

REFORMATION SUNDAY

## "BURDENED TO FREE"

REV. ZACH J. HOLDORF

8AM & 9:30AM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020 IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

WAUSAU, WISCONSIN

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Rev. Zach J. Holdorf 8am & 9:30am Sunday, October 25, 2020

Psalm 46. When the psalm was first written, it gave courage to God's Old Testament people. Centuries later, when Luther wrote the hymn, the world was filled with plagues and death, and the devil was recognized as active in the lives of everyday people. Further, neither the Roman Catholic Church nor the government accepted the teachings of the reformers. Now, in our day, we face cyber warfare, pandemics, terrorists, political polarization, and ecclesiastical division. Because of our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ, we need not fear. Our gracious God is a very present help in this time of trouble. He is our refuge against the powers of the created world around us and the forces of evil from every source. From His throne flow streams of mercy to give us confident joy. We know that in the end "the kingdom ours remaineth."

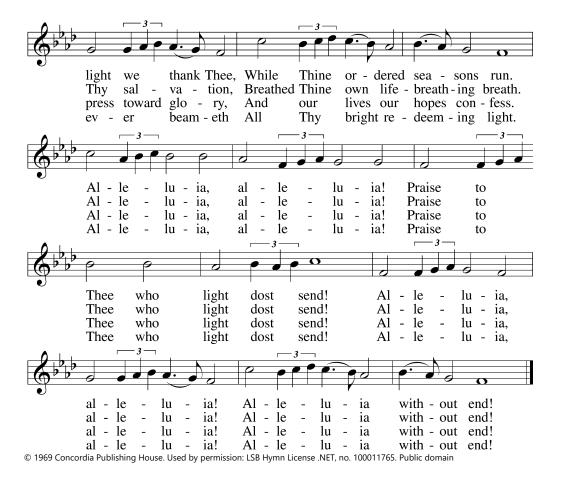
PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "Toccata and Fugue in D Minor" J.S. Bach

#### RINGING of the BELLS

#### **WELCOME**







#### INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

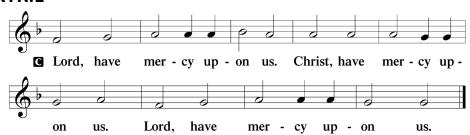
- who made heaven and earth.
- L I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

- L O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 

  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

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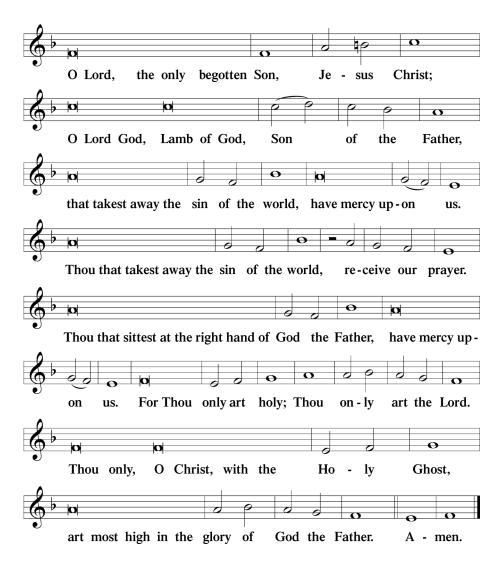


### **HYMN of PRAISE**

#### "Gloria in Excelsis"

L Glory be to God on high:





### **SALUTATION** and **PRAYER** of the DAY

- **L** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- 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.

## Service of the Word

FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6-7

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup> And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

**I** This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE** Romans 3:19-28

Now 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. <sup>20</sup> For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom 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. <sup>26</sup> It 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. <sup>27</sup> Then 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. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

#### **ALLELUIA**



HOLY GOSPEL John 8:31-36

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



So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup> They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever.

<sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.





## A SPECIAL MESSAGE for the CHILDREN (8am only)

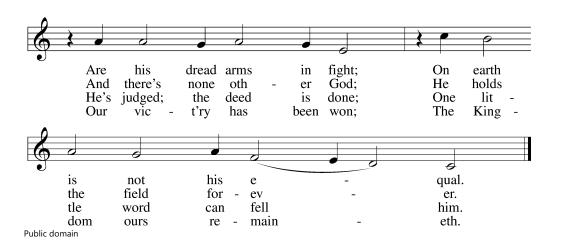
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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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 worshipped 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.





