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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 38801 Blacow Road Fremont, CA 94536 Church: (510) 793-6285 October 30, 2022 10 AM, Reformation Sunday Ministers: The People of Holy Trinity Web Site: holytrinityfremont.org

WELCOME TO THE STORY

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.

Today we are using a "Luther Liturgy." The text of the liturgical songs were either written by Martin Luther or reflect the themes of the Reformation.

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

Our worship services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel and website. If you do not wish to be filmed, please do not sit in the first four pews. Children's Time and communion distribution are not filmed.

A Story that Invites Us

SINGING BOWL

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

PRELUDE: Michael Keating

WELCOME

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of God is with you always.

All: And also with you.

Please Stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God of all generations, on this Reformation Sunday, we remember all in the faith who take bold steps in new directions to re-form your church.

All: Pour out your spirit upon us, that we too may dream dreams, see visions, and view the whole created order as your bountiful temple. With responsibility and joy, we pledge ourselves to renew this faith community, in Jesus' name. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

P: Seek Christ and the strength of God's love,

All: for this love brings us mercy and grace.

P: Sustainer God, you nourish us in every way. Forgive us when we reject your love and care. Open our eyes when we neglect your gifts and ignore your presence.

All: Draw close to us, that we may recognize your abiding presence and guiding love.

P: Reclaim us as your own, that we might live for Christ and answer his call of discipleship.

All: In the name of the living Christ, we pray. Amen.

Silence for Reflection

- P: The living water of Christ rushes into our lives, bringing mercy and grace.
- All: In this living water, we are washed clean and made whole; we are forgiven and reclaimed by God! Amen.

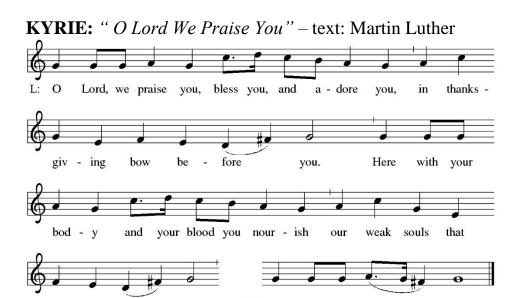
OPENING HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" vs. 1,2,4 – Text & Tune: Martin Luther



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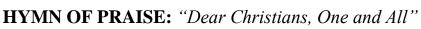
P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God: our Creator, who dwells in light; Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners; the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.

All: Amen.



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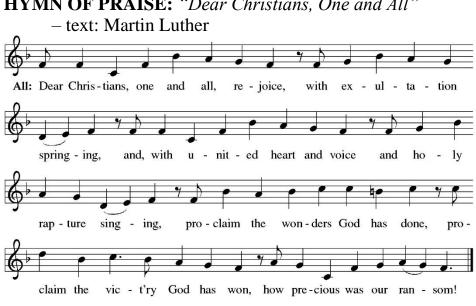
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Gracious Creator, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt,

All: purify it;

L: where it is in error,

All: direct it;

L: where in anything it is amiss,

All: reform it;

L: where it is right,

All: strengthen it;

L: where it is in need,

All: provide for it;

L: where it is divided,

All: reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Be Seated

ANTHEM: "In Christ Alone"

- Keith Hillesland, Kathleen Keating, Michael Keating

The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: You are the living God who sustains all life in

continually unfolding ways. And now may we open our ears to your continually unfolding Word. You speak to us in new and vital and imperative ways.

All: With all the power you have given us, let us be

silent and open to listening... for nourishment, comfort, for challenge and new focus. Amen.

Reader: The first reading is from the book of Jeremiah,

chapter thirty-one, beginning with the thirty-first

verse.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31–34

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. 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. 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. 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.

Reader: Here ends the reading. The second reading is from Romans, chapter three, beginning with the nineteenth verse.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19–28

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. 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. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 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; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

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

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Reader: Our God is the source of wisdom and understanding.

All: Bless us with your gifts, O God.

Reader: Our God feeds us with the bread of life and the

wellspring of our salvation.

All: Bless us with your grace, Christ Jesus.

Reader: Our God is the foundation of mercy and compassion.

All: Bless us with your gifts, Mighty Spirit.

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage" – Tune: Martin Luther



to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.





P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL – *Luke 19:1-10*

[Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

P: The Gospel of the Risen Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S TIME: Pastor Tim

PowerPoint presentation by Rebecca Di Paola, adapted



Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: "For by Grace You Have Been Saved" vs. 1,2 – ELW #598



Be Seated

MESSAGE: Pastor Tim

Please Stand

THE CREED

We confess our faith using the words of Martin Luther's explanation of the third article of the Apostles' Creed.

L: Do you turn to Christ as your Redeemer and Savior?

All: In faith I turn to Christ.

L: With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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 his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith.

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins, mine and those of all believers. 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.

