

LORD's Day Service – October 29, 2023 – Reformation Sunday

Preparation for Worship: 2 Timothy 3:16 – 4:2

Entrance – God Calls Us into His presence; we respond with praise

- * Entrance *Gloria Patri*
- * Call to Worship *Psalm 95:1-5*
- Minister: Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- Congregation: Amen!**
- Minister: The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy,
- Congregation: The LORD is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works.**
- Minister: All Your works shall praise You, O LORD, and Your saints shall bless You.
- Congregation: They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, and talk of Your power,**
- Minister: To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of His kingdom.
- Congregation: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

* Hymn *Psalter, #95C*
Come, Let Us Sing unto the LORD!

Purification - God Cleanses Us; we confess our sins to Him

Call to Confession *Psalm 95:6-11*

Hymn of Confession *Trinity Hymnal, #409*
Before Thee, God Who Knowest All

Let us kneel before the Lord our God and corporately confess our sins unto Him.

My dear God, teach me not to begin faith by my own efforts, nor to attempt to destroy my sin with my own repentance. I might do this before the world and its judges, but with You, O God, there is an eternal wrath which I cannot satisfy, and before it I would despair. Therefore, I thank You that Another has seized and carried my sins and has made atonement for them. With joy I wish to believe this. It seems so very right and comforting to me. But I cannot believe it by myself; Lord, help me. Give me the power and gift to believe. I cannot create the sun and moon, or make them shine brightly in the heavens, any more than I can make my heart clean or give myself a right spirit, a strong and firm frame of mind that is unbending and unwavering and that will not doubt or mistrust Your Word. Though the world should topple and all conspire against me, by Your divine help, let me remain in the Gospel. Amen! *Luther's Prayers, ed by Herbert Brokering* *(Silent prayer)*

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:9

Almighty and merciful Lord forgive you of all your sins, and grant you true repentance, amendment of life, with grace and comfort of His Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. AMEN!

Ascension - God Consecrates us by His Word; we listen & offer ourselves to Him

Minister: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!
Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
Congregation: It is proper and right to do so!

Minister: Truly it is proper, right and our bound duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God; Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the host of heaven and with Your Church on earth, we praise and magnify Your glorious Name, singing:

Sanctus *Songbook, #79*

Hymn *Trinity Hymnal, #41 (v1, 3; tune: Trinity #409)*
O God, Most Holy Are Thy Ways

Let us pray: **O Lord God, heavenly Father, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon Your faithful people; keep them steadfast in Your grace and truth; protect and comfort them in all temptations; defend them against all enemies of Your Word, and bestow upon Christ's Church militant Your saving peace; through the same Lord Jesus Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!**

Old Testament Lesson *Psalm 46, Responsive Reading #24*
The Word of the Lord. *Trinity Hymnal, p 625*
Thanks be to God!

Epistle Lesson *1 Timothy 4:1-16*
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

* *Gospel Lesson* *Matthew 23:1-33*
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon *"Bohemia Reformed by a Bohemian"*

* *Hymn* *Songbook, #84*
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

* *Dedication of Tithes & Offerings*

Prayers of the Church *Songbook, #50, Lord's Prayer*

Peace - God Communes with us; we eat with joy at His Table

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Mark 14:22-26

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

* Hymn

Trinity Hymnal, #81
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Dismissal - God Commissions & Blesses Us; we go out to serve Him

* *The Lord's Commission of Us*

Hebrews 13:1-3, 5-6

* *We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us*

Hebrews 13:20-21

* *We bless the Lord, lifting hands and voices to Him*

Psalter, #72D

Announcements

LORD'S SUPPER

We observe Communion, or the Lord's Supper, weekly in our midst.

We believe it is worthily received by those who:

1. Have been baptized in the name of the Triune God (Matt 28:18-20);
2. Do profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel (Ro 10:9-10);
3. Do live in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit and endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Jesus Christ (Gal 5:16-26); and
4. Are communing members in good standing in an evangelical church (1 Cor 10:1-6)

If these things are all true, we rejoice with you and invite you to commune with us at the Lord's Supper. If any of these are not true of you, we ask that you refrain. We invite you to speak to one of the Elders if you have doubts or questions regarding any of these beliefs, or if you are interested in learning more about Trinity.

Though collections are not ordinarily taken during a service, giving is a vital element of worship. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the wood box on the rear wall of the sanctuary.
(2 Corinthians 9:6-11)

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Luther designed this rose seal to represent his theology. By the early 1520s, it begins to appear on the title page of his works. He explains its meaning in a letter to Lazarus Spengler, July 8, 1530: "First, there is a black cross in a heart that remains its natural color. This is to remind me that it is faith in the Crucified One that saves us. Anyone who believes from the heart will be justified (Romans 10:10). It is a black cross, which mortifies and causes pain, but it leaves the heart its natural color. It doesn't destroy nature, that is to say, it does not kill us but keeps us alive, for the just shall live by faith in the Crucified One (Romans 1:17). The heart should stand in the middle of a white rose. This is to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace—it puts the believer into a white, joyous rose. Faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). This is why the rose must be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12). This rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that a joyful spirit and faith is a beginning of heavenly, future joy, which begins now, but is grasped in hope, not yet fully revealed. Around the field of blue is a golden ring to symbolize that blessedness in heaven lasts forever and has no end. Heavenly blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and better than any possessions, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal."