

Sunday, October 25, 2026
Reformation Sunday

Trinity Lutheran Church
10:00am: Meadowlawn
1801 62nd Ave N
727-822-3307



 WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

 PRELUDE

 CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Justified by God's grace through faith,
let us acknowledge our sin.

We take time to consider our actions and choices.

Compassionate God,

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

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.

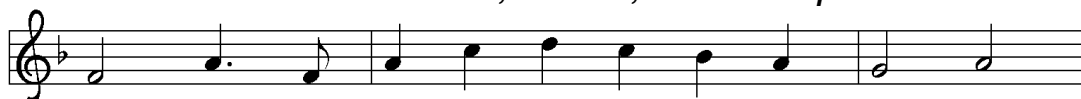
We have peace with God through Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness ✝ and the promise of eternal life.

Amen.



GATHERING HYMN *Rise, Shine, You People*

ELW 665



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: WOJTKIEWICZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003

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GREETING

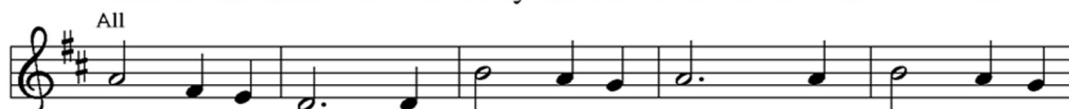
The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.



HYMN OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



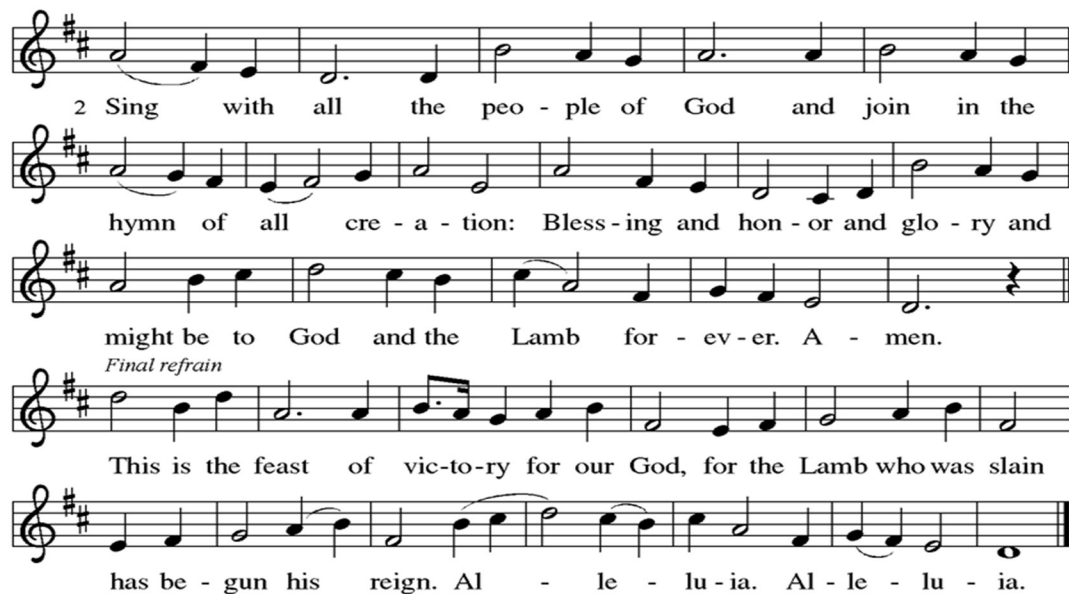
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



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 us. Keep us steadfast in your word, protect and comfort us in times of trial, defend us against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on us 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.**



INTRODUCTION TO READINGS



FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

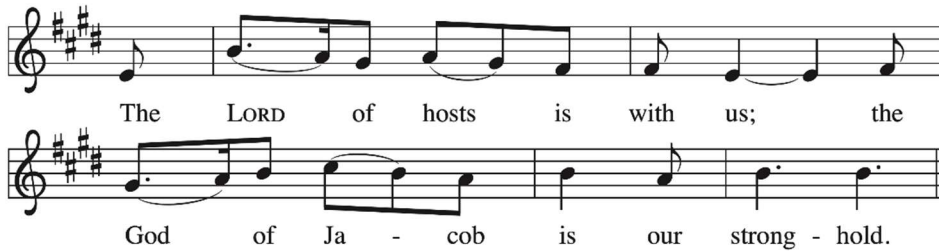
³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I 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.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM: Psalm 46

