



Trinity Lutheran Church
Saturday, August 8, 2026
11th Week After Pentecost

*Indicates please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Come, Thou Almighty King"
Italian Hymn

Felice de Giardini
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.*

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

"All Are Welcome"

Larry Olson & Hans Peterson
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Chorus

All are welcome friend and stranger

At the banquet of the Savior

All are welcome all are welcome here

1. From the woman who comes crying

Leaving tears at Jesus' feet

To the man who knows the right way

But cannot see (chorus)

2. From the ones who feel forgotten
Those who sense their place is gone
To the ones who live in hunger
Here you belong (chorus)

3. Go into the streets and cities
To the farms and families
Tell about the splendid table
God's mercy (chorus)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & OFFERING

Vicki Volbrecht

READING

ROMANS 10:5-15

L: A reading from Romans 10

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." ¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 14:22-33

L: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 14

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Vicki Volbrecht

SONG OF THE DAY

"One Bread, One Body"

ELW #496

John Foley, SJ

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Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. (Refrain)
2. Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. (Refrain)

3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. (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: 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

"Shout to the North"

Martin Smith

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Men of faith rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King
You are strong when you feel weak
In your brokenness complete

Chorus

Shout to the north and the south
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all
Lord of heaven and earth
Rise up church with broken wings
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high
By His grace again we'll fly

Chorus

Shout to the north and the south
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all
Lord of heaven and earth

Bridge

We've been through fire
We've been through rain
We've been refined
By the pow'r of His name
We've fallen deeper
In love with You
You've burned
The truth on our lips

Chorus

Shout to the north and the south
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all
Lord of heaven and earth

Ending

Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

SENDING

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTUDE

Prayer List

Members

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

Friends & Family

Mourning for Bernice Winslow, friend of Amy Jo Martinson
Wendy Tomaschow, sister of Amy Jo Martinson
Mourning for Marvin Alvarado, nephew of Lordes,
Friends of Margaret Wick
Mourning for Joe Miller, brother of Liz Johnson
Mary Ellerbe, mother of Clinton Ellerbe
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

Presiding for Communion: Rev. Kathy Gauger

Guest Preacher: Vicki Volbrecht

Worship Assistant:

Communion Prep:

Welcome Table Host:

Fellowship Host:

Prayer Writer: Deana Andrist

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 10)

12 pm Sermon Discussion-Fireside

6 pm 301 Property Mtg-Fireside

6:30 pm NoCo Male Spirituality-Room 5

Tuesday (Aug 11)

6:30 pm Exec Council-Fireside

Thursday (Aug 13)

3:30 pm 301FP Get Together @

5 pm Finance-Zoom

6:15 pm 301FP Co-Op Mtg-Sunroom

Friday (Aug 14)

10 am Quilting Group-Room 2

6:30 pm TGIF @ James & Jo Anne Gearhart's

Saturday (Aug 15)

5 pm Worship

Sunday (Aug 16)

9 am Faith Formation-Fireside

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

Coming Up:

Small Groups Fair

August 22 & 23

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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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