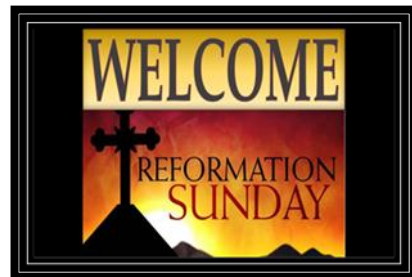


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We Welcome YOU to Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church ~ Abbotsford October 25, 2026 NEWSLETTER



Message from the Pastor

Thanksgiving Concert and Potluck (Sat, Oct 24, 2026):

One of the things I'm most thankful for is the joy of gathering. So, even though Thanksgiving has passed, I hope you'll join us for our Post-Thanksgiving Concert and Potluck—a relaxed evening of music, laughter, good food, and fellowship. I'm looking forward to enjoying the music, catching up with friends, and, if I'm honest, seeing what wonderful dishes appear on our potluck tables!

As Christians, we know every good gift comes from our gracious God, and we have so much to thank Him for—especially Jesus. So, bring a favorite dish, bring a friend, and come ready to enjoy one another's company. And don't worry, I promise not to ask what's in your casserole! Or how spicy your dish is 😊 I'm grateful for each of you and look forward to sharing a joyful evening together!

Welcoming New Members, Baptism, And Confirmation (Sunday, October 25, 2026)

What a joy to celebrate Baptism, the reception of new members, and Confirmation on Reformation Sunday!

In Baptism, God claims us as His own, granting forgiveness, new life, and the gift of the Holy Spirit (Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21). As we welcome new members, we rejoice that we belong to one another as Christ's body (1 Cor 12:27). In Confirmation, we celebrate growing in God's Word and confessing the faith.

Here's your challenge: when you see those baptized, welcomed, or confirmed, thank God for them and pray that He will keep them faithful in Christ. After all, God's grace is not dependent on having everything figured out—it rests on His promises!

Need pastoral support?
please contact
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Free Copies of “PORTAL OF PRAYERS” are available in the Narthex.

We Uplift in Prayer:

Inez Johnson,
Loretta Brown,
Elizabeth Scheier
Carol & Cliff Baker



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, October 24, 2026

4:30: pm **Thanksgiving Concert and Potluck**

Sunday, October 25, 2026

10:00 am: Reformation Sunday – **Profession of Faith, Confirmation, and Baptism; BD Sunday** (followed by reception)



There will be a **Voter's Meeting** after the church service on **November 8th**



Christmas joy in a Shoe Box Kick Off ~ October 25th



The best Christmas gifts are the ones that come from the heart. And sometimes, they come from a Shoe Box!

The Canada-wide 2026 Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box collection season has begun, and thousands of individuals, families, churches, businesses, and community groups will be filling Shoe Boxes with gifts for less fortunate kids around the world.

These Shoe Boxes bring joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world, regardless of gender, race, religion or age.

Literature on the procedure of the project is included in each Shoe Box. Please fill a Shoe Box or two or even three and help bring the joy of Christmas to children around the world.

****The return date for gift-filled Shoe Boxes is November 15th****

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Thank You!

LWMLC Inc. Trinity Society **Dinners in a Bag**

Thanks so much to all of you who contributed to the **Dinners in a Bag** project. Also, for all the contributions to the Abbotsford Food Bank. We were able to make up 17 dinner bags, and the baskets in the narthex were overflowing with items for the food bank. Darlene created the wonderful Thanksgiving display.



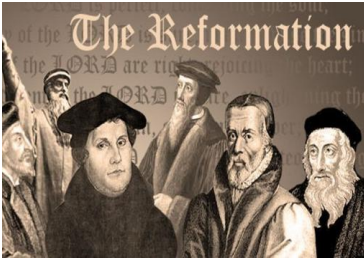
LWML-Canada Mites

Mites are a way you can contribute to Missions. Every donation, however small, when added to others will help fund mission projects that are decided upon every three years at the LWMLC National Convention. The next convention is July 15-18, 2027, in Regina, Sask. The 2024-27 grant goal was \$251,200. The amount paid is \$174,591. and balance to be paid by March 31, 2027 is \$76,609. Envelopes for Mite contributions are available on the LWMLC table in the narthex. They can be given to Rosalind Plumtree. Cheques must be payable to LWML-C Inc. (Indicate "Mites" on the memo line.) Receipts are issued once a year. A few mite boxes are available, for small change (no pennies please, and no receipt issued).



a New Visitor to Trinity Lutheran Church? Please sign our "Guest Book" on the Narthex table.

WHAT IS REFORMATION DAY?



Reformation Day is an important liturgical festival that is celebrated by Lutherans and Christians of many Protestant denominations. It commemorates Dr. Martin Luther's posting of his Ninety-five Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517. This act triggered the movement in world history known as the Reformation. While the historical date for the observance of Reformation is October 31st, most churches celebrate it on the last Sunday in October.

WHY WAS THE CHURCH IN NEED OF REFORM?

For centuries, the Roman Catholic Church had been plagued by false doctrines, superstition, ignorance, and corruption. Since most ordinary Christians were illiterate and had little knowledge of the Bible, they relied on their clergy for religious instruction and guidance. Tragically however, monks, priests, bishops, and even the popes in Rome taught unbiblical doctrines like purgatory and salvation through good works. Spiritually earnest people tried to justify themselves by charitable works, pilgrimages, and all kinds of religious performances and devotions, but they were left wondering if they had done enough to escape God's anger and punishment. The truth of the gospel -- the good news that God is loving and merciful, that He offers each and every one of us forgiveness and salvation not because of what we do, but because of what Christ has already done for us -- was largely forgotten by both clergy and laity. The Holy Spirit used an Augustinian monk and university professor named Martin Luther to restore the gospel to its rightful place as the cornerstone doctrine of Christianity.

WHY IS REFORMATION DAY SUCH AN IMPORTANT CHRISTIAN FESTIVAL?

Martin Luther and his colleagues came to understand that if we sinners had to earn salvation by our own merits and good works, we would be lost and completely without hope. But through the working of the Holy Spirit, the reformers rediscovered the gospel -- the wonderful news that Jesus Christ lived, died, and rose again to redeem and justify us. As Luther wrote in his explanation of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed.

On Reformation Day, we glorify God for what he accomplished in 16th century Germany through His servant, Dr. Martin Luther -- the recovery of the gospel of salvation by grace through faith for Christ's sake. We also earnestly pray that God would keep all of us faithful to the true gospel and help us to joyfully declare it to the world. This lovely hymn verse encapsulates the theme of our Reformation celebration:

*By grace God's Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.*

Bucher, Richard P. et al. Reformation Day. Accessed October 22, 2008. www.stpaulskingsville.org

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