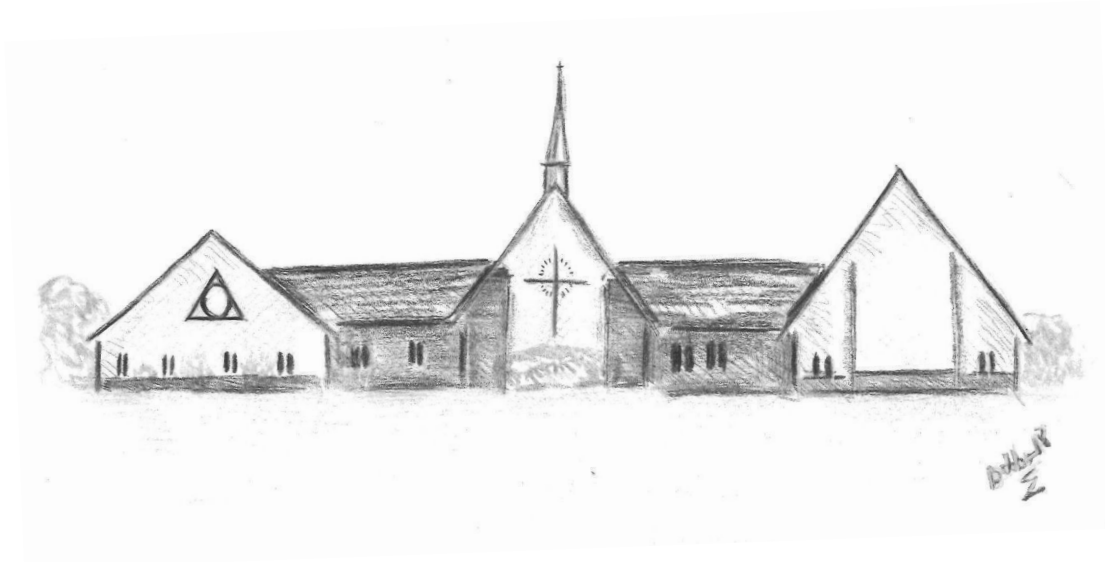


Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025



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***To make disciples for Jesus Christ,
to baptize and to teach the faith,
that all may know the hope of Jesus Christ
and become responsible members of His church.***

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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

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The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of her 95th birthday by Margaret Kline.

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who are visiting us today. Please complete a purple visitor's card which can be found on the clipboard in the pew chair in front of you, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you for taking the time to worship with us today.

P Now, let our singing help us clear our hearts and minds for worship.

WELCOME SONG

ELW 692

We Are an Offering

692

The musical score is written on six staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 7/8 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a triplet of eighth notes in the final measure. The lyrics 'We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values and a triplet, with lyrics 'of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our'. The third staff features a triplet of eighth notes and lyrics 'lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,'. The fourth staff has a more melodic line with some dotted notes and lyrics 'all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.' The fifth staff returns to a rhythmic pattern with eighth notes and lyrics 'We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:'. The sixth staff concludes with a triplet of eighth notes and lyrics 'we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.' The score ends with a double bar line.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

Text: Dwight Liles, b. 1957
Music: Dwight Liles
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OFFERING
PM

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

P Please rise.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us
confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

C **you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

We ignore the needs of our neighbors;

we resist your call to oppose injustice;

we give in to scarcity and fear;

we assume the worst about one another.

Cleanse us from our faults

and release us from their grasp.

Show us your lovingkindness.

Restore our hearts and repair your world,

that we may live in Christ's ways.

Amen.

P God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In ✙ Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

ELW 773

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

773



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899–1993

Music: George N. Allen, 1812–1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey

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PRECIOUS LORD

Irregular

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.
- C **O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**
- P Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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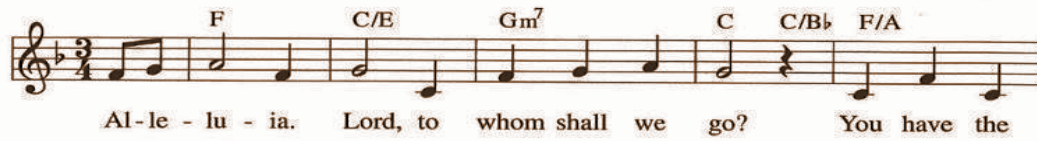
Psalm 121

- L ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
- C ² **My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**
- L ³ The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
- C ⁴ **Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**
- L ⁵ the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
- C ⁶ **the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**
- L ⁷ The LORD will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.
- C ⁸ **The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**
- P Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

7

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

P The holy gospel according to Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

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

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

P Please be seated.

SERMON

The Reverend Karen Nelson, Pastor

P Please rise.

