

A Mission Congregation of the ELCA  
**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
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1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13  
October 31, 2021



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- **Prelude**      **“How Great Is Our God; Great Is Thy Faithfulness;  
Here Comes Jesus”**      **Roxanne Groff**

- **Office of the Acolyte and Ringing of the Bell**

- **Welcome**      **Pastor Mel Musser**

**\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P: Creator of all things,

**C: We have failed to care for all that you have made. We have squandered resources and oppressed others. Forgive us for what we have done and have failed to do. Teach us how to be steward of your creation with care and nurture. Amen.**

L: Our God will always love all that God has made. Although we sin, God forgives. Receive now the entire forgiveness of all your sins, granted as a gift from a loving God. In the name of Jesus we pray.

**C: Amen.**

(Verses 1, 2, & 3 Only)



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are  
2 Not in our tem - ples made with hands God, the Al - might - y, is  
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, built for 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 he who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -  
life and sal - va - tion. Were two or three to 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 would show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.

\* APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

• PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray... God of the temple, Solomon built a temple so people could have a house of worship. Now, we are your living house. Show us how to express our praise whether in the building or out.

C: **Amen.**

- **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Theme:** Reformation Sunday

**Scripture:** 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13

**Items Needed:** Play Dough

Good morning girls and boys! Happy reformation Day! Today is a day to celebrate! Did you notice I'm wearing red today. Also, look, the Church is wearing red today too. Do you know why we're wearing red to celebrate Reformation Day? Red is the color that reminds us of God's Holy Spirit. On this day over 500 years ago a Catholic Monk named Martin Luther nailed 95 problems he saw in his Church to the door of his Church Building. Back in those days that was like how your teachers put things on the bulletin board at school.

That seems like a pretty weird thing to celebrate doesn't it? Well what we're really celebrating is how those 95 problems that Martin Luther noticed became the starting point for how the entire Church reformed. Reformation... That's a pretty big word isn't it? But if we look closely we can see some smaller words we might be able to recognize and understand. How about Re-Form or Re-Formation. That just means to change shape.

Here's what I mean. I have this play dough here and it's in the shape of... What? That's right a circle. Suppose this circle is the Church. I think the shape for the Church is a little off. So I'm going to make some changes. I'll fold this piece here. Next I'll fold this over here. Now, that makes a better shape for the Church. It's a heart. I re-Formed the play dough from a circle into a heart. Does this have the same amount of play dough? Is it the same color? The only thing that changed is the shape.

That's what it means to reform. When Martin Luther identified 95 problems it wasn't just him who changed the Church. In fact it wasn't all the Church people even. It was the work of God's Holy Spirit. That's why we wear Red today. To remind us of the work of the Holy Spirit. We remember that if things go wrong we can always change and fix it. The reformation didn't just happen once and then it was done and over. Reformation Sunday reminds us we can always change. We can always be better. We can always do better at following Jesus and loving God and loving our neighbors. That's really Good News!

Let's pray before you get to go downstairs for Sunday School... Dear God, Thank you for your Holy Spirit that calls us together and helps us understand your instructions for us. Thank you for the reformers in the Church like Martin Luther. Help us to always try to reform ourselves to be better at loving you and loving one another. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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• **SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13**

P: Our scripture reading is from the Book of 1 Kings, Chapters 5 and 8.

**C: Glory to you O Lord.**

**5** Now King Hiram of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father; for Hiram had always been a friend to David. <sup>2</sup>Solomon sent word to Hiram, saying, <sup>3</sup>“You know that my father David could not build a house for the name of the Lord his God because of the warfare with which his enemies surrounded him, until the Lord put them under the soles of his feet. <sup>4</sup>But now the Lord my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor misfortune. <sup>5</sup>So I intend to build a house for the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord said to my father David, ‘Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, shall build the house for my name.’”

**8** Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. <sup>2</sup>All the people of Israel assembled to King Solomon at the festival in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests carried the ark. <sup>4</sup>So they brought up the ark of the Lord, the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent; the priests and the Levites brought them up. <sup>5</sup>King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who had assembled before him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing so many sheep and oxen that they could not be counted or numbered. <sup>6</sup>Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. <sup>7</sup>For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim made a covering above the ark and its poles. <sup>8</sup>The poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the holy place in front of the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside; they are there to this day. <sup>9</sup>There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone that Moses had placed there at Horeb, where the Lord made a covenant with the Israelites, when they came out of the land of Egypt. <sup>10</sup>And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, <sup>11</sup>so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.

<sup>12</sup>Then Solomon said, “The Lord has said that he would dwell in thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I have built you an exalted house, a place for you to dwell in forever.”

