



Trinity Lutheran Church
Saturday, September 6, 2025
13th Week After Pentecost

*Indicates please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Here I Am, Lord with Take My Life and Let it Be"

Dan Schutte

Setting by Joel Raney

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GATHER

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

L: As we lift up our hands toward where home is...we know that you are with us, in the wilderness on our journey.

Silence for reflection

C: **God who causes wars to cease, we come against gun violence in the entire community of Colorado.**

God who casts out fear, we come against imposed terror on immigrant, undocumented families that may be deported or separated.

God who hears our hurts, we come against those in Israel, Russia, Somalia, and all nations who engage in institutionalized oppression.

**Liberate us from death,
liberate us from fear,
liberate us from rampant racism
that seeks to dehumanize, divide, and dismiss us.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

GATHERING SONG

"Morning Has Broken"

ELW #556

Eleanor Farjeon

M: Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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1. Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

2. Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Grand designer of all things, The light and darkness, the dome in the midst of waters, the sky and dry land, the vegetation, the seasons, the swarms of living creatures, birds and great sea monsters, creeping things and wild animals, and us; all these were brought into being with a word on your lips. And it was good. Amen.

WORD

KID'S SERMON

Pastor Rick

GOSPEL READING

GENESIS 1, 2:1-4^A

L: The Gospel according to Genesis

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶ And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹ And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so.

¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. ²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” ²⁷ So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹ Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. ⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Rick

SONG OF THE DAY

"God of Wonders"

Marc Byrd & Steve Hindalong
©2000 Never Say Never Songs CCLI #3118757

1. Lord of all creation
Of water earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

2. Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy holy
Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me
Father hold me hold me

Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

IMMIGRANT'S CREED

**I believe in Almighty God,
who guided the people in exile and in exodus,
the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon,
the God of foreigners and immigrants.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
a displaced Galilean,
who was born away from his people and his home,
who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger,
and returning to his own country suffered the oppression
of the tyrant Pontius Pilate, the servant of a foreign power,
who then was persecuted, beaten, and finally tortured,
accused and condemned to death unjustly.
But on the third day, this scorned Jesus rose from the dead,
not as a foreigner but to offer us citizenship in heaven.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us,
who speaks all languages, lives in all countries,
and reunites all races.**

**I believe that the church is the secure home
for the foreigner and for all believers who constitute it,
who speak the same language and have the same purpose.
I believe that the communion of the saints begins
when we accept the diversity of the saints.**

**I believe in the forgiveness of sin, which makes us all equal,
and in reconciliation, which identifies us more
than does race, language, or nationality.**

**I believe that in the resurrection
God will unite us as one people
in which all are distinct
and all are alike at the same time.**

**Beyond this world, I believe in life eternal
in which no one will be an immigrant
but all will be citizens of God's kingdom,
which will never end. Amen.**

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PRAYERS

P: God of grace,

C: Receive our prayer.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

MISSION MOMENT

*If you have a monetary offering, please place in the plate as you leave worship today,
or use this code to give electronically.*



OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Gracious God who supplies us with every blessing in abundance, guide us to be grateful for the gift of natural resources, which you have provided for us: the pure air, clean water, trees, plants, birds, and all animals we have taken for granted. We thank you for the fertile soil, abundant rain, and seasons of refreshment.

C: **Amen.**

MEAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, so we thank you, God for your creation. For you so loved the world you gave us your Christ child, thank God for your salvation in sacred story.

WORDS OF PROMISE

L: Our communion story begins with a seed in the ground, watered, tendered, and harvested with human hands.

The wheat is prepared for baking by the craft of human hands.

C: **This is the bread Jesus blessed, broke, and shared.**

L: Similarly, in the vineyard, the seed was sown, watered, tended and harvested by human hands. The grapes were crushed, the juice collected, by the craft of human hands.

C: **This is the wine Jesus blessed, poured, and shared.**

Take, eat, and drink in remembrance of me.

L: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Christ was sown, Christ was reaped, Christ will nourish again.

C: **Make us one in you!**

L: Transforming spirit, we ask your blessing upon workers in the field and the vineyard, laborers who prepared and brought these gifts to us and to your people gathered here. Transform these common elements into something extraordinary.

We praise you God, for your people and for all blessing that flows from you - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg. 112

Creator God, in heaven, holy be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this communion meal send us out! Agitated, yet blessed; Challenged but determined. Energized but fatigued. Gifted to sing God's Alleluias. AMEN.

SENDING

BLESSING

P: May life surprise you every day with its new dawn where hope remains present. May love nurture, your life with what is necessary to strengthen your desire to life. And may peace, the fruit of justice, accompany you today and all the days of your life.