SERMON HYMN

W&P 91

Lord, Listen to Your Children

On bend - ed knee, with need - y hearts, we
come and pray. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren.
With will - ing hearts and o - pen arms, we come and pray.
Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren. With
sim - ple words of heart - felt thanks, we come. Be -
liev - ing in your prom - is - es, we come. On
bend - ed knee, with need - y hearts, we come and pray. Lord,
lis - ten to your chil - dren, lis - ten to your chil - dren.

Text: Handt Hanson

Music: ON BENDED KNEE, Handt Hanson

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APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C **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.

P Please sit or kneel.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L Let us pray.

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

L We pray for the church universal. O God, who unites the church across the globe, bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

L We pray for creation. O God, who made heaven and earth, draw us to the beauty of the whole creation. Turn us toward a right relationship with the entire cosmos. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

L We pray for all nations, states, cities, and towns. O God, you rule over all the earth. Grant our elected officials humility in their decision-making for the sake of the entire world. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

L We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. O God, who heals and strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer.

We especially pray for those who are unable to be with us today: Sandy, Dot, Nancy & Diane.

For those in need of God's healing love and strength: Joan, Peggy, Marita, Anna, Tilly, Heather, Melodie, Margie, Charles, Steve, Mike, Ray, Rick, Christine, Susan, Georgia, Bob, Tom, Richie, Karen, Leslie, Carol, Melissa, Sharon, Sarah, Lucas, Tony, Karen, Brian, & Tommy

For those in need of God's guidance, protection and strength:
Adam

In gratitude for God's abundance.

For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

For those who serve and protect our nation: Jordan, Brian, Craig & Eve.

C God of grace,
receive our prayer.

L We pray for Trinity Lutheran Church. O God, who guides this congregation,
encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Nurture our relationships
with the community, that we serve and advocate for those who come to us in
need. God of grace,
C **receive our prayer.**

L We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P Please rise.
P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

While we sing, you may turn to those sitting closest to you to offer, and receive, the peace and reconciliation which is possible only through Christ.

Peace

The musical score for "Peace" is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 70. The score consists of two staves of music. The first staff contains the first line of the melody, and the second staff contains the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes, and the chords are written above the notes. The lyrics are: "Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you - - -". The chords are: Bb, Eb, F7, Bb, Eb, F, Bb, Bb7, Bb, Eb, F7, Bb, Gm, Gm/Eb, F, 1.Bb, 2.Eb Bb.

Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you - - -

Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you!

- P Please be seated.

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P Please rise.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

The musical score for the Sanctus is written in 6/8 time with a tempo of 65 beats per minute. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff contains the lyrics "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord Go - d of po - wer and might. Hea - ven and earth are" with chords G, Am, F, Dm⁷, G, C, and G. The second staff contains the lyrics "full of your glo - ry Ho - sa - nna in the high - est! Bless - ed is He who comes" with chords Am, Em, F, Am, G, C, G, and Am. The third staff contains the lyrics "i - n the name of the Lor - d Ho - sa - nna in the high - est!" with chords F, Em, F, G, and C. The score is enclosed in a light blue rectangular border.

$\text{♩} = 65$ C G Am F Dm⁷ G C G

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord Go - d of po - wer and might. Hea - ven and earth are

6 Am Em F Am G C G Am

full of your glo - ry Ho - sa - nna in the high - est! Bless - ed is He who comes

11 F Em F G C

i - n the name of the Lor - d Ho - sa - nna in the high - est!

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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.

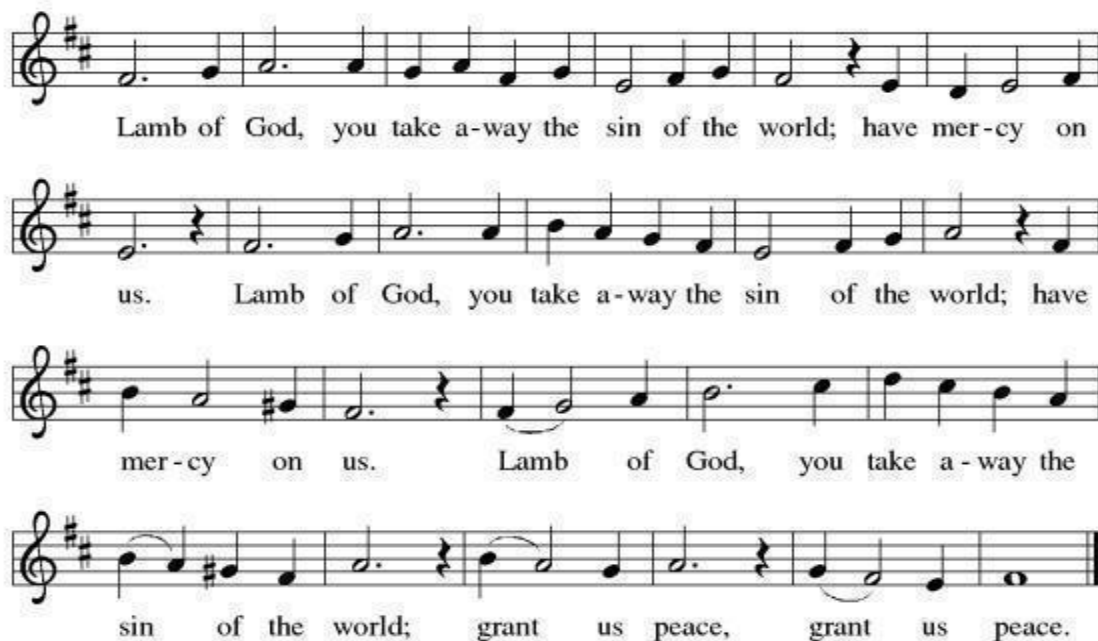
LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

