



Sunday, November 1, 2020

Reformation Sunday

Worship focus: *Lord, keep us faithful to your Word.*

Preservice music provided by the Trinity Handbell Choir

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

**1. If God had not been on our side
And had not come to aid us,
Our foes with all their pow'r and pride
Would surely have dismayed us,
For we, his flock, would have to fear
The devil's wolves, both far and near,
Who rise in might against us.**

**3. Blest be the Lord, who foiled their threat that they could not devour us.
Our souls, like birds, escaped their net;
They could not overpower us.
The snare is broken – we are free!
Our helper and our strength is he
Who made the earth and heavens.**

Please stand.

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

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: It is certain that man must utterly despair of his own ability before he is prepared to receive the grace of Christ. *Thesis 1*

C: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. *1 John 1:8*

P: The law brings the wrath of God, kills, reviles, accuses, judges and condemns everything that is not in Christ. *Thesis 23*

C: The law says, “do this,” and it is never done. Grace says, “believe in this,” and everything is already done. *Thesis 26*

P: He is not righteous who does much, but he who, without work, believes much in Christ. *Thesis 25*

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:9*

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

ALL: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his holy life and innocent death. Trusting in him, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

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.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON – Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23

Be faithful in worshipping God in the face of opposition.

¹⁰ Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

¹¹ Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. ¹² So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: “Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or man except to you, O king, would be thrown into the lions’ den?” The king answered, “The decree stands—in accordance with the laws of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.” ¹⁶ So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!” ¹⁷ A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel’s situation might not be changed. ¹⁸ Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep. ¹⁹ At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den. ²⁰ When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?” ²¹ Daniel answered, “O king, live forever! ²² My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, O king.” ²³ The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 46

Spoken responsively

P: God is our refuge and strength.

C: an ever-present help in trouble.

P: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way

C: and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.

P: though its waters roar and foam

C: and the mountains quake with their surging.

P: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

C: the holy place where the Most High dwells.

P: God is within her, she will not fall;

C: God will help her at break of day.

P: "Be still and know that I am God;

C: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

SECOND LESSON – 2 Timothy 4:9-18

Be faithful as the Lord stands with you during persecution.

⁹ Do your best to come to me quickly, ¹⁰ for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹ Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. ¹² I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³ When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.

¹⁴ Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. ¹⁵ You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message. ¹⁶ At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. ¹⁷ But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia. (John 8:31, 32)

Please stand.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 10.

GOSPEL – Matthew 10:16-23

Remain steadfast in God and God's Word. He is the source of your strength and life.

¹⁶ I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. ¹⁷ "Be on your guard against men; they will hand you over to the local councils and flog you in their synagogues. ¹⁸ On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, ²⁰ for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹ "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ²² All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. ²³ When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. I tell you the truth, you will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY 200 – "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (verses 1, 2, & 4)

**1. A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That has us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.**

**2. With might of ours can naught be done;
Soon were our loss effected.
But for us fights the valiant one
Whom God himself elected.
You ask, "Who is this?"
Jesus Christ it is, The almighty Lord.
And there's no other God;
He holds the field forever.**

**4. The Word they still shall let remain,
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With his good gifts and Spirit.
And do what they will –
Hate, steal, hurt, or kill –
Though all may be gone,
Our victory is won;
The kingdom's ours forever!**

SERMON Text: 2 Timothy 4:9-18
Theme: To God Alone Be the Glory- But why?
I. In his trials, we find his strength.
II. His glory lasts forever.

Please stand.

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 fully 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.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

OFFERING

Offering plates are near the exits for you to place your thank-offering.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



THANKSGIVING

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN

205 – “O Lord, Look Down from Heaven” (verses 1 & 4- to the tune of hymn 377.)

1. **O Lord, look down from heav'n, behold,
And let your pity waken.
How few are we within your fold,
Your saints by all forsaken;
True faith seems quenched on ev'ry hand;
Your Word is not allowed to stand.
Dark times have us o'ertaken.**

4. **Defend your truth, O God, and stay
This evil generation,
And from the error of its way
Keep your own congregation.
The wicked ev'rywhere abound
And would your little flock confound,
But you are our salvation! Amen.**

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GREETERS

today are: Barb Roidt & Ruth Marquart – Early Service
Charlotte Brown & Janice Rausch – Late Service
Next Sunday: Joe & Jean Spaeth – Early Service
Joyce Beach & Loretta Jansen – Late Service

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of October 25, 2020)

Total Worship Attendance: 180; Early: 73; Late: 71; Midweek: 38; Adult Bible Study: 28;
Teen Bible Study: 8. On-line worship service views for October 18 were 49.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through November 7 are the members of Adam Rettig's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, November 8th will be the members of Tyler Smith's Undershepherd group.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (November 1 – November 7)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; Communion; Adult Bible Study 9:20; Teen Bible
Class 9:20; Elders 1:00.

MON Mornings with Mommy 9:30.

TUE Mornings with Mommy 9:30; Election Day.

WED Handbells 6:30; Public School Catechism 6:30.

THU Good Samaritan Communion 10:30; Bible Information Class 6:30.

SUN **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30;** Children's Lesson; Adult Bible Study; Teen Bible Study
9:20.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

TUE Faculty meeting 3:30.

WED Chapel 8:20.

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HOLY COMMUNION: The Bible teaches us that Holy Communion is a public demonstration of participants' united confession of the Bible's teachings (1 Cor. 10:17). Since we strive to follow all that the Bible teaches, we believe that members of this congregation or the WELS or ELS synod are united in the true teaching and may commune together. All guests should speak with a pastor before Communion, to first determine if unity of faith exists. We're eager to establish a unity of faith and to declare this oneness at Communion with you.

A PRIVATE FUNERAL for Elizabeth Bower was conducted in church yesterday. Elizabeth was called home to heaven earlier this week. May the peace of our ascended Savior comfort those who mourn.

PRAYERS are requested for the family of LaVern Patten. LaVerne was the mother of Pam Deeds. She was also taken home to heaven this week.

ELDERS will meet at 1:00 this afternoon.

NEWSLETTERS: The November church newsletter is available at the back of church next to the bulletins. If you do not receive one by email or snail mail, please be sure to pick one up. If you would like to receive the newsletter in your inbox each month, please email the office at tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: Once again, you have an opportunity to purchase a potted poinsettia to beautify our church Christmas season. Color choices are red or white, and the cost is \$9.00 each. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby by Monday, November 30th. You may write your check to Jerry Burkholder. Please put your payment in an envelope with his name on it and give it to a deacon or you may drop it off at the school office during school hours.

THINGS THAT GO: Mornings with Mommy meets on Monday and Tuesday, November 2 and 3. Join us from 9:30-10:30 to learn about and play with cars, boats, trucks, trains, planes, and more. You and your little ones can make a name train, play with rice and vehicles, try out different ramps, and make tire tracks in play-dough. Look at pictures from our previous sessions at facebook.com/TrinityMWM. Register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.

MONTHLY FLOWER CHAIRPERSON for November is Mark Burkholder. Thank you, Mark, for making our church beautiful!

DOOR OFFERING: There will be a door offering on Sunday, November 15th to help support the LWMS mission projects. The Fall Rally of the Ohio Circuit was cancelled this year, along with many other fundraisers. Ladies Aid is asking for our support for this worthy cause!

SUNDAY SERVICES are recorded and uploaded to YouTube each week. If you are unable to attend live services on Sunday, please be sure to check it out on line. You may find the link on the website (www.tlcjenera.org) or on YouTube (search Trinity Lutheran Church Jenera). We are also on Facebook (search Trinity Lutheran School or Friends in Christ Trinity Lutheran Church Jenera, Oh) One easy way to get the link is to sign up for emails that will have the link and the sermon text attached. Call or email the office if you would care to sign up.

WANTED! The church is in need of a 42 inch (or larger), newer, flat screen TV for use in the basement for overflow seating, particularly for Thanksgiving and Christmas services. If you have one you are not using, please consider donating.

LADIES AID will meet on Monday, November 9th at 7:30. We will be continuing our study on prayer. The meeting will take place in the sanctuary to allow for social distancing. All ladies are welcome to attend!

SUDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School lesson packets for three-year-olds, containing lessons 5-8, are available for pick up in the narthex. Packets are labeled with each child's name. *Sunday School for Pre-school* through 8th grade continues by lessons-on-video at nph.net/ss-at-home. The Bible lesson for today/this week is #8, "God Feeds His People in the Desert." If you haven't already picked up a lesson packet for your child's grade level, there are free lesson packets on a table in the narthex that go with the videos for Pre-school through 8th grade. May God bless your child/children as we together continue to share His love.

THANK YOU! I would like to thank everyone for your continued prayers during my thumb amputation due to cancer. The biopsy came back negative, with clear margins. The cancer is gone! To God be the Glory! I am cancer free. Mark Heldman.



FLOWERS- Who doesn't like flowers? If you would like to help make our alter area beautiful with flowers, please sign up for a month! A sign-up sheet is in the basement, on the bulletin board next to the east stairs. If you have any questions please contact Justine Bower.

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY is proud to announce our fall musical, *In-Laws, Outlaws, and Other People*, coming to you November 20-22, 2020.

Desperate to hide out from the police, two small time crooks - Tony and Vinny - take the Douglas family hostage right as they're sitting down to a Christmas dinner! But Tony is clearly flying by the seat of his pants and Vinny is too dimwitted to be much help. The two bumbling criminals have the tables turned on them, becoming hostages themselves at an uncomfortable, awkward family dinner! Will the crooks escape the awkwardness or will their geeses get cooked along with the Christmas ham?

We will have limited seating available and the show will be live-streamed. You can reserve your tickets or your very own, free streaming pass at www.mlsem.org/fall-play starting on Tuesday, November 10 at 10:00 a.m. We hope you will be able to join us!

HAVE YOU VISITED WELS.NET LATELY? Do you ever wonder how your Sunday offerings help support the work of WELS? Go to wels.net to discover stories about the many WELS world and home mission fields; explore which ministries can support you and your congregation; enjoy daily devotions and Bible readings; and subscribe to stay up to date on the latest news from your synod. All of this and more is available on wels.net. Visit us online today and save us as a Favorite or a Bookmark!

WELCOME! 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.

THE REFORMATION

On October 31, 1517 Martin Luther nailed 95 Theses—statements for debate—on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, beginning a spiritual and historical movement known as the Reformation. The Reformation did not just change the face of Europe; it restored the gospel to the church. It gave God’s Word to the people. As we celebrate the Reformation, we are not honoring the man for whom our church body is named. We are thanking God for his grace which he has demonstrated through the generations—preserving the church and setting us free.