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P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ** (*Spoken*)

• **SERMON**

**Pastor Mel Musser**

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the one who destroyed and rebuilt the temple in three short days, Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

Today is not only Reformation Sunday, but also Reformation Day! On this day in the year 1517, 504 years ago, Martin Luther and Catholic Monk in Wittenberg Germany nailed 95 debating points to the town church door. This sparked what has become known as the Protestant Reformation. In today's scripture reading Solomon believes he is fulfilling the promise God made to Solomon's father, King David, by constructing a marvelous temple on the same site where Abraham nearly sacrificed the first heir to God's promise of a great dynasty and a land flowing with milk and honey to go along with it. Trouble is, Solomon wasn't listening to God and instead followed his own wishes and desires. The excerpt we read from this epic saga this morning tells the tale of King Hiram of Tyre who had heard of the death of his BFF David and the crowning of David's son Solomon to King David's throne. He wanted to send a gesture of good will and love to David's son in hopes that they could also become BFFs.

Do you remember the song, “That’s What Friends Are For?” It was a big hit back in 1986, earning a Grammy and many other awards. Here’s a few lines from that song: For good times and bad times, I’ll be on your side forever more, That’s what friends are for... We see in today’s scripture a king from a foreign nation who was a good friend of David. He then also became a good friend of David’s son Solomon. When Solomon calls on King Hiram of Tyre, he will kindly fulfill all of Solomon’s requests. Solomon had desired to build a great temple for the Lord God, but was that what God really wanted from Solomon? Solomon’s desire to build this house for God wasn’t based on God’s call in his life, but on a misunderstanding of the promise God made to his father, King David. Solomon really wanted the glory and splendor as shown in the building of a Temple to YHWH to reflect on himself, not on the glory of God. Despite God’s lack of enthusiasm for the project, He was at the same time allowing it with reservations. Underneath all the splendor God already saw the cracks appearing.

The house that YHWH had really wanted Solomon to build had been a spiritual house made up of his sons and daughters, not a house of wood and stone. God desired David and then in turn Solomon to raise up sons and daughters who would be faithful and follow God’s commandments. This temple building project had its start back in the book of Second Samuel, Chapter 7 where David intended

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to build the temple in Jerusalem, but God, through the prophet Nathan, stopped him. God told David that instead of David building a house for God that God would build a house for him. The concentration throughout this story should not be on the building of a brick and mortar Temple, but on the building of a dynasty which would result finally in the arrival of the Coming King. ‘YHWH tells David that he will make him a house (dynasty) -- your seed – God will make a dynasty for God’s Name and God will establish the throne of his kingship forever -- and David’s house, his kingship, will be established forever, through his dynasty... YHWH’s emphasis was thus on the promise of the foundation of a dynasty which would finally result in the everlasting King, the one we call Jesus who is the Messiah and our Savior and our Lord forever and forever. The truth is that in building the physical house and being satisfied with it and putting too much emphasis on it, Solomon did in fact miss out on the need to build a spiritual house. It would only be because of God’s activity that the spiritual house would come to a reality in our Lord Jesus Christ. On the other hand, God did in His graciousness accept the physical house from their hands, simply because He knew they were bringing it to Him from a right attitude of heart. He recognized and made allowance for our human weakness.



YHWH's allowing of the building of the Temple would have caused no problem if only Israel (and later the Jews) had recognized the physical Temple was only a symbol of the 'spiritual house' that YHWH would establish in the Coming King. How different history would have been in that case. They did partly grasp it in the idea of the coming of the Messiah, they had totally wrong ideas about Him, and overall both failed to recognize Him when He came, or to recognize that His coming signaled the demise of the Temple which had lost its significance with His coming. They had become wedded to the Temple. To them the Temple had become more important than the Messiah. Similar blindness to some extent pervades much of the church today. We too tend to make our Church Buildings into idols. In the Temple Solomon built the Hebrew people established elaborate procedures for animal sacrifice in order to have their sins washed away by the spilling of the blood of the sacrifice. I certainly hope none of you believe that your sins are forgiven based on the amount of money that you put in the offering plate. To the extent we look to our physical Temple as the only place to worship the living God or the place where non-Scriptural sacrifices of our time. Talents, and treasures provide for our forgiveness, then we also have failed to recognize that the physical Temple as well as the entire sacrificial system has outlived its usefulness. Sacrificial giving as a way to rid ourselves of our sin is no longer a valid option.

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That system has been fully replaced by Jesus Christ Himself and our own bodies have become the spiritual Temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 3.16).

I say all of this to show you how the Church has been in need of constant reforming since it first began. David needed Nathan to remind him of God's Word and God's will. Unfortunately, Solomon either didn't have a Nathan to bring him back to God or, if he did Solomon ignored him. In our day, I've heard the saying many times that we don't go to Church, we are the Church. That saying has been uttered so many times it's become just another slogan or platitude, but it is still true.

