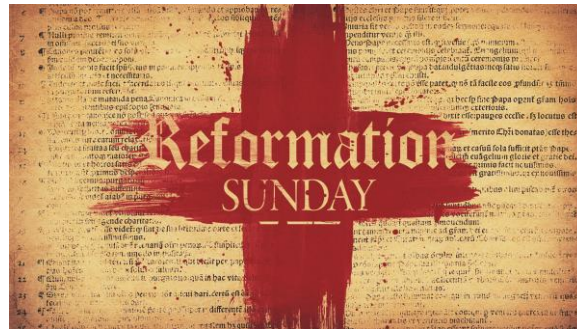


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October 31, 2021  
8:15 Worship  
Twenty Third Sunday of Pentecost  
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*The mission of God is life. Hope replaces despair. Faith replaces fear. Life replaces death. How are you participating in God’s mission of life?*

## WELCOME

AM: Good morning and welcome to worship. This morning we welcome all guests and persons new to our faith community. Please know we experience you as a gift from God. The faith communities of SpiritAlive! and Trinity welcome and affirm all persons into full participation in the life of our faith communities. As a reminder, you are invited to speak the responses, stand as directed, and sing while wearing your mask. Welcome to worship.

## GATHERING SONG

Please stand.

 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, vv. 1 & 4* *Hymn 504*

*A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.*

*God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
For God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,, goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
Though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.  
The kingdom's ours forever!*

## FORGIVENESS AND CONFESSION

P: We gather in the name of Holy Triune God-Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Amen. Trusting in the abundant mercy and everlasting love of God, let us 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 caring and nurturing stewards of Your creation. Amen.**

P: 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. Amen.

**All: Amen**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

AM: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day. God of all that is good,

**C: ...help us to follow you and discern how best to use the unique gifts you have bestowed upon us. Let us love and support one another, holding fast to what is good. Amen**

AM: Please be seated.

### **WELCOMING THE WORD**

*♩ Holy God*

Hymn #159

*Holy God, holy and mighty,*

*Holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.*

### **WORD**

L: Through the proclaimed word of God, the Holy Spirit moves to instill and deepen faith. A reading from the book of Romans.

Romans 12:1-13

12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>

For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup> We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup> ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup> the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup> love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

**Pastor Tom**

*A moment of silence follows to allow the Holy Spirit to instill and deepen faith in Jesus Christ.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

Please stand.

 ***Built On A Rock, vv. 1 & 2***

***Hymn 652***

*Built on a rock the church shall stand, even when steeples are falling;  
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land, bells still are chiming and calling-  
Calling the young and old to rest, calling the souls of those distressed,  
longing for life everlasting.*

*Surely, in temples made with hands God the Most High is not dwelling  
High in the heav'ns his temple stands, all earthly temples excelling.  
Yet God who dwells in heav'n above deigns to abide with us in love,  
making our bodies his temple.*

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

AM: Let us confess our faith together with the words of the Apostles Creed.

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.

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

AM: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "Eternal God," Please respond:  
**"Hear our prayer"**

AM: 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.**

AM: 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.**

AM: 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.**

P: 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.**

AM: 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.**

P: (Here other petitions may be offered.) Eternal God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: 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. Amen.

## **OFFERING**

AM: Please be seated

AM: When we give a financial gift, we give it with gratitude for all the blessings God has given us. The act of giving reminds our hearts that money is not our god. Our financial gifts support the work of our shared

ministry here at Trinity and SpiritAlive! as we seek to faithfully participate in God's mission of life.

As you depart the service today, Trinity members may place your offering in the offering plate and SpiritAlive! members may place your offering in the watering can. Both are located in the Gathering Space. Thank you and thank God for you.

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

AM: Let us pray:

**O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. Amen.**

## **SENDING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS** - Pastor Tom

P: Please stand.

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus 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.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

AM: We pray together the King James version of 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**

P: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

## BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father +Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## SENDING HYMN

 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell, vv. 1 & 4* *Hymn #883*

*All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;  
Come ye before him and rejoice.  
For why? The Lord our God is good:  
His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.*

## DISMISSAL

AM: Go. The Holy Spirit will lead and guide you.

**C: Thanks be to God!**