The accompanist will play the refrain once as introduction and then all will join in singing; and will repeat the sung refrain when indicated by "R"



¹ God is our refuge 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. **R**

⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city 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. **R**

⁸ Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon 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**



SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

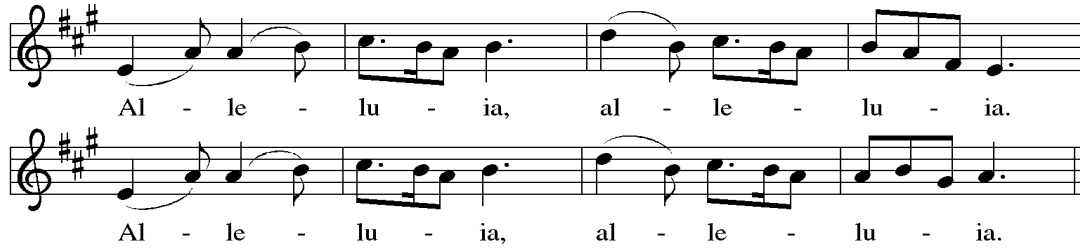
Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

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 will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of 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 demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir: If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.

Congregation repeats "Alleluia"



GOSPEL: John 8:28-36

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

The good news of God's love according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I am and that I do nothing on my own, but I speak things as the Father has instructed me. ²⁹ And the one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what is pleasing to him." ³⁰ As he was saying these things, many believed in him. ³¹ Jesus said to the people 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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.



SERMON

A brief period for silent meditation will follow at the conclusion of the sermon.

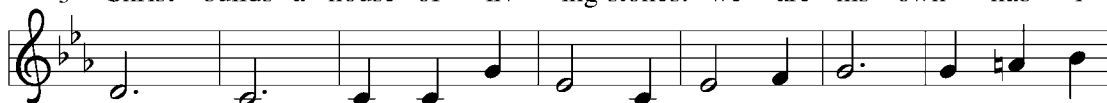


HYMN OF THE DAY *Built on a Rock* (verses 1-3)

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1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us



chim-ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt.

Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMEL HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887



MARTIN LUTHER'S EXPLANATION OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
What does this mean?

I believe that God has created me together with all that exists.

**God has given me and still preserves my body and soul:
all limbs and senses; reason and all mental faculties.**

**In addition, God daily and abundantly provides
all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life.**

**God protects me against all danger
and shields and preserves me from all evil.**

**And all this is done out of pure, fatherly, and divine
goodness and mercy,
without any merit or worthiness of mine at all!**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
What does this mean?

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father in eternity,
and also a true human being, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.**

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned human being.

**He has purchased and freed me from all sins,
from death, and from the power of the devil,**

not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood
and with his innocent suffering and death.
He has done all this in order that I may belong to him,
live under him in his kingdom,
and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,
just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally.

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.
What does this mean?

I believe that by my own understanding or strength
I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him,
but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel,
enlightened me with gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith,
just as the Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy
the whole Christian church on earth
and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith.
Daily in this Christian church
the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins.
On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead
and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life.
This is most certainly true.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

After each petition:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these prayers; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

eGiving

THE SHARING OF PEACE

*Instead of putting a donation in the offering plate during the anthem, you can use the
QR code to make a contribution on the church website; or you can mail an offering to
the church.*



OFFERTORY HYMN *Listen! God is Calling!*

ELW 513

Leader All

Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

of - fer - ing for - give-ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All

1 Je - sus gave his man-date: share the good news
 2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
 3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All Refrain

that he came to save us and set us free.
 In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
 walk-ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922
 Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune
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OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation,
all blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service for you and in love to our neighbors.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

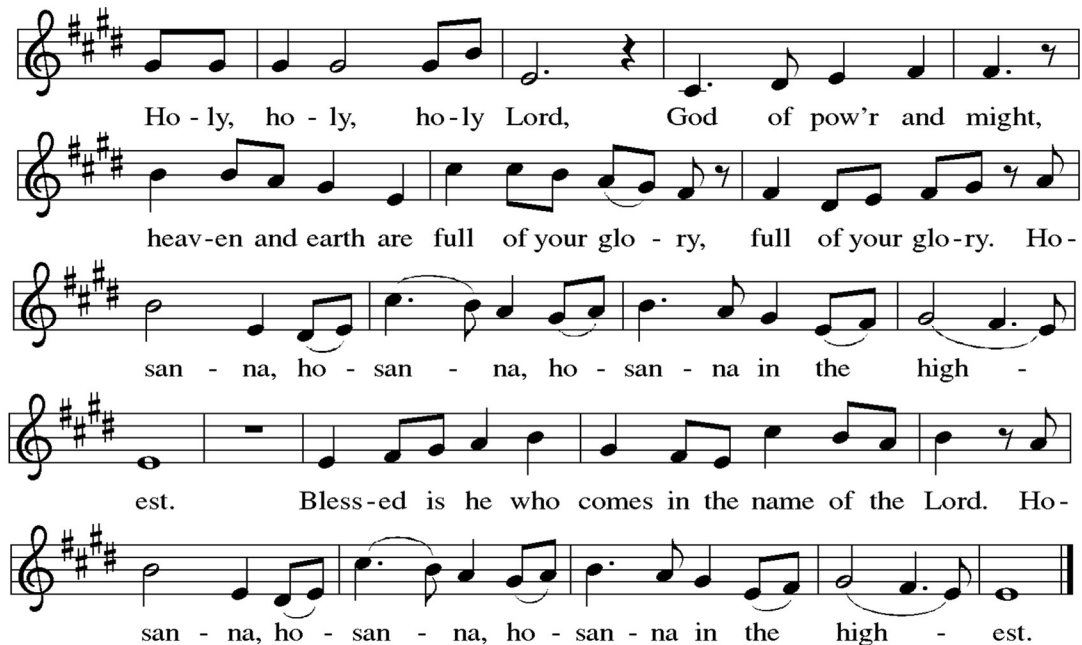
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

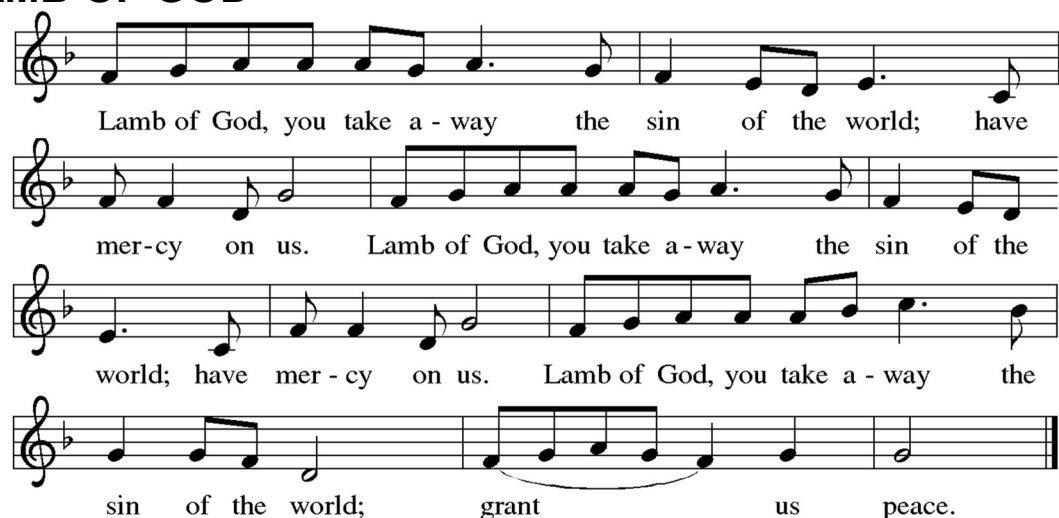
THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

Christ invites us to his table.
Amen.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN *Thy Strong Word* (verses 1-5)

ELW 511



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with
4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth
speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er
thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.
glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory, tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
throats that shout the hope that fills us, mouths that speak thy holy name,
Alleluia! Alleluia! May the light which thou dost send
fill our songs with alleluias, alleluias without end!

