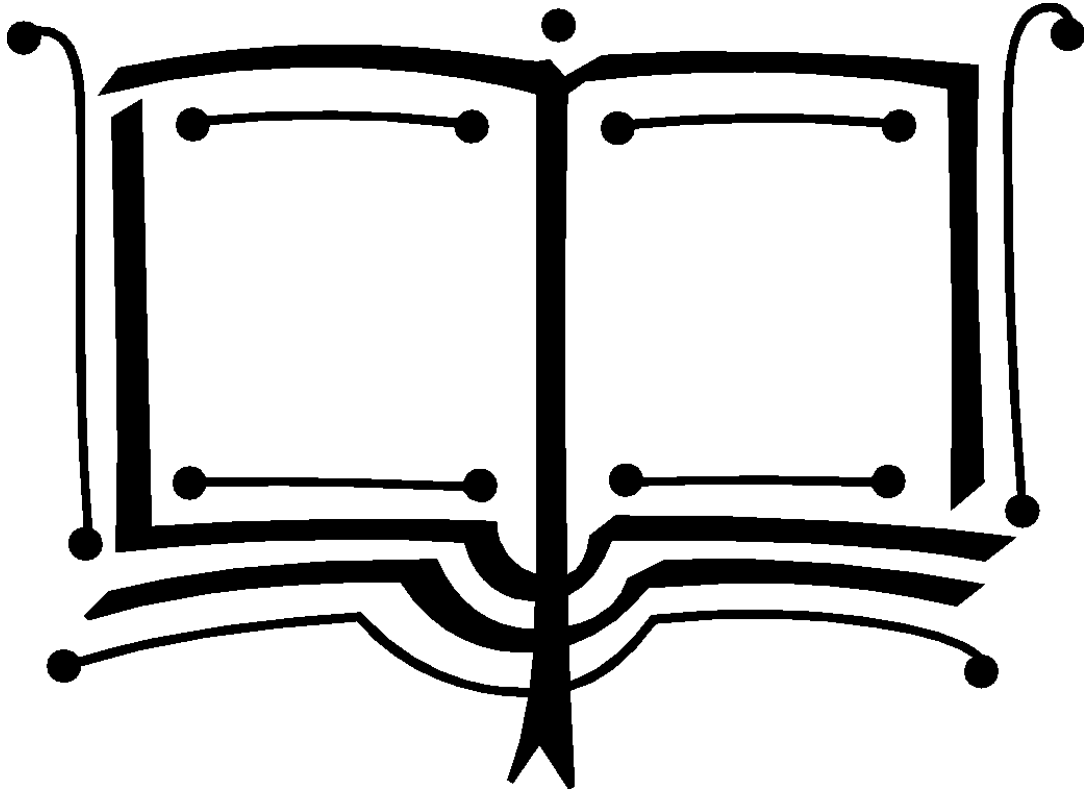


Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2026 ▪ 9:30 am



Welcome to Trinity Church

We are committed to being a loving and welcoming community centred in the good news of Jesus. We invite you to join us for worship and to take up your place with us on our journey. We'd be glad of your presence and grateful for your company!

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Holy Communion

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Serving Today

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Dr. Tanya Varner
Assisting Minister:	Amy Courtney
Greeters:	Rob & Carol Murray
Usher:	Julie Kalbfleisch
Altar:	Holly McCurdy
Musicians:	Jamie Courtney, Trinity Choir
Technology:	Rick Ritz
Fellowship:	Judy Hahn-Yutzi

We acknowledge that we gather for worship on the traditional territories of the Neutral, Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Mississauga peoples.

Gathering Song

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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 batt - le.
 God's judg - ment must pre-vail! One lit - tle word shall tri - umph.
 they yet have noth - ing won. The king - dom's our for - ev - er!

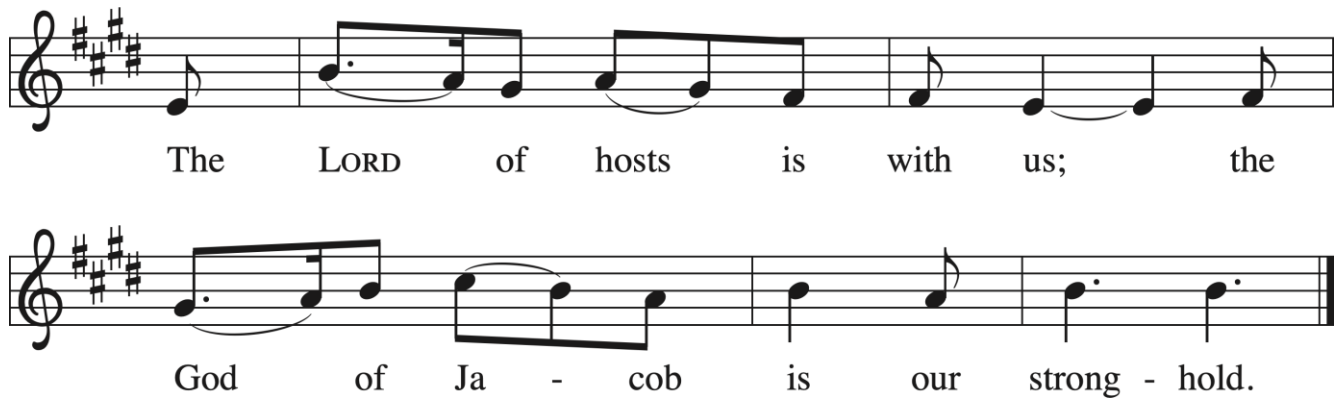
First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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 46



Second Reading

Romans 3:19-28

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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



The choir sings the proper verse. The alleluias are repeated.

Gospel

John 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹ 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.**

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the piano accompaniment providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The first system contains three verses of the hymn. The second system continues the lyrics, and the third system concludes the hymn with a final cadence.

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.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

Welcoming New Members

The ministers and those being welcomed gather at the chancel step.

Presentation of New Members

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

A representative of the congregation introduces each new member.

These individuals desire to make public affirmation of their faith: Brittany Hufnagel, David Hufnagel, Carl Junker, Maggie Lorentz, Jeff Schott, and Krista Schott.

Apostles' Creed

The presiding minister introduces the Creed.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

**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.**

Address and Questions

The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.

In baptism... .. and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.
Sisters and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant
of your baptism among God's people in this place?

Each person responds individually: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new
members in their life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and
guide us.**

Welcome

*Those being welcomed face the assembly. A representative of the
congregation addresses the assembly.*

Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ
to this community of faith.

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.**

The ministers and the new members return to their places.

Prayers of Intercession

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

As we celebrate Reformation Sunday, we remember the witness of Martin Luther and the reformers of the church in every generation. Today we especially pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, celebrating 40 years of ministry. Empower us in our own church to continue the work of reform and renewal in our own day.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the healing of natural places despoiled by pollution and human greed. Give all living creatures access to safe land, water, and air.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who are running for public office. May those elected understand that it is a trust from you to be used, not for personal glory or profit, but for the justice and service of all people. Pour out your Holy Spirit on all lands and people, that peace may prevail, especially in the Holy Land, Columbia, Cameroon, Myanmar, Ukraine, Russia, Congo, Sudan, and Chad.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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, especially Lyle, Steve, Dorothea, Christine, Gwen, Stan, Jacob, Mary, and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts. [a pause]

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

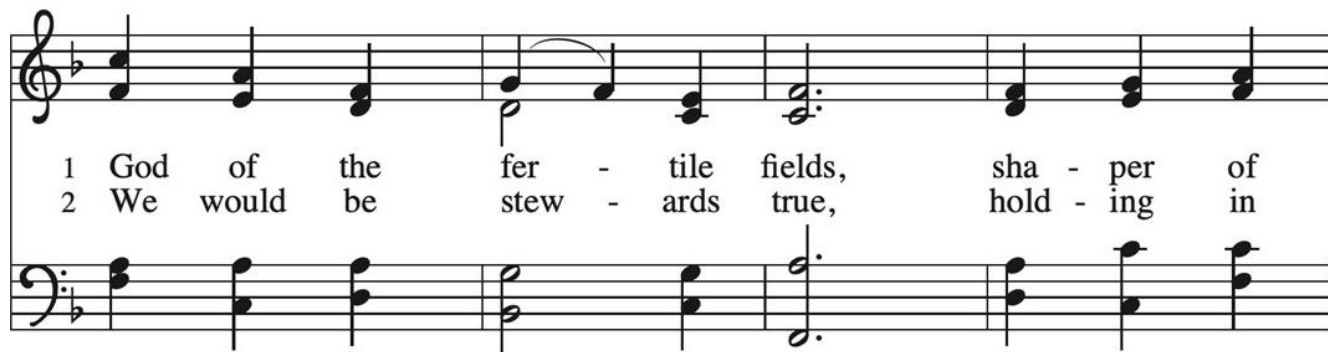
We give thanks for those exploring or returning to a life of faith, especially Brittany, David, Carl, Maggie, Jeff, and Krista. Encourage and guide them, that they may find their hope in you.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With gratitude, we remember those disciples who paved the way for us and all of our beloved dead.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

Offering Song

God of the Fertile Fields



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
trust from you all that you give; help us in



boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
love to share, teach us like you to care



that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.

Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

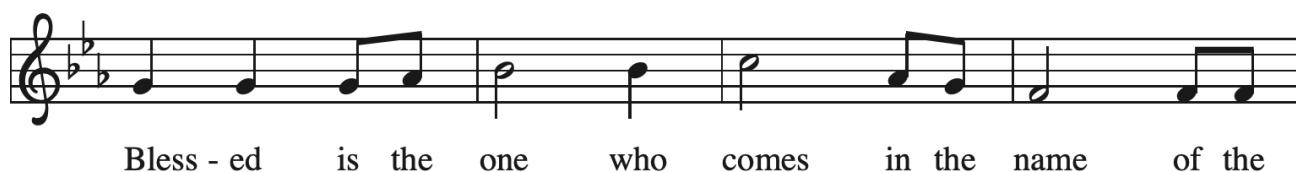
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy



Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Communion Song

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.

Communion Song

That Priceless Grace



1 That price-less grace, that price-less grace, that price-less
2 That price-less blood, that price-less blood, that price-less
3 That pain-ful death, that pain-ful death, that pain-ful
4 That pre-cious word, that pre-cious word, that pre-cious



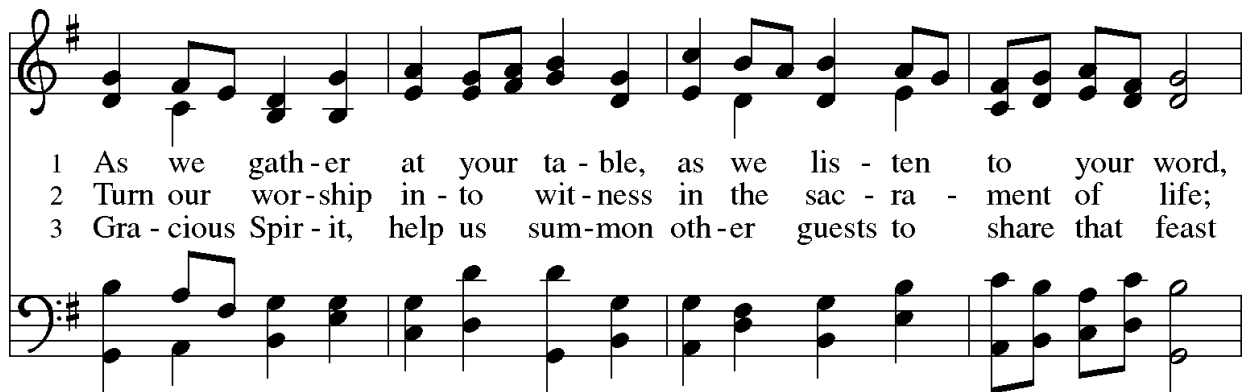
grace, which gave me life: Je - sus' life is price-less grace.
blood was shed for me: Je - sus' blood is price-less grace.
death took sins a - way: Je - sus' death is price-less grace.
word, which brought me light: Je - sus' word is price-less grace.