In the book of First Peter, Chapter 2 Peter writes: “<sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup> Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup> like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” (1 Pet. 2:3-6 NRS)

Today God's House has added a new living stone, Helena Proffitt. Helena, as you will in just a few minutes make your promises before this congregation and before your God, you will take your place in God's Spiritual Temple. Today, you

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become part of the Spiritual Church in your own right. At your Baptism others made promises for you, but today you stand on your own and those promises are now yours to keep, with God's help and the help of all of us as well. Jesus has called your name and you now have your opportunity to respond. My prayer for you and for all those here in this congregation is that we continue to ask for God's leadership and for God's Holy Spirit to guide us. The Church today is in need of reform just as much as in David's time, in Solomon's time, in Martin Luther's time. Maybe even more. Today we're faced with issues and divisions that seem to defy human understanding. We're divided on everything from politics, to wearing of masks during Worship. How do we know God's true will for us in this kind of divided culture? I don't have every answer. I wish I did. I do know one thing to be true that we can all count on. Through Jesus, God has revealed his intentions for us and for all mankind. God became human to show us that He doesn't desire our eternal punishment for our sin, but rather God's only desire is to save us from our sin. I also know that when we pray and ask for God's help and guidance, even if we make mistakes and do the wrong thing, God is gracious and merciful. God forgives our every mistake and our every sin. So, with nothing to lose and everything to gain, why not act boldly and do our best to follow what we believe to

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be God's lead. Luther put it this way, "Sin boldly, but love the Lord Jesus Christ even more boldly.

The question for all of us today comes down to this: are you willing to follow the leading of God's Holy Spirit even if you're not 100 percent certain of the call? May you hear and listen to that still small voice of God whispering in your ear. May you use the teachings of the one universal catholic Church and the wise council and advice of your sisters and brothers in Christ here at Trinity to help you discern God's voice from all the others that demand your attention. May you willingly join in as one of the living stones that make up God's Spiritual Temple, the one God intended to build all along. I for one am blessed to be a small part in that temple and I pray you are too. Amen.

*Silence may be kept for meditation...*

- **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

*A representative of the congregation presents the candidates:*

Dean: Helena Destiny Hope Proffitt has been instructed in the Christian faith and desires to make public affirmation of her Baptism.

P: Dear child of God, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

- **RENUNCIATION OF EVIL**

*The minister addresses those who have been presented.*

P: Sister in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you a member of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word, God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been called to be a witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

R: I do.

- \* **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.\* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: **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 INTERCESSION**

L We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

L: O God, throughout the ages your people have built great temples in which to worship you, spires that reach to the sky and sanctuaries that glitter with beauty. Sanctify the ways in which we seek to honor you; yet cast our eyes beyond the stained glass, to the One in whom we place our hope. Eternal God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Churches stand in every place on earth as a testimony to your global presence and promises. Make us good neighbors to those of other faiths, strengthen our witness to your vast love, and send your protection to those worldwide who suffer true persecution simply for living out their faith. Eternal God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

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L: As we celebrate the anniversary of your Church's reformation, keep us steadfast as ever to your gospel as we grow in what it means to follow you in every new age and generation. Eternal God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: As the incense of your presence fills the holy spaces, so descend upon us all with the balm of your healing. We ask a special blessing upon... Eternal God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Make us one with your faithful saints who join together in your heavenly home without walls, and inspire us by their example as we strive to follow where they have led. Eternal God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*Here other petitions may be offered.*

L: Bless these our prayers, and make us bold witnesses to the power of your grace, even as we pledge to be the answer to the world's deepest need, through Jesus our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

• **COMMITMENT**

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear his Word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Each confirmand answers in turn.*

R: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

• **PRAYER OF BLESSING**

*Those making affirmation kneel. A brief silence is kept so that prayer may be made for them.*

P: Let us pray.

P: Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made *Helena* your own. You forgave her all her sins and brought her to newness of life. Continue to strengthen her with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in her your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C: Amen**

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- **LAYING ON OF HANDS**

*The presiding minister lays both hands on the head of each person:*

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Helena the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in her serving, give her patience in suffering, and bring her to everlasting life.

*Each confirmand answers:*

R: Amen

*All return to their places.*

- \* **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*(The Sharing of the Peace that began when the congregation arrived is now shared with the Pastor at this time...)*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

- \* **OFFERING PRAYER**

*While the congregation is still standing say:*

P: Instead of passing the offering plate, we ask you to please place your offering in the Offering Plates conveniently located on your way out of worship. For those worshipping with us from their vehicles, there is an offering basket located near the back door of the church and for those worshipping online if you go to [www.pitsburgtlc.org](http://www.pitsburgtlc.org) you can make your offering online.

