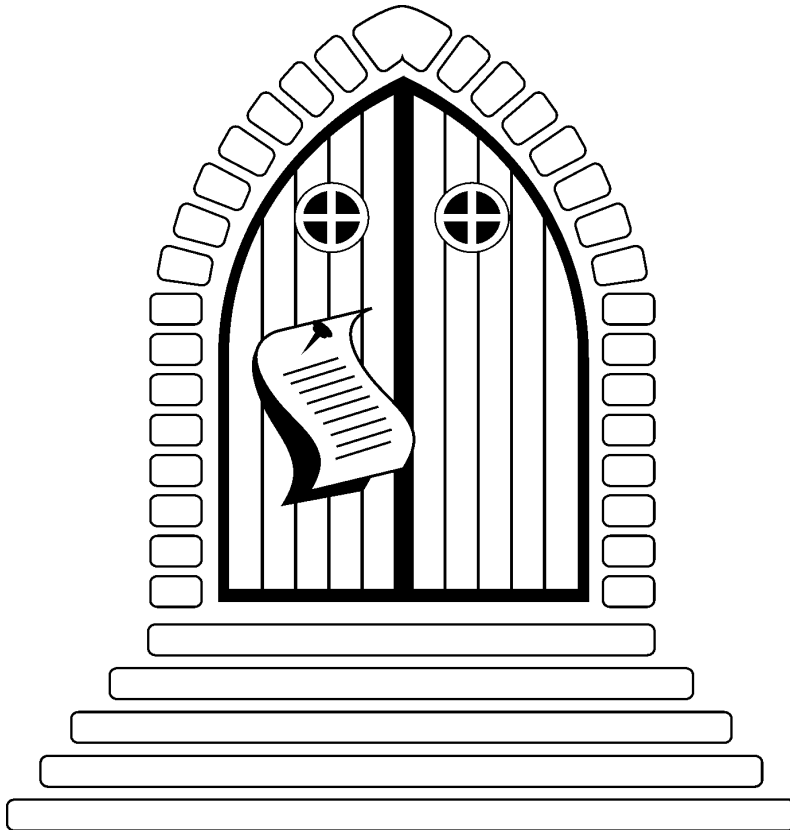


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Proclaiming, Teaching and Living the Gospel of Christ!



Reformation Day (Observed)

October 24 & 25, 2026



Welcome, children of our Heavenly Father!

*I Cor. 10:16 calls our eating and drinking of the sacramental bread and wine an actual sharing in the body and blood of Christ. As we share this gift of the Savior, we also seek to be faithful to the confession of the Apostles' Doctrine, which Scripture says was shared by those who received the sacrament together. For this reason, **guests** who desire to commune are kindly asked to speak to the pastor or an elder.*



In our prayers: Don (co-worker of Joe Hart), Evelyn Bauer, Norma Bell, Doris Benjamin (mother of Jane), Lois Brenneisen, Sarah C. (requested by a friend of Sharon Dummer), Percy Caise (friend of the Chmielowiec's), Sue & John Cornett (sister and brother-in-law of Joanne LaChappell), Benny Cruse (grandson of Donna Ohrt), Andrea Dewez (friend of Sharon Dummer), JoAnn Dickman, Violetta Donovan, Karen & John Eberhardt (sister and brother-in-law of Barbara Schwark), Donald Fehrenbacher (father of Ashley Evans), Heidi Gallegos (niece of Gloria Graham), Rebecca Graham (mother-in-law of Gloria), William Graham (husband of Gloria), JD Hall, Richard Hall (nephew of Sharon Dummer), Mandy Hines (niece of Sharon Dummer), Scott Horsch (friend of Jeanette Pfeifer), Jason (nephew of Michelle Hinich), Jeff Jones, Jamie Jones (friends of Kamber Johnston), Peter Kelly (friend of the Chmielowiec's), Delwin & Frances Kilgo (family of the Hart, Pfeifer, & Shute family), Brent Klockenga (cousin of Heather Thurston, nephew of Nancy Snedecor), Michelle Kooy, Gerald Kroesch, Myra Jean Kroll (close friend of Emma Kruse), Marge (friend of Norma Bell), Brandon Malone, Bonnie Matherly, Barbara, Jean, Mary (daughters of Marianne Mau), Donna Ohrt, Caleb Outerbridge, Jeanette Pfeifer, Brian Plenert (son-in-law of Don & Joanne LaChappell), Melissa Plugge (friend of Tina Varvel), Rita Ptacek (sister of Barbara Schwark), Mark Shade (friend of the Chmielowiec's), Kevin Schaumburg, Justine & Greg Schultz (cousins of Sharon Dumer), Jason Warpet (cousin of Deb Chmielowiec), Lorraine Whitwell, Nicole Windsor (friend of Rachel Taube), Cheryl Winebaugh, and Jared Zimmerman (son-in-law of Douglas & Tammy Gray).

For all those that our Savior knows are in need, and those we name privately before our Lord.

+ ORDER OF WORSHIP—DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR—LSB 203 +

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

Hymn of Invocation: Salvation unto Us Has Come (Stanzas 1-4) **LSB 555**
Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

L I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

C The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.

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C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit (*Spoken responsively ½ verse by ½ verse*) *Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.

I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

let the humble hear and be glad.

Come, O children, listen to me;

I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

The LORD redeems the life of his servants;

none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

2 Chronicles 30:5–12

⁵So they decreed to make a proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba to Dan, that the people should come and keep the Passover to the LORD, the God of Israel, at Jerusalem, for they had not kept it as often as prescribed. ⁶So couriers went throughout all Israel and Judah with letters from the king and his princes, as the king had commanded, saying, “O people of Israel, return to the LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, that he may turn again to the remnant of you who have escaped from the hand of the kings of Assyria. ⁷Do not be like your fathers and your brothers, who were faithless to the LORD God of their fathers, so that he made them a desolation, as you see. ⁸Do not now be stiff-necked as your fathers were, but yield yourselves to the LORD and come to his sanctuary, which he has consecrated forever, and serve the LORD your God, that his fierce anger may turn away from you. ⁹For if you return to the LORD, your brothers and your children will find compassion with their captors and return to this land. For the LORD your God is gracious and merciful and will not turn away his face from you, if you return to him.”

¹⁰So the couriers went from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, and as far as Zebulun, but they laughed them to scorn and mocked them. ¹¹However, some men of Asher, of Manasseh, and of Zebulun humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem. ¹²The hand of God was also on Judah to give them one heart to do what the king and the princes commanded by the word of the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (*Saturday*) (*Spoken responsively ½ verse by ½ verse*)

Psalm 48:1a, 12–14a

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,

**consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,
that you may tell the next generation
that this is God, our God forever and ever.**

Handbell Choir (Sunday): Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word *Lauran Delancy*

Epistle

Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 656

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,

begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

After each petition

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface

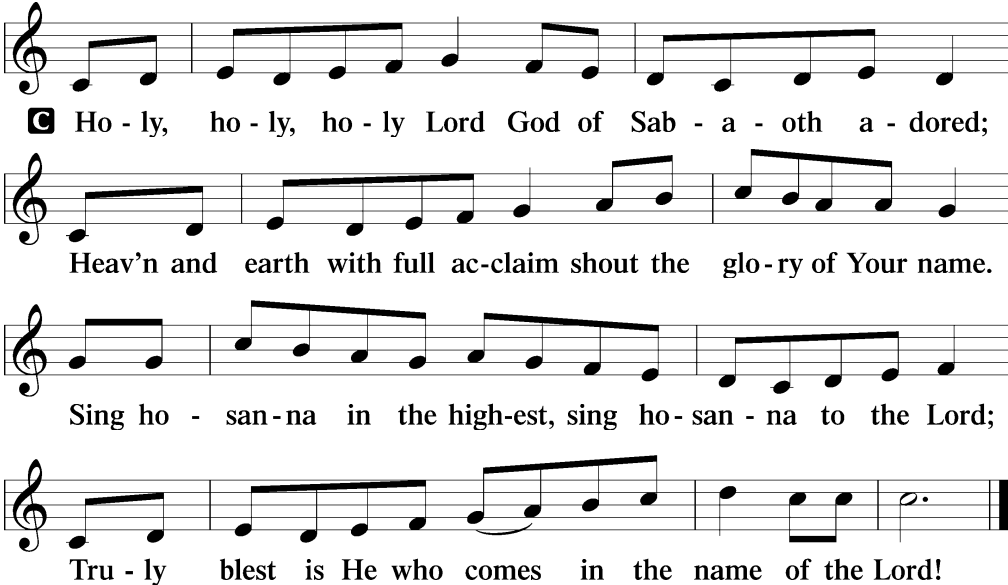
P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

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.

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

☐ Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.
☐ Amen.

Agnus Dei

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: Salvation unto Us Has Come (Stanzas 5-10) *LSB 555*
Distribution Hymn: By Grace I'm Saved *LSB 566*
Distribution Hymn: God Loves Me Dearly *LSB 392*

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

1 O Lord, now let to Your ser Fa - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Hymn to Depart: God Loved the World So That He Gave

LSB 571

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Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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Announcements

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Norma Bell in memory of Ryan and Zack.

A Worship Service will be held at Villas at Herscher Monday, October 26th at 3:00pm.

The Herscher Council of Churches will meet Tuesday, October 27th at 6:00pm at the Herscher United Methodist Church.

Wreath Fundraiser: Trinity's Little Lambs Preschool is once again holding their annual wreath fundraiser! If you would like to add some festive greenery to your doors this Christmas, order forms are available in the parish hall or on the preschool website (link to our fundraiser page at the end), or you can ask your nearest Little Lamb. For those who like to spruce up their porches and patios with a few strategically arranged boughs, we also offer the option of purchasing a bundle of assorted branches. ***All orders are due with payment by noon on Wednesday, October 28th.*** Thank you for your support! <https://www.littlelambsherscher.org/fundraisers>



Trunk or Treat will be held **in the west parking** lot Saturday, October 31st from 5-8pm. In the case of inclement weather, it will be held in the Parish Hall from 6-8pm.

Trini-Teens Pumpkin Bowling will be held Friday, November 6th at 5:30pm at Trinity. Contact Caleb Dehning with any questions! Come join the fun!!

Fortitude Community Outreach is hosting an Open House Thursday, November 5th from 4-7pm at 970 E Court St., Kankakee, IL. This is a fund-raising event. See the card on the bulletin board kiosk for details.

Please check that all exterior doors are latched behind you when entering/exiting the building. Thank you.

In Response to our Savior's Love

Date/Weekend:	Sat.	Sun.	Total	Offerings:	Operating	Missions	All Other Funds
October 11 th	30	71	101		\$12,384.44	\$ 285.00	\$ 210.00
October 18 th	39	89	128		\$15,157.48	\$ 365.00	\$ 170.00
Sunday School			22		\$ 48.00		
Adult Bible Study	5	15	20				
High School Bible Study			3				

Average amount needed weekly to meet current Operating expenses \$ 6,030.00

Average amount needed weekly to meet current Mission commitments \$ 692.00

Complete financial reports are given at Quarterly Voters' Meetings usually held on the third Sundays of January, April, July, and October.

Offerings may be placed in the plate on the stand at the back of the sanctuary, or given online at trinitylutheranherscher.org, with this QR code, the link on the UCD Photo Directory App, or text "TRINITYHERSCHER" to 73256 (Standard text message and data rates may apply.) *Please contact Diane in the church office if you need to pick up your 2026 envelopes, have offering envelopes issued or wish to be removed from the offering envelope list.*



LCMS Stewardship Ministry Stewardship Thoughts - October 25 – Reformation Day (Observed) **John 8:36** – “**So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.**” Today we celebrate Reformation Day. Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel — but he also called himself “the apostle of good works.” For, only by being set free by the Gospel, can we do good works. Jesus has set us free: His blood covers our sins, and now we stand before God as His beloved children, invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

Sermon Notes

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday 10/25	8:30am	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
	9:30am	Sunday School & High School Bible Study
	9:45am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Confirmation
	4:00-7:00pm	Herscher Hustlers 4-H
Monday	8:00am	Devotions on Facebook Live
	3:00pm	<i>Worship at Villas at Herscher</i>
Tuesday	8:00am	Devotions on Facebook Live
	6:00pm	Herscher Council of Churches @ HUMC
Wednesday	8:00am	Devotions on Facebook Live
	12:00pm	Little Lambs Wreath Fundraiser orders due
	6:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Vocal Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	8:00am	Devotions on Facebook Live
<u>Friday</u>		
Saturday	4:00pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00pm	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
	5:00-8:00pm	Trunk or Treat
Sunday 11/01	8:30am	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
	9:30am	Sunday School & High School Bible Study
	9:45am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Confirmation

Serving the Lord Today

Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Brown

Kantor: Caleb Dehning

Elder/Communion:

John Varvel (Sat.)
Dan Shute (Sun.)

Next Week:

Stan Schwark (Sat.)
John Varvel (Sun.)

Usher Captain:

Gerald Kruse (Sat.)
Dan Shute (Sun.)

Van Schwark (Sat.)
Bill Orr (Sun.)

Altar Guild:

Samantha Dehning
& Pam Matern

Pam Matern
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