



Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, August 9, 2026

11th Sunday After Pentecost

*Indicates please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Bagatelle on "Jesus Loves Me"

Paul Johnson

arr. John Barr

OL #274862

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

vs. 1 & 2

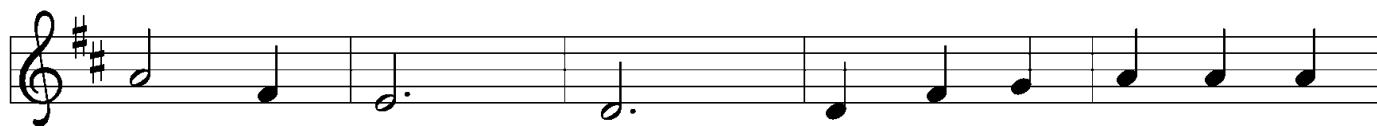
ELW #815

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1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

INVOCATION

P: May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love, mercy, and justice of God, and wisdom of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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.

CHILDRENS SERMON & OFFERING

Vicki Volbrecht

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Amazing Grace"
Nadine Hunt, Bell Tree Solo

arr. Barbara Bocker

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.

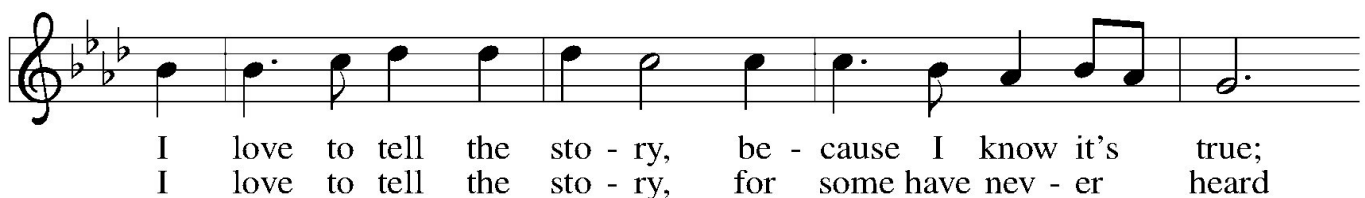
SERMON

Vicki Volbrecht

HYMN OF DAY

"I Love to Tell the Story"
vs. 1 & 2

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Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the

forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

P: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

PEACE

P: 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

P: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

PREFACE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night...

...gave it to the disciples, saying:

C: **Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**

P: ...gave it for all to drink, saying:

C: **This cup is the new promise in my blood, shed for you and for all people, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg. 112

Our Father 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

"This is My Father's World"

arr. David Huntsinger

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

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: **Amen.**

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when

4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and a common time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature and time signature. The accompaniment is composed of chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with the first line starting with '1' and the second line starting with '4'.

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast

clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics continue with 'sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast' and 'clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the'.

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

The third system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics continue with 'taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.' and 'Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.'

Refrain

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul,

The fourth system of musical notation, which is the refrain. It begins with the word 'Refrain' in italics. The melody and accompaniment are repeated. The lyrics are 'It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.' and 'It is well with my soul,'.

SENDING

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Prelude in B Flat Major"
Paul Johnson

JS Bach
OL #303577

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 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.

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

In Ministry Today

Presiding for Communion: Rev. Kathy Gauger

Guest Preacher: Vicki Volbrecht

Worship Assistant: Delores Wisner

Welcome Table Host: Steph Dugger

Fellowship Host: Katie Barron

Bread Baker: Dan Merz

Prayer Writer: Deana Andrist

Communion Team: Delores Wisner, Paul & Liz Johnson

Flower Arrangement: Volunteers of 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	Nursery Attendant

Staff Emails are available on our website

Coming Up:

Small Groups Fair

August 22 & 23

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

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