



Trinity Lutheran Church
Saturday, October 11, 2025
18th Week After Pentecost
God Calls Samuel

*Indicates please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Here I Am to Worship”

Tim Hughes

arr. Mark Hayes

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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

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

ELW #325

African American spiritual
Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress OL#51526

1. I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
2. In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
3. When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Beckoning God, In the stillness of the night you called Samuel into your service. Call us into service with a voice we are able to hear, and give us hearts to come when we are called. Amen.

WORD

KID'S SERMON

Pastor Rick

GOSPEL READING

1 SAMUEL 3:1-21

L: The good news according to 1 Samuel

¹ Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³ the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶ The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me."

Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." ¹¹ Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹² On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³ For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴ Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." ¹⁵ Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶ But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷ Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸ So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him." ¹⁹ As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord. ²¹ The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

L: The gospel of God.

C: Praise be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Rick

SONG OF THE DAY

"Here I Am, Lord"

ELW #574

Daniel L. Schutte

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1. "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2. "I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?" Refrain

3. "I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?" Refrain

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.

SENDING SONG

"Go Now"

Hans Peterson & Larry Olson

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1. Filled with the Holy Spirit
go now with God, go now with God.
Into the world as a servant
go now with God, go now with God.
Go now, go now, go now with God.
Go now, go now, go now with God.

2. Offering a hand to a stranger
go now with God, go now with God.

Trusting in the risen savior
go now with God, go now with God.
Go now, go now, go now with God.
Go now, go now, go now with God.

3. Waters of mercy have found us
Go now with God, go now with God
Grace on the journey surrounds us
Go now with God, go now with God
Go now, go now, go now with God.
Go now, go now, go now with God.

4. Crossing every boundary, every nation
Go now with God, go now with God
Dancing in the gift of liberation
Go now with God, go now with God
Go now, go now, go now with God.
Go now, go now, go now with God.

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***POSTLUDE ***

"Go Now"
(reprised)

Hans Peterson & Larry Olson
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Arr. Clinton Ellerbe

Prayer List

Members

Mourning for Don Harju, husband of

Brenda Harju

Brenda Harju and family

Mary Ann Miller

Barb Klamann

Pastor Paul Schairer

Carrie Hansen

Steve Cobb

Sara Mullarkey

Patty Telleen

Shirley Garvin

Cooper Hopkins

Mary Ann Armstrong

Madyson Hopkins

Friends & Family

Mourning for Susan McColl & praying for her family,
friend of Vicki Volbrecht & Jim Prater

Mourning for Carlos Alers, friend of Sara &
Peter Mullarkey

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

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: Vicki Volbrecht
Communion Prep:
Welcome Table Host:
Fellowship Host:
Prayer Writer: Pat Wiedower
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
Clinton Ellerbe	Saturday Worship Leader
Austin Naylor	Interim Bells Director
Brenda Harju	TLC Preschool Director
Brenda Moore	Financial Manager
Deana Andrist	Office Administrator
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 (October 13)

9-2 pm TLC Preschool
10 am TLCP-Chapel
12 pm Sermon Discussion-Fireside
6p (FS) Property
6:30 pm (5) NoCo Male Spirituality

Tuesday (October 14)

4:30 pm Birdhouses for Habitat-Room 2
6:30 pm Exec Council-Fireside

Wednesday (October 15)

9-2 pm TLC Preschool
5:15 pm Bells of Trinity-Room 1
6:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday (October 16)

9:30 am Bible Study-Room 2
5:30 pm Pub Theology V3

Friday (October 17)

10 am Quilting Group

Sunday (October 19)

9 am Shared Adult Forum-Room 2
9 am Confirmation-Room 8
9 am Sunday School-Room 3
9 am Youth Group-Room 6
10:30 am Shared Worship
11:30 am Shared Fellowship with burnch

Coming Up:

October 25 & 26
Quilting Bee

Sunday, November 2
End Daylight Savings

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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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