

of the Spirit, all glory, honor and praise to you, O God, both now and forever.

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Celebrant sings first; people repeat

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**Celebrant:** We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**People:** We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in one bread.

[Ushers will release each row in turn and each row will go to the front by the SIDE aisles, and return by the CENTER aisle. The following instructions may help you feel comfortable as you take communion. First, receive the bread from the server and then either dip it in a bowl with grape juice, or dip it in the cup with wine and then partake and return to your seat. Or, you may receive the bread and partake, and then proceed to the Common Cup in the center which is wine, and drink from it, and return to your seat. Do be afraid to ask a question of the server if you are unsure. No worries!]

As the organ plays, reflect on your relationship with God and others, and offer thanksgiving and praise. .

Some of the Communion-ware used today is the pottery of John Leonard.

Communion Servers: The Rev. Timothy Merrill, the Rev. John Willison, Henricus Peters, Jonathan Borden, Kathy Gordon

**\*Prayer following Communion (Unison)**

**Faithful God, you have adopted us as your children, made us members of the body of Christ and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom: we thank you that at Your table, you renew your promises within us, empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve, and send us out as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Recessional Hymn:** No. 715  
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

**\* Benediction:** Tim Geisler and James Stovall  
"The peace of God"  
The peace of God, which passeth all understanding  
Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of the love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost,  
Be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen

**Postlude:** "The Sevenfold Amen" Instrumental Ensemble

**Fellowship:** Please linger for a few moments to enjoy some German cookies made especially for Reformation Sunday. Try the Spritzgebäck and Vanillekipferin. Cider and coffee are offered as well. Our fellowship time hosts are Suzanne Savage, Suzanne Byerly, Ginger Merritt and Judy Kim.

**Worship Leaders**

The Rev. Timothy Merrill, the Rev. John Willison,  
Stephen Minister Judy Kim

**Our musicians:** Sara Preus and Ignatius Banda

**Greeters:** Holly Raatz

**Flowers:** Michelle Barini and Craig Davis

**Communion Bread Provider:** Jeanie Merrill

**Set-up, Clean-up & Ushering:**

John Merritt, Doug Gribble, Cailen McNair, Michael Pettigrew

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Trinity Board and AGIF Elder Board** meet for coffee and fellowship at SAVOR (across the street from the church) next Sunday morning, November 5, at 9 a.m.

**FAMILY SUNDAY, next Sunday, November 5.**

**All Saints' Sunday, next Sunday, November 5.**

**Next Trinity Board meeting,** Monday, November 16, 6:52 p.m.  
and Jon and Suzanne Savage's home

**"Smoking or Non-Smoking? What Does the Bible Say about Hell?"** A two-Sunday series beginning November 12.

**"Unrehearsed Christmas Pageant,"** Sunday, December 10

### Martin Luther at the Diet of Worms, 1521

When Luther posted his 95 Theses on the church door, he hoped they would be talking points for a vigorous discussion that might bring change and reform to the holy church he loved. But instead, he was charged with heresy, and regarded as a "wild boar" trampling in the vineyard of the Lord. He had to face his accusers many times, and the most important of these was his session with Johann Eck at the Diet (or council) of Worms in 1521.

Much of what you hear this morning are verbatim excerpts from this "trial." You will also hear sections of Pope Leo X's papal bull known as "Exurge Domine," or "Rise up, O God." Pastor John, however, will depart from script for a few minutes to review some of Luther's key theological points, namely the Three Solas, or Three Onlys: Only Grace, Only Faith, and Only Scripture.

During Holy Communion, you are invited to post your own "thesis" on the "church door" seen near the high altar. A blank "scroll" has been provided for you to prayerfully write a statement of reform, a statement that reflects your aspirations for your walk with God. Post it, using a push pin provided, as a public declaration of your intention. An acolyte will be standing by to provide the pins and provide help if necessary. Take communion and then visit the door — if you like.