C: **Amen.**

1. If I were a butterfly
I'd thank You Lord for giving me wings
If I were a robin in a tree
I'd thank You Lord that I could sing
If I were a fish in the sea
I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee
But I just thank You Father for making me me

Chorus

For You gave me a heart
And You gave me a smile
You gave me Jesus
And You made me Your child
And I just thank You Father
For making me me
(One more time)

2. If I were an elephant
I'd thank You Lord by raising my trunk
If I were a kangaroo
You know I'd hop right up to You
If I were an octopus
I'd thank You Lord for my fine looks
But I just thank You Father for making me me (chorus)

3. If I were a wiggly worm
I'd thank You Lord that I could squirm
And if I were a fuzzy wuzzy bear
I'd thank You Lord for my fuzzy wuzzy hair
If I were a crocodile
I'd thank You Lord for my great smile
But I just thank You Father for making me me (chorus)

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***POSTLUDE ***

"The Butterfly Song"
(reprised)

Brian Howard
©1974 Millison Hills Music CCLI #35445
Arr. Clinton Ellerbe

Prayer List

Members

Steve Cobb
Jean Purath
Kathy Gauger
Dale Gorsky
Sara Mullarkey
Patty Telleen
Kent Garvin
Shirley Garvin
Cooper Hopkins
Mary Ann Armstrong
Madyson Hopkins

Friends & Family

Susan McColl, friend of Vicki Volbrecht & Jim Prater
David Horton, brother of Sara Mullarkey
Jim Belak, son-in-law of Barbara Baggs
David Tomaschow, brother-in-law of Amy Jo Martinson
Barbara Pardo, mother of Cheryl Dolan
Jennifer & Dale Barnett, friends of Marilyn Morrissey
Jan Johannes, sister of Jo Anne Gearhart
Susie Kragmeier, daughter of Kate Stieben
Carlos Alers, friend of Sara & Peter Mullarkey
Beth Barnett, daughter of Carolyn & Eric Biedermann
Erin Slocum, daughter of Patty & Don Heyse

To all who gather: We are Reconciling in Christ, which means we strive to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; and to work for racial equity and to commit to anti-racist work.

We welcome believers, seekers, and the curious, regardless of religious background. God makes no distinction based on race; ethnicity; immigration status; economic status; physical, mental, or developmental circumstances; or other life circumstances. God loves and welcomes all people. Therefore, we welcome all people to the life of Christ at Trinity.

From Pastor Rick: This community affirms its welcome by accepting me in this place. Diagnosed with Huntington's (HD), my progressing symptoms and neurodiversity are displayed publicly. The uncontrolled movements (chorea) may limit my functionality, or appear in other ways; yet, it is an opportunity to learn and love alongside one another. HD is part of me, but I am not defined by the diagnosis. As for all of us, I am defined as child of God.

Guests and Visitors: All are invited to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion (gluten free wafers and juice are available). Your offering is your presence in worship. Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate as you leave. Don't forget your 'Sweet Treat' plate from the welcome desk!

Worship Note: The red hymnal *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) page numbers are found in the front while song numbers are in the back. If you have any questions about worship or Trinity, our clergy or welcome table hosts are happy to help.

Parents and Caregivers: God's children of all ages are welcome in worship. If helpful, please use the Family Break Room outside the worship space or a "Worship Activity Bag" - available near the welcome table. On Sunday, if needed, we offer a fully trained Nursery; staffed by Tiffany K. and Zoe K.

Special needs: Hearing-assistance devices are available during our services. Holy Communion can also be brought to the seats of those who are unable to come forward. Our Welcome Table Hosts can help with any of these special needs.

In Ministry Today

Worship Assistant:
Communion Prep:
Welcome Table Host:
Fellowship Host:
Prayer Writer: Jo Anne Gearhart
Bread Baker: Dan Merz
Flower Arrangement: Volunteers from
St Paul's Episcopal

Trinity's Clergy Leader:

Pastor Rick Reiten

Trinity's Staff:

Carrie Hansen	Music Coord. & Organist
Tessa Espinosa	Chancel Choir Director
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Brenda Harju	TLC Preschool Director
Brenda Moore	Financial Manager
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Amanda Backsen	Director of Communications & Volunteer Coord.
Claire Pickerel	AV Technician
Jennifer Reeve	Shared Children's Minister
Tiffany Klijewski	Nursery Coord.
Zoe Klamann	Shared Nursery Attendant

Staff Emails are available on our website

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR:

Monday (September 8)

9-2p TLC Preschool
9:30a Trinity Readers-Room 2/Zoom
10a TLCP Chapel
12p Sermon Discussion-Fireside
6p Property-Fireside

Tuesday (September 9)

6:30p Exec Council-Fireside

Wednesday (September 10)

9-2p TLC Preschool
6:30p Chancel Choir

Thursday (September 11)

9:30a Bible Study-Room 2
3:30p 301FP Get Together @ Verboten Brewery
4p Finance-Zoom
7p Council/Call Committee w Asst Bishop-Room 2

Friday (September 12)

Saints & Sinners Golf Group!
9-2p TLC Preschool
10 am Quilting Group

Saturday (September 13)

12p Sweet Treats-Kitchen
3p Wedding-Sanctuary
5 pm Worship

Sunday (September 14)

9a Adult Forum-Room 2
9a Confirmation-Room 8
9a Sunday School-Room 3
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Fellowship
3p Organ Concert-Showcasing our Musicians!

Coming Up:

Saturday, September 27

October Fest from 6-9 for
Habitat for Humanity

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So, how can you learn more about Trinity?

Visit our website at www.trinitylutheranfc.org

Consider joining us for worship or one of our ministry events.

Contact one of our clergy for a chat.

We believe we are not a complete community, and that God is calling new people to join us and to find their place at Trinity.

We invite you join us on the journey of faith!

Saturdays at 5p.m. (Livestreamed & Recorded for Viewing)

Sundays 10:30 a.m. (Livestreamed & Recorded for Viewing)

Trinity is a welcoming faith community living together in God's love to share the joy of Jesus Christ.

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