



Nurturing a Living Faith with Open Hearts and Serving Hands

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Introduction to 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.

Reformation Sunday
Oct. 26, 2025
10:30 a.m.



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Brass ensemble

WELCOME & SHARING OF PEACE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.
Amen.

OPENING SONG

"A Mighty Fortress"

ELW #504

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

"I Will Call Upon the Lord"
CCL# 11263

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.**

Welcome to Worship at Trinity Lutheran

Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, or if you regularly attend, we are very glad that you are with us! Today, we gather to worship God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The church is not a building – it is you, the people. So "church," thanks for showing up today. If you look around what you will see are imperfect people. Some with smiles, some with broken hearts, some with secrets they are ashamed to share... and yet all of us together are the "church."

We are thankful you are here. Through God's Holy Spirit we pray you hear a word of grace and hope today.

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. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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

(Please read responsively).

¹God 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;**

³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God 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.**

⁷The 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 upon the earth;**

⁹behold 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.”**

¹¹The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

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.

¹⁹Now 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. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For 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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“God’s Word is Our Great Heritage”

ELW #509

GOSPEL: JOHN 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

The holy gospel according to John, chapter 8, beginning with verse 31.

Glory to you, O Lord.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday 10-26 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary

9:35 AM - Bible 101 in Fellowship Hall

9:35 AM - Church School

10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary

5 PM - Dakota Pro Musica Concert in Sanctuary

Tuesday 10-28

9 AM - Quilters in Quilters’ Room

4 PM - Property Committee in Conference Room

6 PM - Mission & Outreach Comm. in Conf. Room

Wednesday 10-29

5:15 PM - Meal served in Fellowship Hall

6 PM - Worship in Sanctuary

6:40 PM - Church School, Youth Group, Confirm.

RUMMAGE SALE SETUP AFTER WORSHIP

Friday 10-31

10 AM - Theology & Coffee in Conference Room

Saturday 11-1

10 AM - Grief Group in Conference Room

Sunday 11-2

8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary

9:35 AM - Bible 101 in Fellowship Hall

9:35 AM - Church School

10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They 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’?” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S TIME/SERMON

Pastor Mark Narum

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Church’s One Foundation”

ELW #654

FAITH STATEMENT

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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

APOSTLES’ CREED

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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please pray for Dick, Amy, Rod, Melissa,
Lester, Jim, Kathryn, Russ, Sandy, Carsen, Jan, Courtney & Ruth.*

OFFERING

“Goodness of God”
CCLI #7117726

9th Graders

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

“Here Is Bread”
“Let Us Break Bread Together”
“One Bread, One Body”
“We Eat the Bread of Teaching”

ELW #483

ELW #471

ELW #496

ELW #518

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God,

you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

“O God Our Help in Ages Past”

ELW #632

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Brass ensemble

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

WE EXTEND OUR CONGREGATION'S SYMPATHY to the families of:

- Sylvia Leupp - funeral was at Trinity on Friday, October 24th @ 11 a.m.
- David Thune - funeral was at Trinity on Saturday, October 25th @ 1 p.m.

Please keep their families in your prayers.

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is given in memory of Jan Benz. Given by Wanda, Anthony, and Jennifer.

GIRLS MINISTRY - All middle school girls are invited to join us for four fun afternoons in November digging deeper into our faith through scripture, friendship, creating, and crafting. This is a joint ministry of Trinity and Good Shepherd. Please register online & bring the \$20 payment to the first session. Register on our website.

NEW MEMBER CONVERSATION - Are you interesting in finding out more about Trinity and its ministries? Are you thinking about becoming a new member and wondering what that all entails? Come join Pastor Mark and Pastor Martha on Saturday, November 1st @ 9:30 a.m. It's a time to ask questions, meet other people, and learn about Trinity. If you have any questions or can't make it that day but are interested in joining, contact Pastor Mark or Pastor Martha.

ONLINE GIVING - Giving has never been easier! Open your camera on your phone and scan the QR code. It will take you right to Trinity's online giving site. You can choose to give via credit card or bank account. Try it out today!



Your Gifts

<u>September 2025</u>	<u>Month Actual</u>	<u>Year-To-Date Actual</u>
INCOME		
Contributions	\$56,555.00	\$581,080.00
Other Income	\$9,538.00	\$78,450.00
Transfer	\$300.00	-\$734.00
Total Income	\$66,393.00	\$658,796.00
EXPENSES		
Income less expenses	\$62,836.00	\$631,434.00
	\$3,557.00	\$27,362

Electronic Giving - Trinity offers the option of Electronic Giving as a simple way to contribute. This would allow you the freedom from worry or concern whether you are out of town, on vacation or wondering how to budget your contributions. Giving forms are available in the office, at the Welcome Center or on Trinity's website.

At www.trinitybismarck.com, you can give electronically to the general fund, Capital Campaign and others. If you have questions

Messiah Rehearsals:

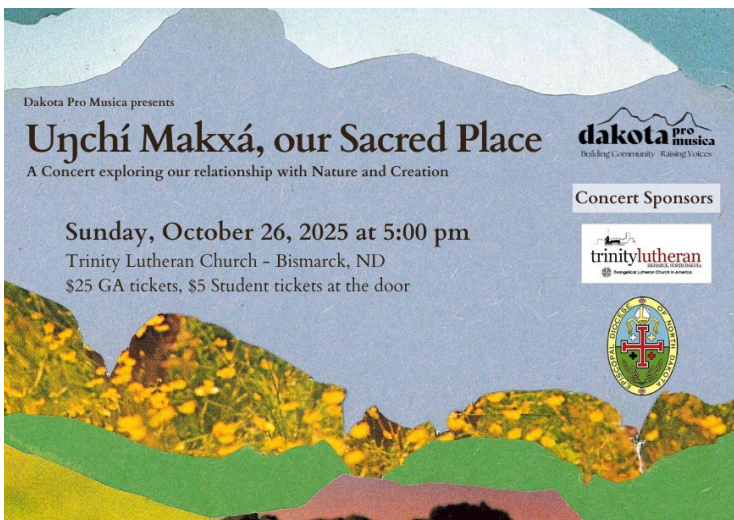
Sundays in November @ 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. in Sanctuary.
Contact Dr. Thoms at thoms@trinitybismarck.com
for more info.

***Best wishes to the following youth who
are affirming their baptism today!***

9th Graders:

Rawling Borseth
Carter Getzlaff
Isabella Hager
Mason Hager
Fletcher Ronning
Londyn Seil
Ethan Ziegler

Elijah Butz
Conrad Gjellstad
Beau Meckle
Caleb Rodgers
Kamryn Schwark
Journie Zastoupil



Giving Intent Card