P: So, let's pray for the offerings we receive this day. We bring our offerings to you, not animals for sacrifice or relics too precious to touch, but expressions of our time and talent, to serve the peoples of the world. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Communion is by Individual Serving. All the Baptized are welcome to celebrate this Holy Meal. Please open the Communion Elements only when instructed to do so.*

- **DIALOGUE**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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- **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**P:** We praise you, all-holy God, our maker, our lover, our keeper, our Covenant Lord, our Redeemer, the Strength of Truth, for the universe beyond our knowing, for seas and forests and fields, for the waters of Wittenberg and for flowers in this place, for creatures seen and unseen, for animals both wild and tame, for our ancestors and godparents from around the globe, and for the places we humans call home, for cities and churches and schools, for seminaries and missions and fellowship halls.

We praise you for your covenant people, for David and Nathan, and the psalmists, and for centuries of faithful Christians, for Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul, for Luther, Melancthon, Muhlenberg, and Cranach, for Katie Luther and for Bach, for Kierkegaard, Bonhoeffer for Bishops and Pastors and for all servants of the Reformation.

We praise you, O God, for Jesus Christ, who saves us from sin and from evil, embodying forgiveness, granting us grace, setting us free, who:

On the night before he died, 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.

And so we remember your Word, his life, his death, and his glorious resurrection, his presence in this meal around the world, and we proclaim the mystery of our faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray, O God, for your Spirit, your breath, your fire, your wisdom, your law, your grace, your freedom. Bless this meal and all those who share it; inspire your people for service; continue the reformation of your churches; and renew the world with your mercy, with your healing, your justice, and your peace, with the joy of life in your household.

We praise you, all-holy God, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, mighty Fortress, victorious Champion, powerful Shield, today, tomorrow, and forever.

**C: Amen!**

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- **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

P: Jesus is the “tie that Binds us together”, since we are united into one through this heavenly food, let us pray as Jesus taught...

**C: 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**

P: God is indeed God for all generations. God has blessed Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, God blessed Moses and the Israelites, and God has blessed us. May this bread and cup be a reminder of your faithful promises and the trust we can place in you to keep them. Come and share in the blessings of God!

- **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*During the distribution the minister says these words to each communicant:*

P: At this time you may open the communion bread and partake of the body of Christ, given for you.

Now please open the wine and you may now partake of the Blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say: Amen.*

- \* **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May this Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep, and unite us.

C: **Amen.**

- **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray together...

**C: We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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• **SENDING BLESSING**

P: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.  
The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

\* **SENDING HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" LBW 229**  
(Verses 1 - 4 only)



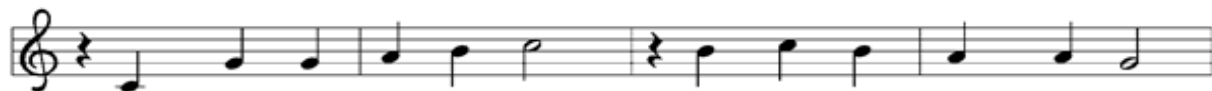
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



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has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

\* **DISMISSAL**

P: Until the next time we gather together as God's people to offer our worship and praise, depart in Christ's Love.


C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving all. Amen!

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• **POSTLUDE**                      **“Take the Name of Jesus with You”**                      **Roxanne Groff**

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Scripture readings for next Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>  
1 Kings 19:1-18

**Health Tips for the Week**

**BODY:** Get a massage

**MIND:** Learn the candidates and issues on the ballot

**SPIRIT:** Pray for our Government officials

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If you are near the Church on Sunday morning, you can tune in to FM 88.3 at 10:30 AM and hear the sermon from your car.

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**AROUND THE PARISH**

**Holy Communion Delivery Available to ALL:**

If you or anyone you know would like to have Holy Communion delivered to a home or place of business, please call Pastor Mel at 937-626-7100. He will bring a prefilled communion chalice including both sanctified wine and a morsel of bread all prepackaged from the Concordia True Vine company. This is a safe way to stay connected to your brothers and sisters in Christ.

**This Week @ Trinity – October 31 thru November 7, 2021**

<b>Sun, October 31</b>	10:30 am	Worship Service
<b>Wed, November 3</b>	6:30 pm	WELCA Meeting
<b>Fri, November 5</b>	3:30 pm	FISH Choice Food Pantry
		Deadline for Names of Trinity’s Departed Saints due to Church Office or Pr Mel
<b>Sat, November 6</b>	<b>Turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed.</b>	
<b>Sun, November 7</b>	<b>2:00 am -- Daylight Savings Time Ends</b>	
	10:30 am	Worship Service – <b><u>All Saints Sunday</u></b>
	11:30 am	Annual Congregational Meeting



**NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>**

Names of Dearly Departed due to Church Office or Pr Mel No Later Than Friday, Nov 5.

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