A Story that Feeds Us

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: God of all creation, we belong to you. We consecrate ourselves to you by offering our whole selves as living sacrifices.

All: We offer you our ears to hear your word, our mouths to sing your praise, our eyes to see the needs of our neighbors, our hands to share the abundance that you have entrusted to our care, and our feet to go into the world sharing your love. May we shine as your lights in the world. Amen.

Be Seated

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: "Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord" – text: Martin Luther



OFFERING PRAYER

L: You meet us here, in moments of sharing and generosity, to reveal a vision of how our lives and world might be.

All: Work within these offerings, that the world may know the joys of community and the promise of your love and justice. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation. God our fortress, we pray for the church. Write your law of love on the hearts of your people, that we remain steadfast in our witness to your grace. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: God our liberator, we pray for your earth. Bring new life to overused land and contaminated rivers. Reform and reorient our relationship with the environment, that we faithfully care for all of your creation. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: God, our refuge and strength, we pray for the nations. Where they are in an uproar, bring wise leadership and comfort for those in distress. Make wars to cease and peace to enter every land. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: God, our very present help in trouble, we pray for those in need. Show mercy to refugees and all fleeing from danger. Shelter any without homes. Calm all who are facing illness, surgery, or a new diagnosis. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: God of all, hear now the prayers of our heart said either silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: God is with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to our Creator.

L: Let us give thanks to our Creator.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless you for creating the whole world:

All: for your promises to your people Israel, and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells.

P: Born of Mary,

All: Jesus shares out life.

P: Eating with sinners,

All: Christ welcomes us.

P: Guiding his children,

All: Jesus leads us,

P: Visiting the sick,

All: Christ heals us.

P: Dying on the cross,

All: Jesus saves us.

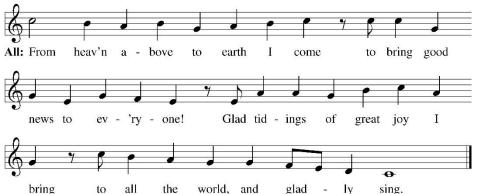
P: Risen from the dead,

All: Christ gives new life.

P: Living with you,

All: Jesus prays for us.

THE SANCTUS: "From Heaven Above" – text: Martin Luther





P: In the night in which he was betrayed, 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 up for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance for me." With thanksgiving we take this bread, and this cup and proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord.

All: Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast.

P: Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love,

All: that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.

P: We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation of our hearts.

All: 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

FRACTION RITE

P: The bread is ready, the cup is filled, the table is set.

All: Let all who are hungry for the love of God, come and be fed.

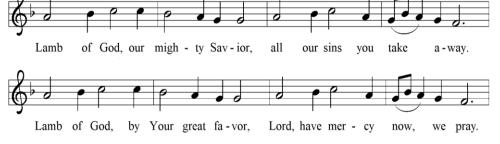
P: Let all who are thirsty for new life, come and share the cup.

All: Let all who want to follow Jesus, come and join the feast.

Be Seated

The ushers will invite you to the Lord's Table after the Lamb of God is sung.

LAMB OF GOD: tune: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" – arr. J. S. Bach





Lamb of God, our prayers at-tend-ing, nev - er let Your mer - cies cease,



Holy Communion is open to all.

Grape juice is white, wine is red.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Let an usher know if you desire communion brought to you.

For communion at the altar rail:

You may come up the center aisle to the altar rail as space allows, stand or kneel, and hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the wafer into. Then take a cup of grape juice (white) or wine (red) from the assistant, partake, then return to your seat via the side aisles, depositing your disposable cup in the provided bowls.

For communion at your seat with pre-packaged kit:

You may come to altar rail as above, take a communion kit from the assistant, and return to your seat to partake. Or you may remain seated and partake of the communion kit you picked up at the entrance. The ushers will come around to collect empty kits.





SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: We give you thanks, O God, that you welcome us to your table and satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst.

All: By your gifts of word and holy meal, strengthen us to take up the cross as we go about our callings in this world, following after Jesus Christ. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life and the bread of life to nourish your people.

All: Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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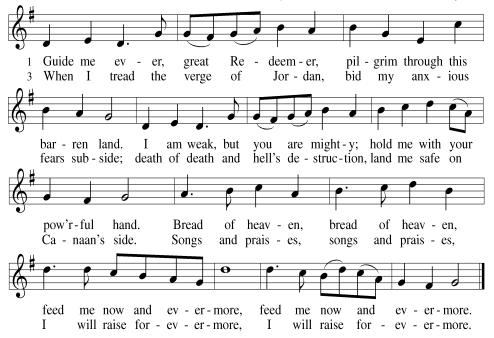
A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve

BENEDICTION

P: Go forth with the blessing of God. Go forth with the healing of Christ. Go forth with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Go forth with the hope of faith.

All: We go forth alive in God's love. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" vs. 1,3



DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Michael Keating