



**Trinity Lutheran Church
Saturday, August 15, 2026
12th Week After Pentecost**

*Indicates please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“O, Perfect Love”

Joseph Barnby

arr. Lloyd Larson

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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

“The Lord Our God is Good”

Paul Zach, Wendell Kimbrough,

Jessica Fox, Liz Vice & Orlando Palmer

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Chorus

The Lord our God is good

The Lord our God is good

Full of kindness and compassion

Merciful and just

The Lord our God is good

1. Who else knows our deepest pain

Bears it as His own

Finds us in our naked shame

Clothes and brings us home

2. Who takes his inheritance

And gives it all away

Welcomes guests to feast with Him

Who never can repay

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & OFFERING

Pastor Rick

READING

ROMANS 11:1-2A, 29-32

L: A reading from Romans 11

¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? ²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 15:10-20

L: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 15

¹⁰ Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³ He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides

another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Kaari & Pastor Rick

SONG OF THE DAY

“For the One”

Jenn Johnson & Paul McClure
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1. Let me be filled

With kindness and compassion for the one
The one for whom You loved and gave Your Son
For humanity increase my love

Chorus

Help me to love with open arms like You do
A love that erases all the lines and sees the truth
Oh that when they look in my eyes
They would see You
Even in just a smile
They would feel the Father’s love

2. Oh how You love us

From the homeless to the famous and in-between
You formed us You made us carefully
‘Cause in the end we’re all Your children (Chorus)

Bridge

So let all my life tell of who You are
And the wonder of Your never-ending love

Oh let all my life tell of who you are
That You're wonderful and such a good Father

(REPEAT)

(Chorus)

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: Merciful God,
C: receive 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

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

"Everywhere I Go" Kate Bluett, Nicholas Chambers
Pastor Kaari & Walter Nieuwlandt & Paul Zach
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1. You are in the shadows, You are in the sunlight,
In the brightest morning, in the darkest midnight,
Ev'ry way I turn, there before me You stand.
2. In the rushing river I can hear Your laughter,
In the rain and thunder, in the silence after,
Ev'ry thing I know is the gift from Your hand.

(Chorus)

Ev'ry where I go I see Your face, I know Your name
Ev'ry where I go I hear Your voice,
I feel you close.

3. In the little sparrows, tell me of Your mercy,
I will trust Your caring: You will never let go,
Ev'ry one I hold, we are all in Your hands.

4. Give me ears to hear—You give me eyes to see You,
In the wind You offer; in the bread You feed me,
Ev'ry way I turn, at Your table I stand.

(Chorus)

Ev'ry where I go I see Your face, I know Your name
Ev'ry where I go I hear Your voice,
I feel you close. Ev'ry where I go.

SENDING

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTUDE

Prayer List

Members

Tim Anderson
Mary Ann Miller
Gloria Weiderspon
Karolyn Kufeld
Carol Arnold
Mary Ann Armstrong
Polly Sersen
Eric Biedermann
Jean Purath
Shirley Garvin
Madyson Hopkins

Friends & Family

For those affected by the Spokane wildfires
Mourning for Bernice Winslow, friend of Amy Jo Martinson
Wendy Tomaschow, sister of Amy Jo Martinson
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
Erin Slocum, daughter of Patty & Don Heyse

To watch a recorded service, go to <https://www.youtube.com/@trinitylutheranFC>
Or visit our website and click on "To view recorded services click HERE!"

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: Jo Anne Gearhart
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
	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 Klamann	Shared Nursery Attendant

Staff Emails are available on our website

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR:

Monday (Aug 17)

12 pm Sermon Discussion-Fireside
6:30 pm NoCo Male Spirituality-Room 5

Tuesday (Aug 18)

5:30 pm Pub Theology V3 @ Odell's
6:30 pm Council-Room 2

Friday (Aug 21)

10 am Quilting Group-Room 2

Saturday (Aug 22)

5 pm Worship
5:30 pm Small Groups Fair

Sunday (Aug 23)

10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Small Groups Fair

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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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