## **SERMON**

"Burdened to Free"

Rev. Zach J. Holdorf



(8:00am—Bulletin continues with Prayer of the Church on page 12)

## → Rite of Confirmation →

(9:30am only)

onfirmation declares of a Confirmand that he/she is a Christian who has been baptized, confessed the faith, and is in communion with Christ and His Church. The reception of a Confirmand to the Lord's Table assumes that ongoing catechesis is the way of life for the faithful Christian. This rite emphasized God's work in Baptism, the gift of faith, and the promises of the Lord's Supper for all who believe in Christ and the words of His testament.

- Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before my Father in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord. Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your baptism:
- R Yes, I do.
- **L** Do you renounce the devil?
- Yes, I renounce the devil.
- Do you renounce all his works?
- R Yes, I renounce all his works.
- **L** Do you renounce all his ways?
- **R** Yes, I renounce all his ways.
- **L** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
- Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
- **L** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord?
- Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

- L Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.
- Do you hold all prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?
- R I do.
- Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- R I do.
- Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
- I do, by the grace of God.
- Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- I do, by the grace of God.
- Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
- I do, by the grace of God.
- We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed to the faith and have been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
- R Amen.

he Confirmand kneels to receive the Confirmation blessing and passage of Holy Scripture. The pastor places his hands on the head of the Confirmand and gives a blessing. The pastor will then read a text of Holy Scripture as a remembrance of Confirmation. After all the Confirmands have received the blessing, all stand for the following collect.

Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name.

Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R	Amen

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### PRAYER of the CHURCH

Incorporating Psalm 46

Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their varied circumstances.

O God, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, strengthen the Church here and wherever it gathers around Your Word and celebrates the blessed Sacraments. Grant confident faith to clergy and laity, pastors in congregations and missionaries in distant lands, elders in the faith and newly baptized alike. Especially today, we rejoice with our confirmands and their families as they confirm/confirmed their faith in You. Bless them and sustain them as they continue to grow in faith and serve You. Help us all to put our trust in Your protection and power. Lord, in Your mercy,

## **C** hear our prayer.

- Strong Creator, wherever people call out to You as the earth gives way, mountains move into the heart of the sea, and mountains tremble, hear their cries and keep them safe. Awaken courage and wisdom in those who search and rescue, those who provide physical and spiritual counsel, and those who offer long -term support of body and life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- O Holy Spirit, when nations rage and kingdoms totter, use the earthly powers that be to move the nations and their leaders to seek ways toward peace with their neighbors and stability within their borders. You, who make wars cease to the end of the earth, provide courage and compassion to all who work for peace and protection as they are deployed abroad and all who maintain concord and order within our communities. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

- Gracious God, stream joy and gladness to those who wait for the dawning of a new day, those dealing with long-term ills, unemployment, discrimination, unjust imprisonment, strife in their families, and the loss of loved ones, [especially . . .]. Assure them that You are with them, even now a very present help in trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lord of hosts, worthy to be exalted among the nations, into Your almighty hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray. Hear our prayer for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

## Service of the Sacrament

#### **PREFACE**

**L** The Lord be with you.



**L** Lift up your hearts.



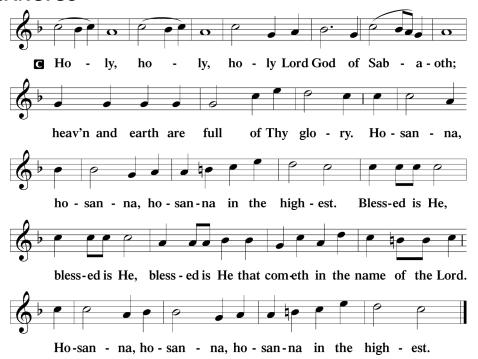
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



#### PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

#### **SANCTUS**



#### The 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.

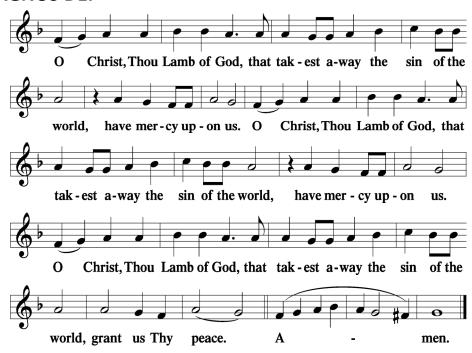
### **WORDS of INSTITUTION**

#### **PAX DOMINI**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

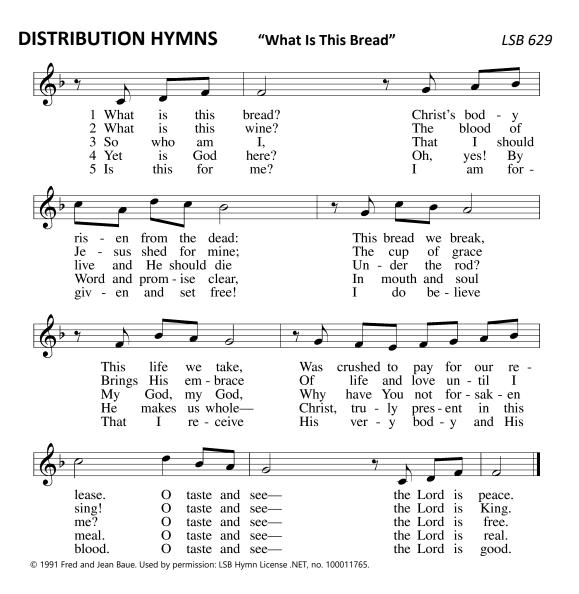


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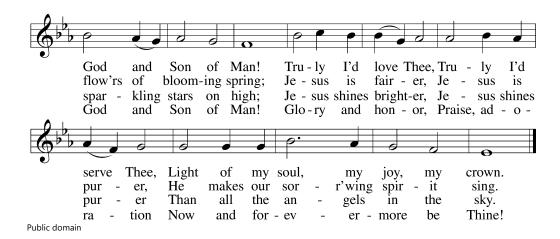


## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

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#### **NUNC DIMITTIS**



#### **THANKSGIVING**

L O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

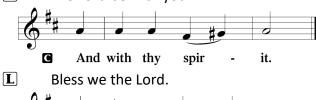


#### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- 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.

#### **SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS**

**L** The Lord be with you.





#### **BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and 

→ give you peace.



## **DISMISSAL**

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



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#### **POSTLUDE**

### "Trumpet March"

Handel

PRESIDING MINISTER: Rev. Zach J. Holdorf, Senior Pastor LITURGIST: Rev. Timothy D. Smith, Associate Pastor

ORGANIST: Mr. Matthew Hoehne, Director of Music

 ${\tt INSTRUMENTALISTS:}\ \textit{Trumpet-Mike Grosnick \& Glenn Marquardt}$ 

Percussion—Ellie Hoehne & Jodi Hoehne

ELDERS: 8am—Terry Knoll & Raun Egner; 9:30am—Troy Pagel & Doug Beisner

## **Look for the Accompanying Worship Service Video**

#### **Watch on Facebook**

(Available beginning at 12:00 Noon on Sunday, October 25, 2020)

Search "@TrinityWausau" for our Trinity Lutheran Church & School page

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9pm Wednesday, 2pm Thursday, and 8am Friday

#### WELCOME TO TRINITY!

May your faith be strengthened and your life enriched as you join us in worship to God!

#### TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

8am & 9:30am Sunday

#### BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

5pm Saturday & 11am Sunday

- WORSHIP SCHEDULE—Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the
  month in the Upper Sanctuary. We invite those who have been instructed in the teachings of
  the Evangelical Lutheran Church to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Others are asked to
  speak with a pastor before receiving the Sacrament. Gluten free wafers are available upon
  request.
- LARGE PRINT—large print copies of the bulletin are available on the table in the Narthex or you may ask the usher for one.
- NURSERY—for children ages 3 & under. The upper level nursery is located near the Church Lounge on Sundays. Please Note: The upper and lower level nurseries will be unstaffed unless volunteers are available.
- CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sunday School is available for children 4 years old through 6th Grade at 9:30am on Sunday mornings during the school year. Christian Education courses for adults and young adults are held at 9:30am on Sunday mornings & various times throughout the week during the school year. Trinity is committed to Christian Education through the 4K-8th grade School, our Childcare (infant through 13 years), and through our association with Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.
- **ELEVATOR**—is located next to the nursery on the upper level. On the lower level the elevator is located across from Classroom #101, which is past the offices. Use as needed.
- RESTROOMS—Narthex level across from the Library, lower level next to the elevator.
- **JOINING TRINITY**—We invite you to become part of this Christian community! If interested in membership, please let an elder or pastor know, and we will contact you.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

To gather people who grow in faith and share Jesus with all.

#### **VISION STATEMENT:**

To strive to be a mature and faithful congregation that is focused on our Lord and Savior,

Jesus Christ.



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