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What made Jerusalem, also known as Mount Zion, so great was that God had put his name on her. Her towers and fortresses were only signs of their true tower and fortress, the Lord of hosts himself. He is greatly to be praised in the city of our God. This is what made Jerusalem the holy city. Psalm 48, which serves as the basis for our *Gradual*, describes how God has made himself known as the fortress for his people. The Psalm describes how kings assembled together but then took to flight at God's protection. This is what happened when the king of Assyria, Sennacherib, attacked Jerusalem in the days of King Hezekiah. Hezekiah prayed to the Lord at this time, confessing that the works of men's hands cannot save, but only the Lord can save. Then the Angel of the Lord went out and struck down 185,000 of Sennacherib's army, and Sennacherib went back to Nineveh disgraced (Isaiah 37).

This same Hezekiah boldly made reforms in the temple, returning to the Word of God, since it had been polluted by human hands (2 Chron 29). To return to the truth of the Word of God is to return to give all glory to Christ and not put our trust in our own righteous works. Christ, the Son of God, is our righteousness by which we stand forgiven of our sins and bold to confess his Word. As the Psalm also says, "Your right hand is filled with righteousness." So we are admonished to walk about Zion and consider her ramparts. In other words, consider what the church is all about. Consider how our worship of God centers on how he saves us from sin, delivers us from evil, and declares us righteous in his sight for the sake of Christ, his right hand and holy arm. This is so that you may also tell the next generation about this God. Teach your children to confess God's Word with the confidence that Christ stands for us as our fortress and rock.

**DEAR VISITORS:** As a congregation in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Trinity practices ***closed communion***, which means that we only commune those who are members in good standing of sister congregations and have been instructed in the Christian faith as it is summarized in Luther's Small Catechism. If you are a visitor and desire to commune at Trinity, **please speak to Pastor Preus before the service.**

# The Order of Holy Communion

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**Hymn of Invocation** ∞ *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*

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*Congr. 1&10; Men, stanzas 2,4,6,8; Women, 3,5,7,9*

*Stand for final stanza*

**Invocation, Confession & Absolution**

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*Please remain standing through the conclusion of the Collect of the Day.*

## Service of the Word

### Introit

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]\*  
and shall not be | put to shame. (*Psalm 119:46*)

**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, lis- | ten 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.)

**I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]\*  
and shall not be | put to shame. (*Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22*)**



**Gloria Patri** - *Glory be to the Father*

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**Kyrie** - *Lord, Have Mercy*

**Gloria in Excelsis** - *Glory to God in the Highest*

**Salutation & Collect of the Day**

*Sit*

### The Old Testament Reading- 2 Chronicles 29:12-19

<sup>12</sup> So the Levites got started. From Kohath's descendants: Mahath, Amasai's son, and Joel, Azariah's son. From Merari's descendants: Kish, Abdi's son, and Azariah, Jehallelel's son. From Gershon's descendants: Joah, Zimmah's son, and Eden, Joah's son. <sup>13</sup> From Elizaphan's descendants: Shimri and Jeiel. From Asaph's descendants: Zechariah and Mattaniah. <sup>14</sup> From Heman's descendants: Jehiel and Shimei. From Jeduthun's descendants: Shemaiah and Uzziel. <sup>15</sup> These gathered the other Levites, sanctified themselves, and went in, obeying the king's order as the LORD had told him, to cleanse the LORD's temple. <sup>16</sup> The priests went inside the LORD's temple to cleanse it, and all the unclean things they found in the LORD's temple they carried out into the courtyard of the LORD's temple. Then the Levites took it to carry it

outside to the brook Kidron. <sup>17</sup> They started to sanctify on the first day of the first month, and on the eighth day they went into the LORD's porch and sanctified the LORD's temple for eight days, and finished on the sixteenth day of the first month. <sup>18</sup> Then they went in to King Hezekiah. "We have cleansed all of the LORD's temple," they said, "and the altar for burnt offerings with all its utensils, the table with the rows of bread on it and all its utensils, <sup>19</sup> also all the utensils King Ahaz threw out when he was king and unfaithful. We have restored them and sanctified them, and there they are in front of the LORD's altar."

### Gradual

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 gener- | ation\*

that this is God, our God forever and | ever. (*Psalm 48:1, 12, 13b-14a*)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



### The Epistle – Revelation 14:6-7

<sup>6</sup> I saw another angel flying high in midair with everlasting good news to tell those living on the earth, every *nation, tribe, language, and people*. <sup>7</sup> "Fear God and give Him glory," he called out with a loud voice; "*the time has come for Him to judge*. And worship Him *Who made heaven, the earth, the sea, and springs of water*."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

### Alleluia Verse

Alle- / luia.\*

Alle- / luia.

**Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount / Zion,\***

**which cannot be moved, but abides forever. Alle- / luia.** (*Psalm 125:1*)



### Triple Hallelujah

## **Gospel** ✨ **Matthew 11:12-19**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup> From the time of John the Baptizer until now the kingdom of heaven has been suffering violence, and violent men are trying to take it by force. <sup>13</sup> All the prophets and the Law prophesied up to the time of John, <sup>14</sup> but he (are you willing to accept it?) is the Elijah who has to come. <sup>15</sup> If you have ears, listen!

<sup>16</sup> "How should I picture the people of this generation? They're like little children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to others: <sup>17</sup> 'We played a tune on the flute for you, but you didn't dance. We sang a funeral song, but you didn't mourn.' <sup>18</sup> John the Baptizer has come; he doesn't eat or drink, and people say, 'There's a demon in him!' <sup>19</sup> The Son of Man has come; He eats and drinks, and people say, 'Look at the glutton and drunkard, the friend of tax collectors and sinners!' And yet, wisdom is proven correct by her actions."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## **Nicene Creed**

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*Sit*

## **Hymn of the Day** ✨ *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

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## **Sermon**

*Stand*

## **Offertory**

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*Sit*

## **Gathering of the Offering**

*Stand to sing as the offerings are brought forward*

*We give Thee but Thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

Please complete the  
Record of Fellowship in the  
folder in your pew.

## **General Prayer**

*Service of the Sacrament*

## **Preface & Proper Preface**

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## **Sanctus** ✨ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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## **Lord's Prayer**

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## **Words of Institution**

## **Pax Domini** ✨ *Peace of the Lord*

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## **Agnus Dei** ✨ *Lamb of God*

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*Sit – Guests are asked to please speak with the pastor before communing.*

## **Hymns during Distribution**

✨ *O Lord, We Praise Thee*

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✨ *Salvation unto Us has Come*

*TLH #377*

*Stand after the distribution*

**Nunc Dimittis** ∞ *Song of Simeon*

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**Thanksgiving & Collect**

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**Salutation & Benedicamus**

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**Benediction**

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*Sit*

**Hymn to Depart** ∞ *In Thee Alone, O Christ, My Lord*

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**Silent Prayer**

**Ushers for today:** Peter Otten, Jonathan Finck, Michael McFerrin, Andrew Rethemeyer

**Next week:** John Otten, Matthew Otten, David Otten

**Greeter for today:** David Otten

**Next Week:** Andrew Rethemeyer (Luke Otten, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

**Acolyte today:** Oscar Otten & Sam Scheer

**Next Week:** Jacob Preus & Colton Swann

**Flower and Altar Care:** **November:** Ruth Rethemeyer & Jennifer Trsek

**Prayer and Petitions:** Homebound: Ray and LeeAnn Rohling, Diana Scheer, Paul & Sue Laune; Missionaries: Brandt Klawitter, mission work in Norway; Pastor James May (missionary to Africa); Rev. David Preus (missionary to Romania); Michael & Naomi Erslund, Lutheran Bible Translators. Immanuel Lutheran School, Washington; Camp Trinity; Luther Classical College; St. Paul High School, Concordia, MO.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:** No birthdays or anniversaries this week.

*(Please email [office@trinitynewhaven.com](mailto:office@trinitynewhaven.com) if your birthday or anniversary has not been listed or was incorrectly listed, so the records can be updated with correct information)*

**Reformation Day Circuit Service:** God in Christ has done 100% of the work of saving all people for eternal life with Him. Nothing we can do can make Him love us more. Please join your Franklin County Lutherans and friends as we celebrate this truth that has never changed as it has changed the world. This year's Reformation Day Circuit Service will be held on **Thursday, October 31** at **St. Paul's** Lutheran Church, 208 W. Springfield, Union at **7:00 p.m.**

**Grass still needs cutting. The signup sheet** is on the bulletin board. Please take a turn if you are able.

**Wednesday School/Catechism Class.** All children, preschool through confirmation age are welcome and encouraged to attend. Church doors will be open at 3:00 p.m. for snacks and games. Chapel time with Pastor Preus for all the children is at 4:00 p.m., followed by separate classes for the two age groups which run until 5:00 p.m. Vespers is at 5:00 p.m. Parents, members of Trinity and visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend Vespers.

**NEED A CARD: Graduation, Thank You, Encouragement, New Baby, Baptism & Comfort Cards from *Hymns in My Heart*** are available for sale in the narthex, by the Trinity Ladies Aid. The cards are \$2.00 per card. Please deposit money in money slot.

# Large Catechism

## Part III

### Smalcald Articles

Article III - Of Repentance.

39 Of this repentance John preaches, and afterwards Christ in the Gospel, and we also. By this [preaching of] repentance we dash to the ground the Pope and everything that is built upon our good works. For all is built upon a rotten and vain foundation, which is called a good work or law, even though no good work is there, but only wicked works, and no one does the Law (as Christ, John 7:19, says), but all transgress it. Therefore the building [that is raised upon it] is nothing but falsehood and hypocrisy, even [in the part] where it is most holy and beautiful.

40 And in Christians this repentance continues until death, because, through the entire life it contends with sin remaining in the flesh, as Paul, Rom. 7:14-25, [shows] testifies that he wars with the law in his members, etc.; and that, not by his own powers, but by the gift of the Holy Ghost that follows the remission of sins. This gift daily cleanses and sweeps out the remaining sins, and works so as to render man truly pure and holy.

41 The Pope, the theologians, the jurists, and every other man know nothing of this [from their own reason], but it is a doctrine from heaven, revealed through the Gospel, and must suffer to be called heresy by the godless saints [or hypocrites].

42 On the other hand, if certain sectarists would arise, some of whom are perhaps already extant, and in the time of the insurrection [of the peasants] came to my own view, holding that all those who had once received the Spirit or the forgiveness of sins, or had become believers, even though they should afterwards sin, would still remain in the faith, and such sin would not harm them, and [hence] crying thus: "Do whatever you please; if you believe, it all amounts to nothing; faith blots out all sins," etc.—they say, besides, that if any one sins after he has received faith and the Spirit, he never truly had the Spirit and faith: I have had before me [seen and heard] many such insane men, and I fear that in some such a devil is still remaining [hiding and dwelling].

(Source: <https://bookofconcord.org/smalcald-articles/i/the-work-of-salvation/>)  
(continued next week)