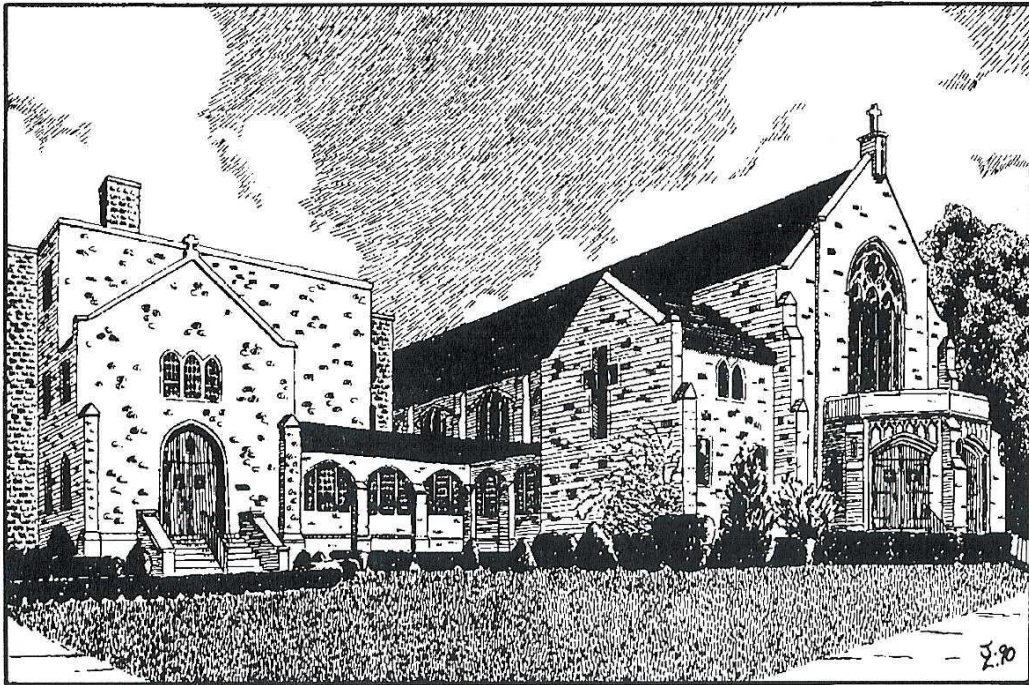




*The Evangelical Lutheran Church  
of the Holy Trinity  
Greenville, Pennsylvania*

*Reformation Sunday  
October 24 and 25, 2026*

**Welcome in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ!** If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. We count it a privilege and a blessing to have you with us in worship. If you are not presently a member of any congregation, please feel welcome to gather with us around Jesus in this community of his disciples at Holy Trinity. Come and worship with us again!

**We welcome and encourage children of all ages to be in worship. Sitting with children in a front pew and giving them the seat on the center aisle helps them to see and participate in our worship.** For children who are present in worship, there are a variety of games, toys, puzzles, coloring supplies and snacks in the Kids' Playground cabinet in the narthex near the coat rack. If children need a break, there is a TV set up downstairs in the nursery so parents can watch the worship live-stream. If you are visiting, an usher can help direct you to the nursery.

**Invitation to Communion:** Holy Communion is the body and blood of Jesus Christ by which our Lord is truly present to forgive sin and bring life and salvation. All baptized Christians who believe this promise are welcome to commune. Parents with children are encouraged to come to the altar together. Children who do not yet receive communion will receive the blessing of the Church from the Pastor.

**Procedure for Communing:** We will be using a form of processional communion. An usher will release each pew to come forward at a time to avoid a long line in the aisle. Pick up a communion cup on either side at the first pew. The pastor will place a host in your open palm. Turn to either the left or right side to the deacon or communion assistant to receive wine. After consuming the host and wine, pour any remaining wine into the container, then discard your cup. Children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion should come forward for a blessing.

**Gluten-free wafers are available; let the pastor know when you come forward to receive.**

**Liturgy of Holy Communion, Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.**

*The assembly's responses are in bold type.*

*We prepare in prayer and holy silence.*

**Significance of the Day:** 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.

*Gathering*

Prelude

Canon in D  
Grand March

Johann Pachelbel  
Giuseppe Verdi

Prelude & Fugue in Eb

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow

Greeting and Announcements

*Please stand as able and face the cross at the rear of the church.*

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
who pours love into our hearts  
and healing upon the earth.

**Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,

**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness  
in the world and in our own hearts.**

**Creation groans from overuse.**

**Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.**

**Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.**

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love  
to others.**

**Turn our hearts back to you.**

**Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.**

**Renew us to live as your holy people,  
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ,  
in whom there is no condemnation,  
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.  
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

**Amen.**

## Hymn

## A Mighty Fortress

1. A migh - ty for - tress is — our God, A bul - wark nev - er fail -  
ing; Our help - er he a - mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For  
still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and pow'r are  
great, And armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.

2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our  
striv - ing would be los - ing; Were not the right man on our side, The  
man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ

Je - sus it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his name, From  
age to age the same, And he must win the bat - tle.

3. And through this world with dev - ils filled, Should threat-en to un -  
do us. We will not fear for God hath willed His truth to tri-umph  
through us. The Prince of Dark-ness grim, We trem-ble not for him; His  
rage we can en - dure, For lo his doom is sure; One  
lit - tle word shall fell him. 4. That  
word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, No thanks to them a bid - eth; The  
Spi - rit and the gifts are ours, Through him who with us si -  
deth. Let goods and kin-dred go, This mor-tal life al - so; The bo-dy they may  
kill; God's truth a - bid-eh't still; His king-dom is for - ev - er.

## Apostolic 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

## All Glory Be to God on High



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -  
2 O Fa - ther, for your lord - ship true we give you praise and  
3 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's  
4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, per - fect gift, who brings us con - so -



friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the  
hon - or; we wor - ship you; we trust in you; we  
au - thor, re - deem - er of your wan - d'ring ones, and  
la - tion: to men and wom - en saved by Christ as -



strife at last is end - ed. God shows good - will to  
give you thanks for - ev - er. Your will is per - fect,  
source of all true plea - sure; O Lamb of God, O  
sure your in - spi - ra - tion. Through sick - ness, need, and



one and all, and peace when trou - bled sin - ners call. Thank  
and your might re - lent - less - ly con - firms the right; your  
Lord di - vine, con - form our lives to your de - sign, and  
bit - ter death, grant us your warm, life - giv - ing breath; our



God for grace and mer - cy!  
lord - ship is our bless - ing.  
on us all have mer - cy.  
lives are in your keep - ing. A - men.

Text: Nikolaus Decius, 1485–1550; tr. composite  
Music: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH, plainsong; adapt. Nikolaus Decius  
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## Prayer of the Day

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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## Word

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

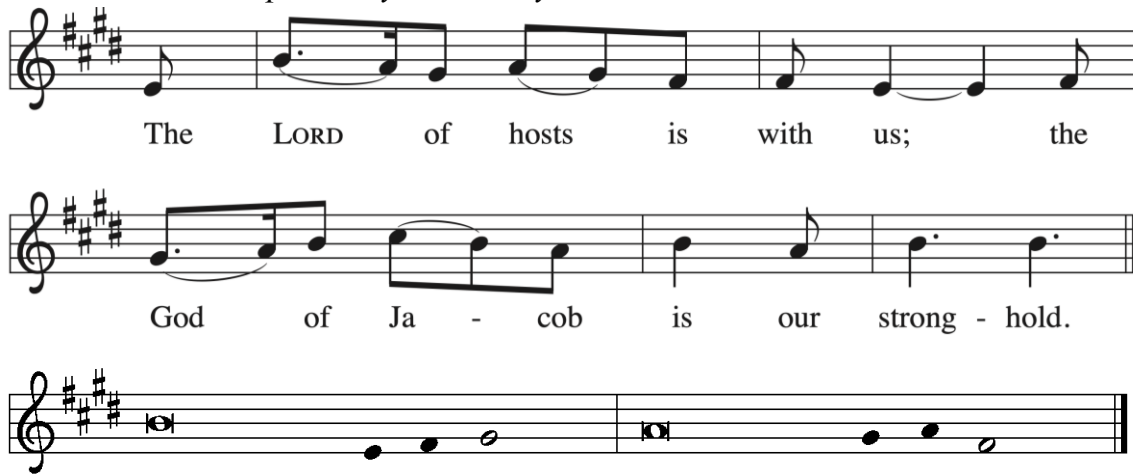
A reading from Jeremiah:

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    *The Psalm will be spoken responsively on Saturday and sung  
responsively on Sunday.*



- 1 God is our ref- | uge and strength,  
a very present | help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;**
- 3 though its waters | rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,  
the holy habitation of | the Most High.**
- 5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the | break of day.
- 6 The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth | melts away.**
- 7 The LORD of | hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
- 8 Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;**
- 9 behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and burns the | shields with fire.
- 10 "Be still, then, and know that | I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the  
earth."**
- 11 The LORD of | hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. **(R)**

A reading from Romans:

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 being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

21 But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, 22 the righteousness of God through faith in 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 show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; 26 it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

27 Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands as able.*

Gospel Acclamation

Festival Alleluia

James Chepponis

*Choir intones the Alleluias, repeated by all.*



Choir: *Ÿ*. Your word O Lord is truth;  
 make us trust in God's word.  
 -- John 17:17

***All repeat the Alleluias.***

## The Holy Gospel

John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

31 Then 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’?”

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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

The Sermon

Pastor Brenda Martin

*As the organ sounds the assembly stands as able.*

## Hymn

## The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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## The Rite of Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation

*The assembly is seated.*

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for this young woman, one with us in the body of Christ, who is making public affirmation of her baptism through the rite of Confirmation.

*Representative of the congregation presents the confirmand who presents herself at the bottom of the chancel steps, accompanied by her parents.*

I present this young disciple of Christ who has been instructed in the Christian faith, authorized by the Congregation Council, and now desires to make public affirmation of her baptism:

Clara (Kris) Kristine Balas

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for this sister, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called her to yourself, enlightened her with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished her in the community of faith. Uphold your servant in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of those whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Confirmand: I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Confirmand: I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Confirmand: I renounce them.*

*The assembly stands as able.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

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

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

*The pastor addresses the confirmand.*

You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in

holy baptism:

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?

*Confirmand: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and pray for them in their lives in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray.

*Confirmand kneels. A brief silence is kept so that prayer may be made for her.*

We give you thanks, O God,  
that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth,  
cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

*The presiding minister lays hands on the confirmand and prays for God's blessing.*

Stir up in Kris

the gift of your Holy Spirit:  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge  
and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly stands as able.*

Let us rejoice with this sister in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the Good News to all the world.**

Prayers of Intercession

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

*A brief silence.*

As we celebrate Reformation Sunday, we remember the witness of Martin Luther and the reformers of the church in every generation. Empower us to continue the work of reform and renewal in our own day. We pray for our bishops, Yehiel and Kristen; our pastors, musicians, worship leaders, council members and other leaders. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the healing of natural places despoiled by pollution and human greed, especially old industrial sites that can't be used without extensive and expensive rehabilitation. Give all living creatures access to safe land, water, and air. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for our criminal justice systems and all those whose lives are affected by them. Give wisdom and discernment to police, probation officers, judges, and attorneys; give courage and peace to prisoners and the formerly incarcerated. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We ask your blessing upon all people who have been harmed by the church and its leaders, that the truth may make them free. We pray for the relief of all those who are sick or suffering. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray especially today for Kris, who is to be confirmed into life in the church, and all of those who might be seeking and questioning where God is active in their lives. Hear us, O God,

**Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for those exploring or returning to a life of faith. Encourage and guide them, that they may find their hope in you. We pray for our partners in ministry: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Cambridge Springs; and the Crawford-Mercer cluster of churches. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

With gratitude, we remember those disciples who paved the way for us and all of our beloved dead. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Are there others for whom we should pray?

**P:** Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Peace

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

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace saying,  
 "Peace be with you. And also with you."*

*The assembly is seated.*

*Meal*

Choir Anthem:

Sing praise to Christ, from Cantata 142  
 Johann Sebastian Bach  
 Sing praise to Christ, the Lord, alleluia!  
 Sing praise to Christ, our risen Savior and King!  
 Adore him forever, and worship his name.

Offertory Hymn

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1 Lord, keep us stead-fast in your word; curb those who  
 2 Lord Je-sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
 3 O Com-fort-er of price-less worth, send peace and  
 by de-ceit or sword would wrest the king-dom from your Son  
 Lord of lords a-lone; de-fend your ho-ly church, that we  
 u-ni-ty on earth; sup-port us in our fi-nal strife  
 and bring to naught all he has done.  
 and may sing your praise e-ter-nal-ly.  
 and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

### Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of creation,

you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.

All blessings are from you;

make us generous with what we have.

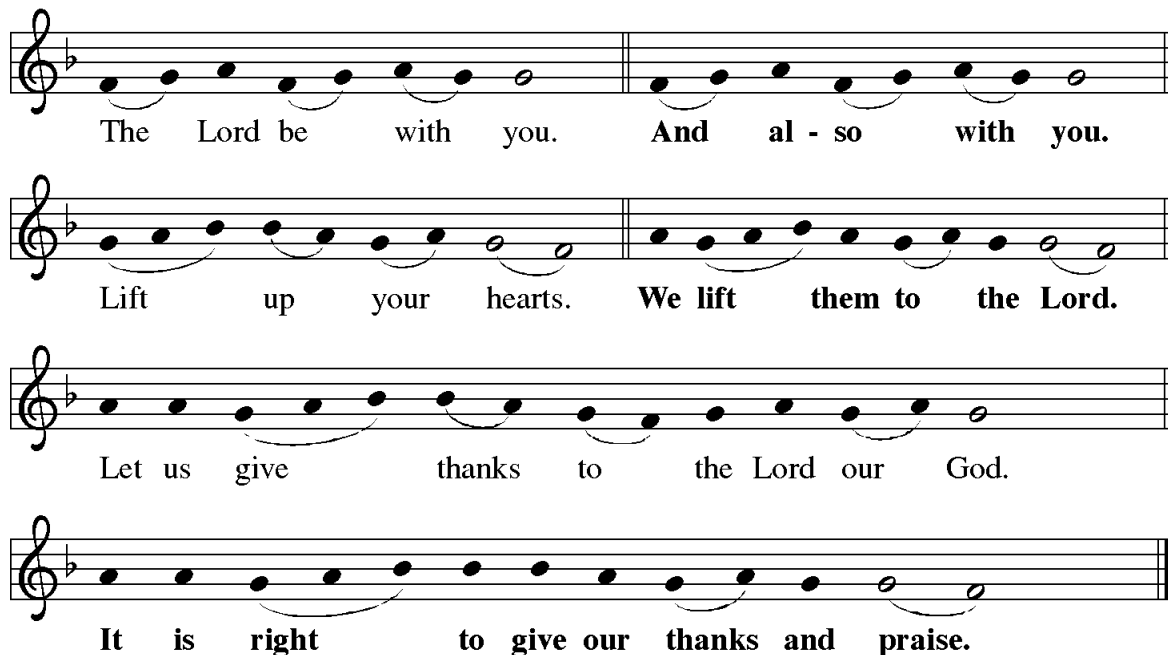
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts

in service to you and in love to our neighbors,

today and always.

**Amen.**

### Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

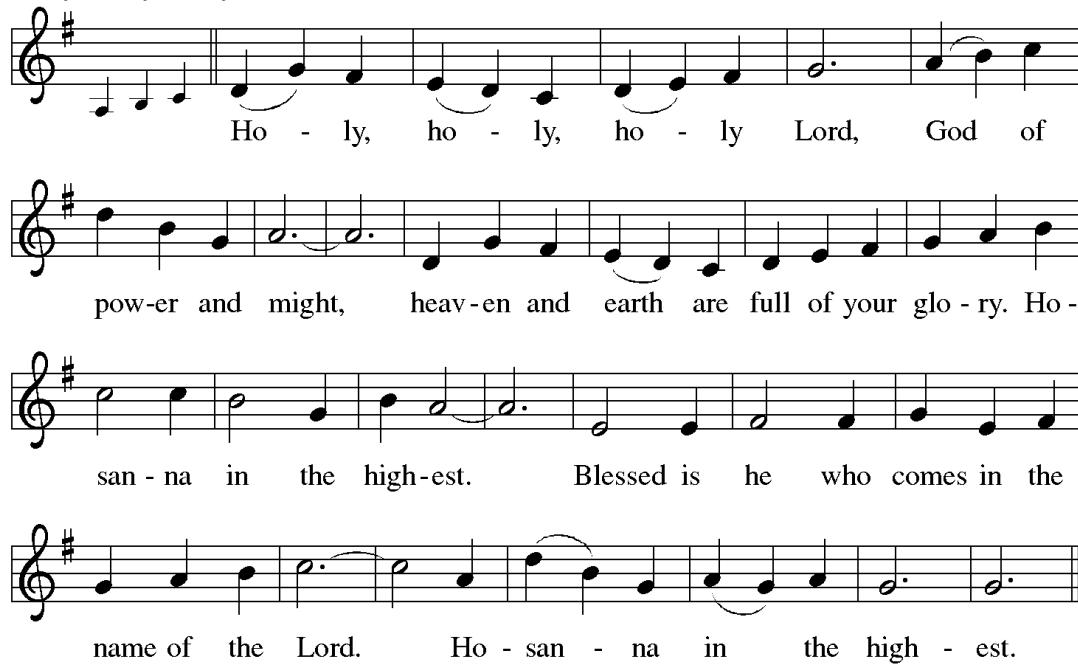
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



### Prayer of Thanksgiving

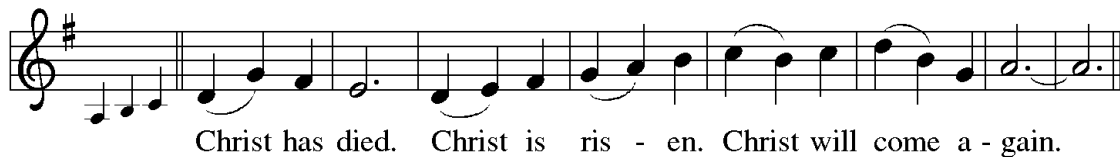
Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:  
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.  
You have filled all creation with light and life;  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:  
the promise to Israel,  
the rescue from Egypt,  
the gift of the promised land,  
the words of the prophets;  
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,  
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed  
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

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.

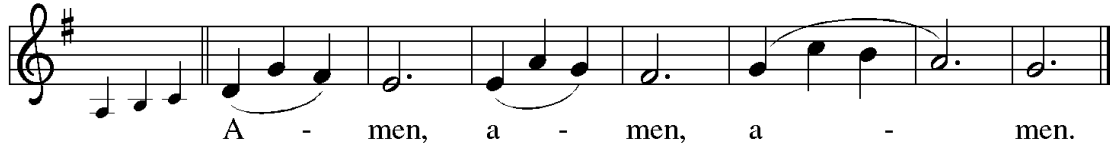
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup  
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.  
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,  
we await his coming in power  
to share with us the great and promised feast.  
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share in Christ's body and blood  
may live to the praise of your glory  
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.  
**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants  
of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest  
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.  
**Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever.**



#### 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.**

#### Breaking of Bread

Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

*Assembly is seated*

## 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.

## The Communion of the Faithful

***Procedure for Communing:*** We will be using a form of processional communion. An usher will release each pew to come forward at a time to avoid a long line in the aisle. Pick up a communion cup on either side at the first pew. The pastor will place a host in your open palm. Turn to either the left or right side to the deacon or communion assistant to receive wine. After consuming the host and wine, pour any remaining wine into the container, then discard your cup. Children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion should come forward for a blessing. Please maintain social distance between non-family members.

Hymn

Rise, Shine, You People!



- 1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
- 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
- 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.

Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003

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## Hymn

## Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in the flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904  
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

*Beautiful Savior*, arr. for Brass Quintet by Steve Peterman

*The assembly stands as able.*

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life.

**Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Sustaining God,  
with this bread and cup,  
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.  
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.  
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,  
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

**Amen.**

Let us pray together, Our Prayer for These Times

**O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Sending*

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.** *Sung*

# Hymn

## Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word

1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord;  
 2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race  
 3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,  
 4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;

tell how his own Son he gave, all from sin and death to save.  
 and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
 strong and ho - ly, just and true, work - ing both to will and do.  
 let the gath - 'ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

Text: Jonathan F. Bahnmaier, 1774–1841; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978  
 Music: GOTT SEI DANK, J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesang-Buch*, 1704

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### Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

The Lord God reigneth

Johann Pachelbel

### The Warren Brass

Tim Carlson & Derrick Kittle, Trumpet

Theresa Stolpa, Horn

John Shamp, Trombone

Lauren Zetts, Tuba

### **Serving Saturday**

**Presiding Minister** . . . . . Pastor Brenda Martin  
**Organist** . . . . . Andy Joos  
**Liturgical Deacon** . . . . . Jamin Wentling

### **Serving Today**

**Presiding Minister** . . . . . Pastor Brenda Martin  
**Director of Music** . . . . . Steve Repasky  
**Liturgical Deacon** . . . . . Catherine Mott  
**Communion Assistant** . . . . . Alyssa Martin Both  
**Lector** . . . . . Bonnie Massing  
**Acolyte** . . . . . All  
**Head Usher** . . . . . Barbara Swartz  
**Live Stream Technician** . . . . . Tyler Martin-Call  
**Altar Guild** . . . . . Volunteers needed