**THANK YOU, JOAN LUETH** for the "church door"  
and the posters / banners we have enjoyed the past few Sundays!

### Weekly News & Updates

**Want to receive Trinity emails?** Send Pastor Timothy an email at: revtfmerrill@aol.com. Or drop your business card in the offering plate.

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 29, 2017, 11 AM

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Please remember to silence your smartphone and other devices during the worship service! Thank you!

# THE GUIDE TO MORNING WORSHIP

*\* All who are able may rise to praise God.*

**Prelude:** Ignatius Banda  
“Fugue on the Carillon of the Cathedral of Soissons”  
by Maurice Duruflé

**\*Processional Hymn:** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” No. 110  
Instrumental Ensemble: John Leonard, tuba; Rob Chapman, saxophone;  
John Willison, trombone; David Allen, clarinet  
Acolyte: Alexandra Cimpian

**\*Call to Worship** Stephen Minister, Judy Kim  
Leader: Almighty God, You are our refuge and fortress.

**People: You are our God in whom we trust.**  
Leader: When we live in the shelter of the Most High and abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

**People: You protect us and deliver us, for your faithfulness, O God, is our shield.**

Leader: O God, You are a mighty fortress; You protect those who know Your name.

**People: When we call to You, You answer us; You are with us in time of trouble.**

Leader: We exalt Your name, and give You praise.

**ALL: Accept, O God, our sacrifices of praise as we worship You.**

*—based on Psalm 91.*

**\*Invocation** Pastor Timothy

**\*Sharing the Peace**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Greetings from Concordia International School Shanghai**

—The Reverend Christopher Mizel, Family Life Counselor

**Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8** Holly Raatz, *Reader*

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-46**

The Reverend Richard Cryder, Interim Minister, AGIF

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ‘What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?’ They said to him, ‘The son of David.’ He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

“The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet’ ”? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord

**ALL: Praise to you Lord Christ.**

**Interactive & Participatory Sermon: “Luther at the Diet of Worms”**

**\*Hymn of Response:** No. 175 (vv. 1 and 2 only)  
“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer** No. 895

**Offertory: “Be Thou My Vision”** Instrumental Ensemble

**Offertory Hymn: “All Praise to Thee”** No. 682 *Verse 5 only*  
(Sung as a round, MEN begin, and WOMEN follow at circle)

## CONFESSION BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled.

**People: My Lord, fill it.**

Leader: I am weak in the faith;

**People: Strengthen me.**

Leader: I am cold in love;

**People: Warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor.**

Leader: I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether.

**People: O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have.**

Leader: I am poor;

**People: You are rich and came to be merciful to the poor.**

Leader: I am a sinner;

**People: You are upright.**

Leader: With me, there is an abundance of sin;

**People: In you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen.**

—Martin Luther (1483-1546).

## HOLY COMMUNION



(Musical Setting B, “Blue Liturgy,” found in HYMNAL pp. 19-20. Want to follow the complete liturgy without the truncated text below? Use your smartphone [in SILENT mode] and go to the website, TrinityShanghai.org. Select “Holy Communion Liturgies,” and click on BLUE liturgy and follow along.) Remember that for the sung parts, repeated sections are sung first by the celebrant and then by All.

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts;

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

*Celebrant:* All thanks and praise are yours at all times [*Celebrant continues*] ... And so, as the morning stars sing your praises, we join those heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Celebrant sings first; people repeat

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might. Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry, glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na,  
in the high - est, in the high - est.

*Celebrant:* Glory, honor and praise are yours, Creator of all. Your Word has never been silent. You called a people to yourself to be a light to the nations. [*Celebrant continues*] ... And so, remembering all that has been done for us — the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and the ascension, and longing for your return in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ.

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Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain! gain!

*Celebrant continues:* Send your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of Christ. Grant that we, being alive to your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time, gather us together with all your people into the joy of our true, eternal home. Through Christ, and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity