



**Trinity Lutheran Church
Saturday, July 11, 2026
7th Week After Pentecost**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”
Kathy Lipscomb

arr. Anne Marie David
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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.*

P: O Lord,

C: You invite us to ask for Living Water, water that satisfies our thirst. You are that Living Water poured out for us. We confess that we seek to quench our thirst in other ways.

We drink deeply, choosing these sweet waters that turn to fear in our bellies. We confess that rather than turning to you, we set out to be brave.

Seeing the fear outside ourselves, we try to force out fear by casting out others. Lord help us to drink deeply of your love remembering it is perfect love that casts out fear.

Strengthen us to practice love to ourselves, those close to us, and those we overlook. Fill us with Living Water until it overflows. Amen.

GATHERING SONG

“New Every Morning”

Talor Leonhardt, Leslie Jordan,
Emoni Wilkins & Latifah Alattas
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Little Way Creative CCLI #7231763

1. You are not what you have done
Or what has been done to you
You are something like the rising sun
Can't you see that you are new

Chorus

You are new every morning
You are new every morning
Each day a resurrection waiting to break through
You are new

Bridge

1. You think hope is lost but it's just underground
The flame might be an ember but the fire won't go out
All the evidence is pointing to the truth
That daily resurrection is still happening in you

2. You might have your father's name
Or bear the shame he left behind
But there's new life flowing through your veins
Leave some room to be surprised

Chorus

You are new every morning
You are new every morning
Each day a resurrection waiting to break through
You are new

Bridge

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3. You could try just for a start
To put the judge back on the shelf
All the lovingkindness in your heart
Have a little for yourself

Chorus

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & OFFERING

Pastor Kaari

READING

ROMANS 8:1-17

L: A reading from Romans 8

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. ¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23

L: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 13

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!”
¹⁸ “Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Kaari

SONG OF THE DAY

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

ELW #768

Doris Akers

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1. I am weak, and I need Thy strength and power
To help me over my weakest hour;
Let me through the darkness Thy face to see,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Refrain:

Lead me, guide me along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

2. Help me tread in the paths of righteousness;
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in Thee,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]

3. I am lost, if you take your hand from me;
I am blind, without Thy Light to see;
Lord, just always let me Thy servant be,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]

CREED

**We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree.**

A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.

He descended into the earth to the place of death.

On the third day he rose from the tomb.

**He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present,
and His kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.**

A Celtic Creed from the Iona Community

PRAYERS

P: God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

*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

L: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

MEAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: God, lover of the unlovable, we give you thanks. In the fullness of time, Christ our liberator, redeemer, and sustainer came to live and be with the least of us. He lived as a child in a society where children were not recognized. He grew up and touched the untouchable, confronting the powerful. The lonely, the sick, the disabled, the widows, the orphans: these were never far from him. We give you thanks that in the same way all are invited to this table, regardless of their background, to receive your healing. Those whom society deems unworthy, those without daily bread, those exploited without heed for their humanity, and those on the very edge, the periphery, of our society.

WORDS OF PROMISE

P: One night, in an occupied land, you took bread, blessed it, broke it, and offered it to your friends, saying,

C: **Take. Eat. This is my body broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**

P: That night too, in an occupied land, you took wine, blessed it, and offered it to your friends saying,

C: **This is my blood, poured out for you. A new promise between God and humanity. Do this whenever you drink it in remembrance of me.**

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit now, we pray that these complicated and compromised gifts of bread and wine may become for us pure and simple gifts of your grace.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

"Morning Has Broken"

arr. John Carter

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COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we have been embraced by Christ at this table, we now turn to embrace the world; our friends and neighbors, strangers and enemies. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

L: Go in peace, be of good cheer. May Mother Earth smile at you, may the Almighty Creator bless you with a spirit of *Ubuntu*.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Rise, Shine, You People!"

ELW #665

Ronald A. Klug & Dale Wood

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1. Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
with grace unbounded.
2. See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
now are forgiven.
3. Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
of Jesus' glory.

4. Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
God's new creation.

SENDING

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTUDE

"The Gift of Love"

Hal Hopson
setting John Carter
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Prayer List

Members

Mourning for Marilyn Hartig
Karolyn Kufeld
Steven Cobb
Carol Arnold
Mary Ann Miller
Mary Ann Armstrong
Polly Sersen
Tim Anderson
Eric Biedermann
Jean Purath
Shirley Garvin
Madyson Hopkins

Friends & Family

Dorothea Jurgenson, mother of Eric Jurgenson
Tae, family of Clinton Ellerbe
Valerie Dorr, mother of Deana Andrist
Bob Cushatt, friend of Patty Telleen
Julia Watkins and family, friends of Dan Merz
Robert Musselman, father of Sarah Sanchez
Jennifer & Dale Barnett, friends of Marilyn Morrissey
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 gluten free bread and wine of Holy Communion (juice is also 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: Sara Mullarkey
Bread Baker: Dan Merz
Flower Arrangement: Volunteers from
St Paul's Episcopal

Trinity's Pastors:

Pastor Rick Reiten & Pastor Kaari Nieuwlandt

Trinity's Staff:

Carrie Hansen	Music Coord. & Organist
Tessa Espinosa	Chancel Choir Director
Clinton Ellerbe	Saturday Worship Leader
Austin Naylor	Bells of Trinity Director
Brenda Harju	TLC Preschool Director Financial Manager
Deana Andrist	Office Administrator
Amanda Backsen	Director of Communications & Volunteer Coord.
Chad Carpenter	AV Technician
Jennifer Reeve	Shared Children's Minister
Tiffany Klijewski	Nursery Coord.
Zoe Klaman	Shared Nursery Attendant

Staff Emails are available on our website

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR:

Monday (July 13)

9:30 am Trinity Readers-Fireside
12 pm Sermon Discussion-Fireside
5:30 pm Trust-Zoom
6 pm 301FP Property-Fireside
6:30 pm NoCo Male Spirituality-Room 5

Tuesday (July 14)

6:30 pm Exec Council-Fireside

Friday (July 17)

10 am Quilting Group-Room 2
4:30-7:30 pm BBQ & Bluegrass for Sky Ranch

Saturday (July 18)

10:30 am Inurnment-Marilyn Hartig
5 pm Worship

Sunday (July 19)

9 am Faith Formation-Fireside
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Fellowship

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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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