### **Pastors in residence:**

**The Rev. Julia Fraser**, retired, chaplain at St. Paul Homes  
**The Rev. Dr. Curtis Thompson**, retired, Thiel College

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## **This Week at Holy Trinity**

### **Sunday Oct 25, 2026** *Reformation Sunday*

- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion *with Confirmation*
- 10:45 a.m. Confirmation Reception
- 7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

### **Tuesday Oct 27, 2026**

- 9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts

### **Wednesday Oct 28, 2026**

- 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons

### **Thursday Oct 29, 2026**

- 4:00 p.m. CCSS
- 6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons
- 7:00 p.m. Happy Hour (zoom)

### **Friday Oct 30, 2026**

- 7:00 p.m. Friends of Music – Spooky Concert

### **Saturday Oct 31, 2026**

- 5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Sunday Nov 1, 2026** *All Saints Day*

- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday Church School
- 7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

### **Monday Nov 2, 2026**

- 6:00 a.m. Property
- 6:00 p.m. Fiber Arts Group

### **Wednesday Nov 4, 2026**

- 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons

### **Thursday Nov 5, 2026**

- 6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons
- 7:00 p.m. Happy Hour (zoom)

### **Friday Nov 6, 2026**

- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

### **Saturday Nov 7, 2026**

- 5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion  
*With prayers for healing*

### **Altar and Columbarium Flowers**

The flowers in the columbarium have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, Bud Gilmore, by Louise Gilmore.

### **Good Shepherd November Request**

The Good Shepherd Center's request for Holy Trinity for **November is boxed potatoes or breakfast items.** Donations may be taken direct to the Food Pantry or placed in the marked box in the cloister or the table in the administrative hallway.

### **Second Mile Giving for November – ELCA Good Gifts**

All Second Mile contributions received during the month of November will be given to the designated cause. Please use the envelopes marked for second mile that are in the narthex and the administrative hallway.

### **Please Pray For**

Permission is necessary to add a person to the prayer list. Please ask before you call the office. Thanks.

#### **Health and Healing:**

|                                                   |                                             |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Dave Leary                                        | Jayme Hart (friend of Rich and Denice Hall) |
| Rita Clemente (friend of Marie Riley)             | Carolyn Fritz (friend of Fran Black)        |
| Linda Mott (sister in law of Catherine Mott)      | Joyce Harris (sister of Judi Moinet)        |
| Gaye Gargas                                       | Peggy Wise (sister in law of Judi Moinet)   |
| Emily (friend of Rich and Denice Hall)            | Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)           |
| Beth Hall (sister in law of Rich and Denice Hall) | Mary Rose Jones (friend of Jill Murrin)     |
| Sherry (friend of Rich and Denice Hall)           | Sheila Kretser (friend of Jill Murrin)      |
| Marjory Luckock (sister in law of Darla Swift)    | Lori Scotta (friend of Jill Murrin)         |
| Cheryl Davern                                     | Stephen Call (brother of Tyler Martin-Call) |
|                                                   | Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)      |

### **Christ's comfort for those who grieve the death of:**

Lewis Meeker (brother of Marie Riley)  
Lyn Higgins (nephew of Bonnie Long)  
Charlene (friend of Rich and Denice Hall)

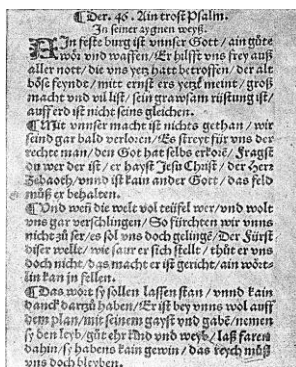
## Music Notes

Once again, members of the Warren Brass Quintet: Tim Carlson and Derrick Kittle, Trumpet; Theresa Stolpa, Horn; John Shamp, Trombone; and Lauren Zetts, Tuba, join us for our Reformation Sunday celebration.

