# We Welcome YOU to Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church $\sim$ Abbotsford October 27, 2024 NEWSLETTER



**Holy Communion** – The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.

We, Lutherans, believe and teach that in this precious meal we receive is not only the bread and wine, but also Christ's true Body and true Blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. Proper spiritual preparation is necessary to rightly receive this sacrament. Please read the Communion policy card in the bookrack of your pew.

This week's Bible Readings: Rev. 14:6-7; Rom. 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

## **REFORMATION DAY (OBSERVED)**

Reformation Day reminds us of the central article of the faith: the work of Christ alone appeases God's wrath and redeems the sinner's debt, here and eternally. To this truth, brought to light anew by the Wittenberg Reformation, Luther was called to testify before the emperor—and we teach this truth to all generations.

Historical background: In Germany in the sixteenth cen-tury, Duke Frederick the Wise of Saxony had an expansive collection of church relics; an inventory in 1518 listed 17,443 items. Annually on All Saints' Day, November 1, he would put some of them on display at the Castle Church in Wittenberg. People would pay an entrance fee, hoping by proper veneration of the relics to earn up to two million years off their time in purgatory after death (Walther von Loewenich, *Martin Luther: Der Mann und das Werk* [Munich, Germany: List, 1982], 103). This tied in with the flourishing trade with the alleged merits of the church's saints in the sale of indulgences. Both practices led people to believe that they no longer needed to repent of their sins. They would go to a priest, including Luther, expecting to be absolved of their sins upon presentation of a writ of indulgence. That led Luther to write his Ninety-five Theses in October 1517 and mail them to the Archbishop of Mainz. He may have also posted them on the door of the Castle Church, which served as the notice board for the university, on the Eve of All Saints' Day. There they would have been read the following day by professors and students as an invitation to an academic debate.

### **ARE YOU**

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



# A Big Welcome to ~ Eleonora Gorlitz and Gisela Mohr as Trinity's newest members! Please update your church directory:



Eleonora G. Gorlitz

Gisela Ruth Mohr ph: 604 832 5688

### **Announcements:**

**Church Council Meeting**: Friday, October 25 @ 10:00 a.m.

*Fall Festival:* Leaves & Laughter; Friday October 25, from 4:30 - 7pm. (https://chilliwacklutheran.com/Family-Children)

Voters' Meeting: Sunday, October 27- immediately following the Divine Service

### **Sew and Sews:**

Please join us on Wednesday October 30, from 10am to 12noon for a Christmas card making morning. We will be making a total of 125 cards. Bring along a pair of scissors; we have all the other supplies.

#### Christmas joy in a Shoe Box Kick Off ~ October 27th!



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

The Canada-wide 2024 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 17th

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TLC REGULAR OFFICE HOURS 2024:

Tues – Thurs: 9:00am - 2:00pm ~ Monday, Friday & Holidays-Closed

Please make arrangements in advance should you require access to the church outside of posted hours.

Thank you

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