 4, & 5)

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Friendship Registration

Guests: Please fill out name, address, and phone number.

Members: Please fill out name and any new information.

Check the third box if you intend to commune.

Please, return the booklet to its original location. Thank you!

Please stand.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

P: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

C: Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

293 - "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of October 24, 2021)

Total Worship Attendance: 190; Early: 98; Late: 92; Adult Bible Study: 35; Teens: 7, Sunday School 25. On-line worship service views for October 17 were 37.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through November 6 are the members of Craig von Stein's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, November 7, will be the members of David Bower's Undershepherd group.

GREETERS	today are:	John & Esther Spaeth – Early Service Richard & Cheryl Kretz – Late Service
	Next Sunday:	Jim & Jane Smith – Early Service Warren & Marilyn Pratt – Late Service

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (October 31 through November 7)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; WELS Connection; Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20; Catechism 1:00.

MON Mornings with Mommy 9:30; Board of Education 6:00.

TUE Mornings with Mommy 9:30.

WED Choir Practice 7:00; Bible Information class 7:00.

SUN **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30:** Communion; Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20; Catechism 1:00; Women's Ministry Progressive Meal 4:30.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

MON Faculty meeting 3:30.

WED Chapel 8:20.

THU Field Trip – Children's Theater, Lima, grades Kindergarten through 4th.

SAT Sports Day in Cincinnati.

THE WELS CONNECTION will be shown after each service today.

PRE- AND POST- SERVICE MUSIC is provided by Marlene Eick. Thank you, Marlene, for blessing us with your talent today!

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for Alfred Heldman. He is undergoing surgery on Monday, November 1st. Please keep him and all of our members who are hospitalized, in nursing homes, or homebound in your prayers.

CHRISTMAS EVE Children's Service: It's time to start thinking about it! All children of the church, regardless if they are TLS students or not, are encouraged to participate in this year's program. Please contact Mrs. Linda Baumann at lbaumann@tlcjenera.org **and** Pastor Nowak at pastormattn@gmail.com. They can fill you in on the details and give you the necessary information.

MUSIC AND INSTRUMENTS: Join other kids (ages 0-6) and their caretakers in the church basement on Monday or Tuesday, November 1 or 2 from 9:30-10:30. This Mornings with Mommy session will have your children singing, dancing, and playing instruments. You and your children can dance on bubble wrap, paint a guitar, make a maraca, and do musical note hopscotch! The program costs \$5 per family. Register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.

THANKSGIVING DISPLAY DONATIONS are needed by the Luther Society to beautify our church and remind us of God's abundant blessings! Anyone who wishes to donate items for the display, please have them in the basement by the late service next Sunday, November 21. Luther Society will set up the display after late service that day. Display items that are not reclaimed will be given to the called workers.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Women are invited to the Women's Ministry's Progressive Meal and Bible study on Sunday, November 7 starting at 4:30.

It will begin with salad at Nicki von Stein's house. Then we will carpool to Beth Rausch's house in Arlington for the main course and finally to Jane Boehm's house for dessert. Each stop will include one part of a three part Bible study on "Things I never thought to be thankful for." Invite a friend to join us, too! Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church or contact one of the hostesses if you plan to attend. Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 3. Questions? Contact Jane Boehm at 419-206-5011.

The bible study topic at the Sept. gathering of our Women's Ministry was "making an impact". So many things we do can make an impact on the lives of others. Even the smallest gestures, like taking a plate of cookies to a new neighbor, can have a lasting impact on them. Following our study, based on the "Time of Grace" series, we decorated some small plates that have our church logo on them. These plates are available for anyone in the congregation who would like to visit a neighbor, friend, new parent, etc., and take a "gift". Whether that would be a few cookies, some fruit, loaf of bread, chocolates, or whatever fits the occasion, feel free to take a plate to **leave with them**. The plates are in a basket on the table by the guest book in the narthex. So, take a look and pick one up if you have someone you have wanted to visit and possibly invite to church! (*Note: the plates should not be immersed in water, only hand wiped.*)

THE MONTHLY flower chairperson for November is Mark Burkholder. Be sure and thank Mark for the hard work he does to beautify our church.

HELP NEEDED! Mrs. Connie Krueger needs help with laminating and/or cutting materials that will be used for learning stations in the Kindergarten room. If you can help, please contact Connie Krueger at 419.788.1990 or email ckrueger@tlcjenera.org.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: Once again, you have an opportunity to purchase a potted poinsettia to beautify our church this year. Color choices are red or white, and the cost is \$12.00 each. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby by November 22th. Please be sure to make your payment to Jerry Burkholder. You may put your payment in an envelope marked with his name and give it to a deacon.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL: Since Trinity's school students plan to be singing at Immanuel, Findlay, on November 14, there will not be Sunday School on that Sunday.

MLS PRESENTS TUCK EVERLASTING

What would you do if you had all eternity? Eleven-year-old Winnie Foster yearns for a life of adventure beyond her white picket fence, but not until she becomes unexpectedly entwined with the Tuck Family does she get more than she could have imagined. When Winnie learns of the magic behind the Tuck's unending youth, she must fight to protect their secret from those who would do anything for a chance at eternal life. As her adventure unfolds, Winnie faces an extraordinary choice: return to her life, or continue with the Tucks on their infinite journey. The MLS Drama group, Court Street Players, is proudly presenting ***Tuck Everlasting*** on Thursday, November 18, and Saturday, November 20, at 7:00 PM. There will also be a 2:30 matinee on Sunday, November 21. Tickets are now on sale! To order your tickets, visit www.mlsem.org/fall-play.

NEED INFORMATION? If you would like to receive church information electronically, please email the school office at tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org. We send a number of items out weekly or monthly, including the bulletin and monthly newsletter. Announcements are often emailed, also. Think you're already signed up for emails, but are not receiving anything? Contact the office. Sometimes addresses get lost, or maybe what we have is incorrect.

PLEASE RESERVE the back pews for families with small children to lovingly provide this space for the little ones and their parents.



Thank you for joining our Trinity family in worship today. We invite you to keep growing with us through God's Word and Sacraments. If you have a question, please speak to a pastor or a Trinity member. If you are a guest, please pick up a guest packet and give your name and address in the friendship registration located in each pew. Ask the ushers if you need a pocket-sized aid for the hearing impaired. Six large-print hymnals are available for use. A Nursery with our service on TV is located off the lobby for parents who need to calm young children.

A message from the Pastor:

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

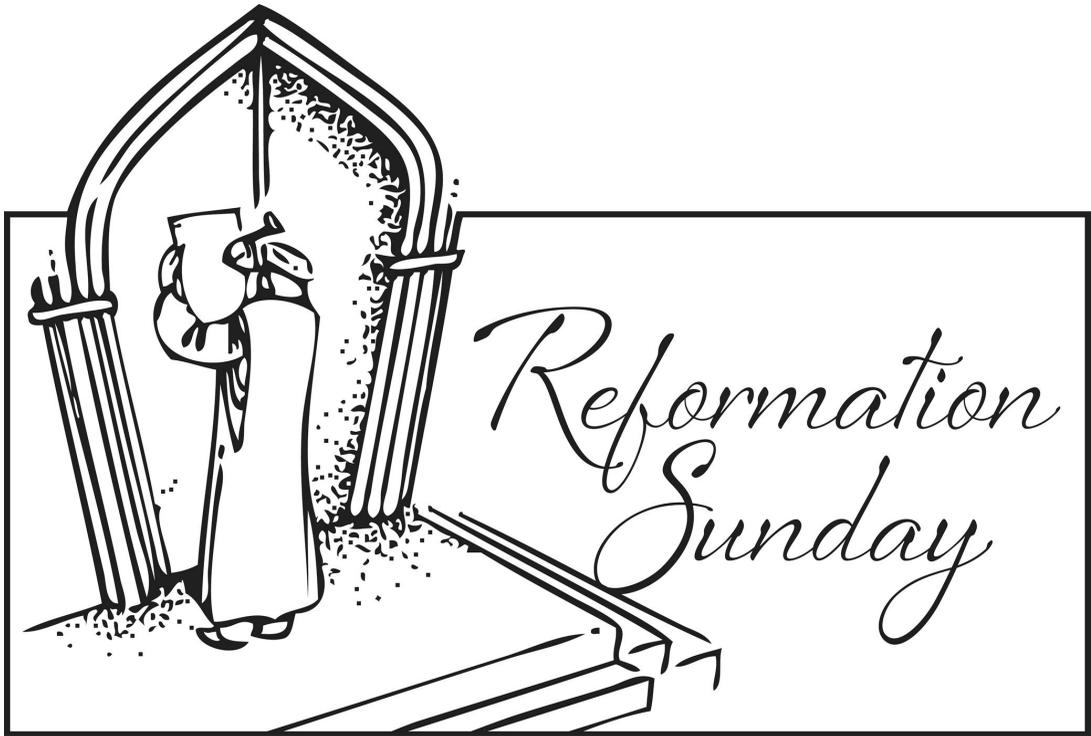
Grace and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I wanted to write to today to give you a couple of updates. Yesterday, I was not able to be at Bible Study or 2nd service, because of a migraine as a result of being sick. Thank you to everyone who helped with the audio and video for 2nd service, so that you could hear God's Word. I am doing fine and feeling good. However, I took today to get some rest. I look forward to seeing you throughout the week and especially on the weekend for Trunk or Treat and Reformation Worship Service.

The other piece information that needs to be shared: last Sunday evening I received a call from the Holy Spirit through Trinity Lutheran Church in Winner, SD to serve as their pastor. Winner is in south central South Dakota and has 3,000 people in town. Trinity has about 200 members and has been without a pastor for 2 years. As I deliberate the calls I have to both Winner and Jenera, please pray for both churches and my family. Please feel free to give any and all feedback during this time. Email works the best, but if you would like you can also call. I have not yet received the call packet, but I hope to find out more about Winner this week.

While it is never a good time for a pastor to deliberate a call, I am confident that the Lord of the Church will use this time of deliberation as a blessing to both congregations. I look forward to see what wonderful blessings that God will give to us today and tomorrow.

Serving Christ and his people,
Pastor Matt Nowak



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