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-1976

Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869-1944



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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



BLESSING

May the God of love, hope, and grace draw you closer together in the body
of Christ, grant you strength and joy through the Holy Spirit, and bless you
✠ now and forever. **Amen.**



SENDING HYMN *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

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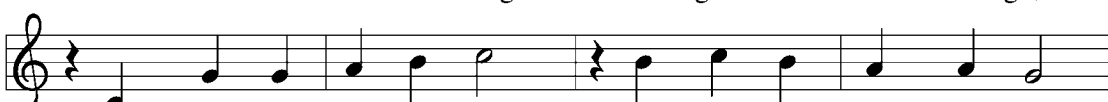
1 A migh - ty for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
2 If we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing turns to
3 Though all the world with dev - ils fill and threat - en to de -
4 God's Word shall stand a - bove the pow'rs, shall end all their thanks-



fail - ing; our help - er frees us from the flood of
los - ing; the righ - teous one fights by our side, the
vour us, we trem - ble not, we trust God's will: they
giv - ing. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe,
one of God's own choos - ing. You ask who this may be:
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Though Sa - tan rant and rage,
God with us is liv - ing. Let goods and kin - dred go,



for - sworn to work us woe, with guile and dread - ful might
Christ Je - sus, it is he, the Lord of hosts by name.
in fierc - est war en - gage, this ty - rant's doomed to fail;
this mor - tal life al - so; though all of these be gone,



is armed to wage the fight: on earth there is no e - qual.
No oth - er God we claim! None else can win the bat - tle.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word shall tri - umph.
they yet have noth - ing won. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1805–1890, alt.
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love.

Thanks be to God. We will!



POSTLUDE

[Livestream ends]



Please join us for a time of fellowship immediately after worship.

Thank you to those serving this month: (MLC) = Meadowlawn Campus (DTC) = Downtown Campus

Date	Loc	Time	Lector	Communion Assistants	Flower Sponsor	Dedication
10/04/26	ML	10:00 AM	Gretchen Frederick	Gary Bartelt, Phil Rearick	The Bartelts	49th Anniversary (on the 8th)
10/11/26	ML	10:00 AM	Lou Carter	Aimée Fox, Frances Guido	Worship in the Park	
10/18/26	ML	10:00 AM	Margarita Rodriguez	Marty Snapp, Violet Prepost		
10/25/26	ML	10:00 AM	Paul Erickson	Margarita Rodriguez, Gary Bartelt	F. Guido	For the Glory Of God

Birthdays this week:

10/27 - Ashley DiNoto

10/27 - Rod Hagberg

Anniversaries this week:

- None -

This Week's Calendar of Events:

Today (10/25)

9:00am – City Church Worship (DTC Sanctuary)

10:00am – Trinity Worship (MLC Sanctuary)

11:00am – Fellowship Hour (MLC Community Rm)

11:30am – Education Hour (MLC Community Rm)

7:00pm – St. Augustine Group (MLC Library)

Monday (10/26)

Bulletin Items Due

10:00am – Bert's Breakfast Buddies (Kopper Kitchen)

7:30pm – St. Augustine Group (MLC Library)

Tuesday (10/27)

1:00pm – Staff Meeting (MLC Library)

7:00pm – Meadowlawn Assoc (MLC Community Rm)

Wednesday (10/28)

10:00am – Monthly Morning Bible Study (MLC Lounge)

11:30am – Community Meal (DTC 3rd Floor)

1:00pm – Grace & Games (DTC 2nd Floor)

6:00pm – Bible Study (MLC Community Rm)

Thursday (10/29)

6:30pm – Vocal Choir Practice (MLC Sanctuary)

7:00pm – City Church: Men's Bible Study (DTC 2nd Floor)

Friday (10/30)

9:30am – TLC Pantry (DTC 1st Floor)

9:30am – Dolores Food Pantry (MLC Community Rm)

Saturday (10/31)

9:00am – Hope Chest (MLC Thrift Store)

Prayer List:

For those suffering from cancer:

Jim Tallon

Whitney & Greg Corrigan

Rick Jackson

Frank Durilla

Rev. Ernest Knoche

Ron Oughton

Bob Sockrider

Frances Guido

Susan Herzhauser

For those homebound:

Lorna Holder

Shirley Taylor

Betty Aker

Judy Milanese

Petra Young

Sally Evans

Note: These prayer requests are active for 3 months unless a shorter timeframe is requested.

For those needing strength or healing:

Jill Boos Martin

Linda Gascon

Pr. Tom Snapp

Will Diefel

Serenity Baker

Willie Rodriguez

Eliza Walker

Margarita Rodriguez

Rodger Nelson

Jennifer Rhoads

Jerry Barnard

Linda Barnard

Mike Lederhouse

Bob Gascon

Paula Smith

Vickie Clark

Luke Mendenhall

Guy Smith

Joyce Dare

Phil Rearick

Stephan Shipley

Melody Cather

Juniper Mae Cather

Terri Craig

For those grieving the loss of a loved one:

The family and Friends of Duane Bork