P Please be seated until the invitation.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C **Amen.**

To receive Holy Communion please come by the center aisle to the pastor to receive the bread (wafer) and then proceed to the communion assistant for intinction (dipping your wafer in the wine) and then eat, then return to your seat by the side aisle.

Non alcoholic wine is used at all services.

A gluten free wafer is available, simply tell the Pastor when you approach.

If you are not communing and desire a personal blessing please come to Pastor with your hands at your sides.

P Please rise.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you forever in his grace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P O God,
through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with his favor, and give you his peace.
In the name of the Father, ✠ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

ELW 618

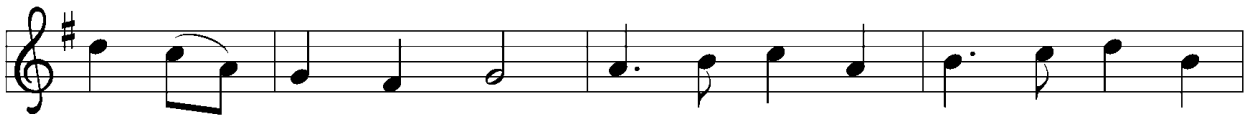
Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



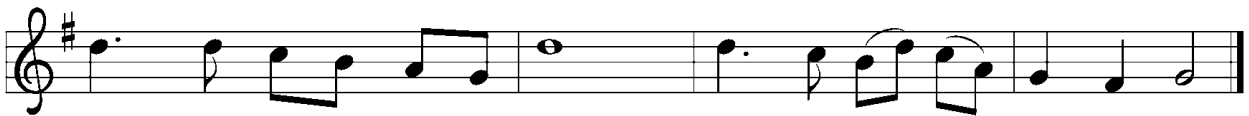
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
C Thanks be to God.

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This Week at Trinity

Stewardship Pledge Campaign: Let's all pray for God's guidance as we decide how much we should pledge. When everyone gives as they're called and able, every pledge will be perfectly sized in God's eyes. Please make sure to return your individual pledge card by November 2nd, so Pastor can pray over our intentions.

Sunday, October 19: Adult Faith Formation resumes their regular schedule, meeting in Room 129 at 11:15 am. Using the Feasting on the Word curriculum, we reflect each week on readings from the lectionary. All are welcome to join.

Wednesday, October 22: Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day. Purchase your discount shopping pass in the narthex on Sunday. 100% of your donation goes directly to Trinity. On October 18 and 19, help is needed to sell tickets from noon to 4:00 pm. If you can help by volunteering for a 1 or 2 hour time slot on any of these dates, contact Craig Moyer at 610-906-4078 or Ray Nyahay at 610-539-3734.

Thursday, October 23: TAG Cards & Games group meets at 1 pm in the narthex for card games such as pinochle, five crowns and more. Don't know how to play? Come and learn and join the fun. Contact Jan Contino at 610-585-3163

Looking Ahead

· **Reformation Reads from the Trinity Library:** Do you know that Martin Luther was a theologian, author, hymnwriter, and professor in addition to being the German priest who founded the Lutheran faith? Do you know that the Ninety-Five Theses document which Luther authored and posted at the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517, was an invitation to debate the efficacy of indulgences being sold by the Roman Catholic church? On Reformation Sunday, October 26, to celebrate the beginning of the Protestant Reformation, a selection of Trinity library books and DVDs on Martin Luther and his teachings will be set up in the narthex. Come and see!

· **Mark your calendar:** don't forget to wear red on Reformation Sunday, October 26.



Serving Today 10/19	
Guest Musician	Ashley Heister
Lector	Alma Nowmos
Greeter	Sally Jeffries
Communion Assistants	Chris & Rick Cole
Ushers	Ann Dungan & Rick Cole
Coffee Hour	Lori Peltier & Anne Meibohm
Building Opener	Rick Cole
Altar Guild	Chris Cole
Counting Team	Rick & Chris Cole
Serving Sunday 10/26	
Lector	Francesca Burnett
Greeter	Jenny Anderson
Communion Assistants	Jen Castor & Marilou Doughty
Ushers	John & Alma Nowmos
Coffee Hour	Meg Smith & Kristin Stoeber
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