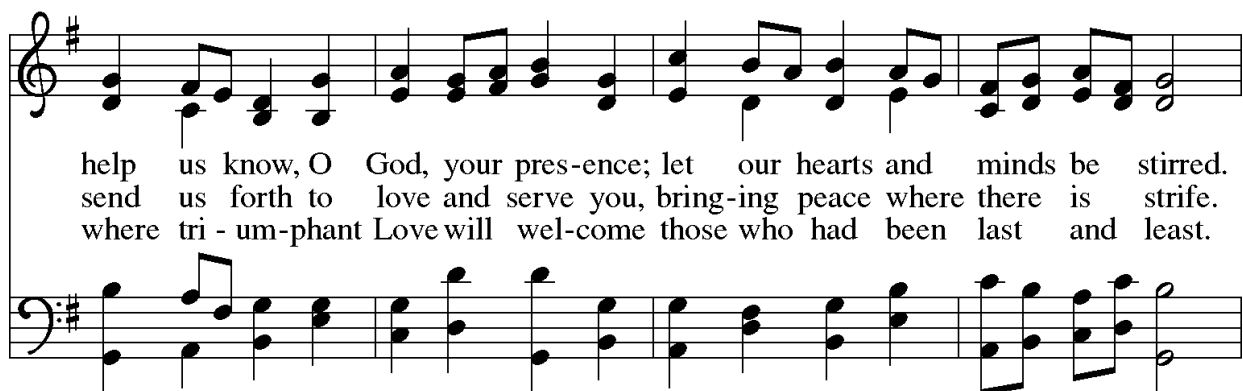
That price - less grace is life for me.

Communion Song

As We Gather at Your Table



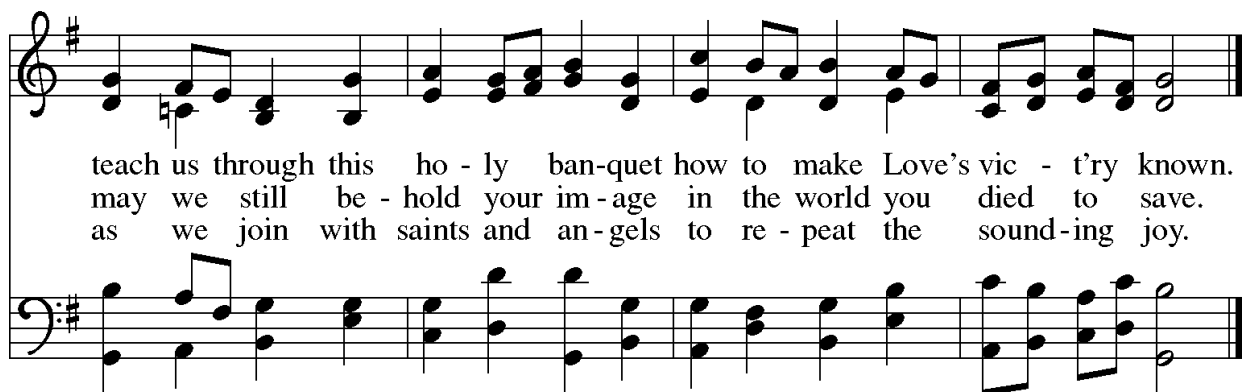
1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Sending Song

Soli Deo Gloria



1 O God of bless - ings, all praise to you! Your love sur -
 2 All praise for proph - ets, through grace in - spired to preach and
 3 All praise for mu - sic, deep gift pro - found, through hands and
 4 All praise for Je - sus, best gift di - vine through word and
 5 A bil - lion voic - es in one great song, now soft and



rounds us our whole life through. You are the
 wit - ness with hearts on fire. Your Spir - it
 voic - es in ho - ly sound; the psalms of
 wit - ness, in bread and wine; in - car - nate
 gen - tle, now deep and strong, in ev - 'ry



free - dom of those op - pressed; you are the com - fort of all dis -
 choos - es the weak and small to sing the new reign where might - y
 Da - vid, and Mar - y's praise, in word - less splen - dor and lyr - ic
 love song of bound - less grace, priest, teach - er, proph - et in time and
 cul - ture and style and key, from hill and val - ley, with sky and



tressed. Come now, O ho - ly and wel - come guest:
 fall; with them may we live your gos - pel call:
 phrase, with all cre - a - tion one song we raise:
 space, your stead - fast kind - ness with hu - man face:
 sea, with Christ we praise you e - ter - nal - ly:



So - li De - o glo - ri - a! So - li De - o glo - ri - a!