After a terrifying and violent lightning storm, Martin Luther prayed to St. Anne vowing to become a monk if he survived. In July 1505 he joined the Order of St. Augustine. The Augustinian order heavily emphasizes the writings of Augustine of Hippo, prayer, and scholarship. As you may know, Luther was also a musician. Revolutionizing congregational singing, he penned nearly forty hymns. Thanks to the development of the moveable-type printing press in mid-15th century Germany, Luther's hymns were published on single-page broadsheets. These inexpensive sheets were sold by peddlers and rapidly promoted evangelical teachings.

Today we sing two of his most famous hymns, *A mighty fortress is our God* (Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott) and *Lord, keep us steadfast in your word*. Based on Psalm 46, *A mighty fortress* was written by Luther between 1527 and 1529. This hymn is widely considered the "Battle Hymn of the Reformation". Another Luther Reformation hymn is, *Lord, keep us steadfast in your word* (Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort). When it was published in 1542, it appeared with the subtitle, "A Children's Hymn, to be Sung Against the Two Archenemies of Christ and His Holy Church, the Pope and Turk. As the Hymn of Praise, we sing, *All glory be to God on high* (Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr). This hymn is a metrical setting of the *Gloria in Excelsis* from the Catholic Mass. This hymn was written by Nikolaus Decius and first printed in the *Rostock Gesangk Boek* of 1525.

This year we hear two new hymn arrangements for Brass Quintet, Organ, and Congregation: *The Church of Christ in every age* and *Spread, Oh, spread, almighty work*. The postlude for Brass Quintet & Organ is an arrangement of is an arrangement of Pachelbel's motet for two choirs, *Der Herr ist König und herrlich geschmückt* (The Lord is King and robbed in majesty). The text for this choir piece is based on the opening line of Psalm 93.



Broadsheet of *Ein feste burg ist unser Gott* published in Augsburg, Germany in 1529.

### **In Military Service**

Specialist (SPC) Andrew McCall, Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado (son of Mark and Jane McCall. Grandson of Karen McKay and the late Jim McKay)

Sgt. First Class Nicholas Carman, US Army, Fredericksburg, Virginia (grandson of Nancy Ullstrom)

Admiral Richard Childs, Assistant Surgeon General of the USA (nephew of Harvey Childs)

Tim Ross, Navy Special Forces, (grandson of Rae Johnson, nephew of Lori McEwen)

Holy Trinity member, SGT Garrett Daniello, PA Army National Guard (son of Todd and Tammy Daniello, grandson of Georgia Perkins, grandnephew of Bonnie Long)

Holy Trinity member, SrA Stephanie Kovack, Air Force Reserve, 910th Youngstown Air Reserve Station

Lt., Junior Aviator, Nathaniel J. Hammond, San Diego, California (son of Brian and Rebecca Bittel Hammond, grandson of Nancy and James Bittel)

Cadet Riley Armstrong, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Duquesne University, ROTC (granddaughter of Linda Armstrong)

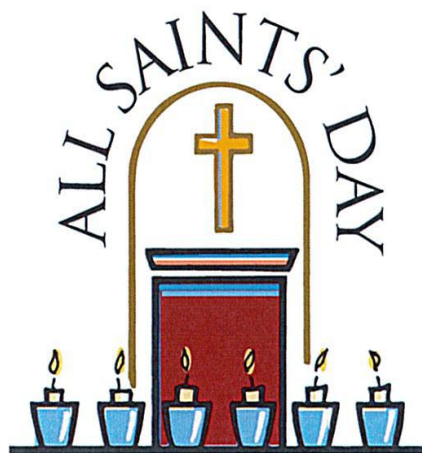
Holy Trinity Member, Private Jackson Weaver, Army National Guard, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas

# Prayer Request for All Saints' Day

**Sunday, November 1, 2026, 9:30 a.m. Worship**

At worship on All Saints' Day, it has been our custom to name in the prayers those members of Holy Trinity who have died during the last year. Please list the names of family members and friends who are dear to you that you would like included in the worship bulletin. Please list the date of death if at all possible.

|                         |                      |                          |
|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| _____<br>(First name)   | _____<br>(Last name) | _____<br>(Date of Death) |
| _____<br>(First name)   | _____<br>(Last name) | _____<br>(Date of Death) |
| _____<br>(First name)   | _____<br>(Last name) | _____<br>(Date of Death) |
| _____<br>(First name)   | _____<br>(Last name) | _____<br>(Date of Death) |
| _____<br>(Submitted by) |                      | _____<br>(Phone number)  |



Please return to the Church Office **no later** than **Monday, October 26, 2026.**

Thank you.