+ Sunday to Sunday

25 – Sunday	9:30 am	Hybrid Worship + Reformation Sunday
	10:30 am	Coffee, Juice, and Conversation
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Adult Learning: <i>Leadership in a Changing Church</i> with Pastor Tanya
26 – Monday	3:00 pm	Celebrating 60 Years of Camp Ministry
	5:00 pm	Karate
	6:30 pm	Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal
27 – Tuesday	10:30 am	Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Karate
28 – Wednesday	9:30 am	NVMA Rostered Leaders in Woodstock
	5:15 pm	Music Together
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class
29 – Thursday	8:45 am	Music Together
	7:00 pm	Trinity Choir Rehearsal
31 – Saturday	7:45 am	Music Together
	7:00 pm	AA
1 – Sunday	9:30 am	Hybrid Worship + All Saints Sunday
	10:30 am	Coffee, Juice, and Conversation
	10:45 am	Visioning Task Team: Redevelopment Information Session

+ Visioning Info Session & Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, November 1st at 10:45 am, the Visioning Task Team will make a presentation on a possible development project for our Trinity properties. Then, on Sunday, November 8th at 10:45 am, Trinity's Church Council has called a special congregational meeting to consider and vote on the proposal.

The information session on November 1st will be shared online via Zoom. Only those Trinity members who are in-person may vote on November 8th.

+ Trinity's Advent Choir: An Invitation

Love to sing? Have some time on Thursdays and Sundays for a few weeks? Trinity Choir extends an invitation to folks to join our ranks for a short-commitment engagement for the Sundays of Advent (starting November 29th), plus Christmas Eve. We'll rehearse this music on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm starting November 19th. Need to miss a Sunday, or out of town Christmas Eve – no problem! – speak to Minister of Music Jamie Courtney for more details.

+ Trinity's Annual Season of Giving

Each November and December we participate in several community outreach projects at Trinity. This year we will continue the tradition of generosity in our community with collection of gifts for Holiday Hampers, warm woollies, and men's socks. Watch for full details in the November issue of the Trinity Dove newsletter coming at the end of the week.

+ Endowment Fund Requests

Trinity's Endowment Fund has a legacy of supporting projects that extend our mission and ministry into the wider community. At the annual meeting each February, the congregation votes to distribute the previous year's investment proceeds. Oftentimes we support a dozen or more causes and projects.

As we move towards the end of the year, the Endowment Fund Committee invites members of the congregation to submit proposals for where might offer support from the proceeds of the Endowment Fund. While it is unknown until the end of the year how few or how many dollars are available to distribute, the committee will begin assessing potential recipients in December.

Any suggestions should be submitted, in writing, to the Pastor Tanya by November 30th. The Committee then prepares a list for the congregation's consideration at the Annual Meeting in the new year.

+ ELCIC at 40

2026 marks 40 years of ministry for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. A National Worship Service celebrating this important milestone happens **today at 12:00 Eastern**. Led by National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer and to be joined by youth and young adults from the Saskatchewan Synod who are gathering this weekend at camp for their retreat, the service will be livestreamed from Camp Kinasao at Christopher Lake, Saskatchewan. A link to the livestream was in Trinity's Friday emailer.

+ Offering Statements

Offering statements will be mailed in the coming days to those who made offerings from January through October. Please review the statement and report any errors to the church office.

As we head into the final weeks of the fiscal year, and our two months with the largest budgets for offering income, please consider if your offerings have met your goals for 2026. We are grateful for all those who give so generously to support the mission and ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church.

+ 60 Years of Camp Ministry

For 60 years, Lutheran youth from across Southwestern Ontario have gathered for a week of worship, learning, friendship, laughter, and faith at what is today known as Summer Lutheran Youth Camp.

Join us for a celebration of this important milestone! On Sunday, October 25th at 4:00 p.m. at St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church, North Easthope Township (Perth East), we gather for worship, fellowship, and a shared meal provided by St. James.

Come and remember old friends, share your camp stories, celebrate what God has done through this ministry, and make some new friends along the way.

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