



WELCOME TO TRINITY

FAITH. LIFE. COMMUNITY.

8:45am

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We are glad you are here at one of our THREE WORSHIP SERVICES this weekend, each centered around the same scriptures but with three different musical styles. THIS BULLETIN contains information for the 8:45 a.m. Sunday service

A SEPARATE BULLETIN lists the 5:30 p.m. Saturday service here in the sanctuary. The other service we offer is Praise worship in Jack's Place.

We invite you to turn to **pages 15 and following in this bulletin** for HELPFUL INFORMATION for visitors and members alike, such as service participants.

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- DIAPER CHANGING AREA - in Gathering Space restroom
- LARGE PRINT BULLETINS for the Sanctuary services
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SUNDAY MORNING 8:45

July 12, 2026

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS of this service are available from the ushers.

✝ ✝ ✝ GATHERING ✝ ✝ ✝

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

THEME OF THE DAY

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC

As Rain from the Clouds - by Afton Water, arr. Arron David Miller
Mark Koehler, organ

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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**Please stand, as able.*

✠ *The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins,
God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

Silence for reflection

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy,
has given his Son to die for you,
and for his sake, forgives you all your sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

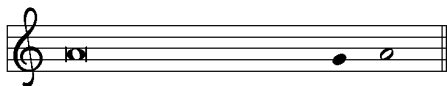
***ENTRANCE HYMN**

For the Fruit of All Creation

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***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



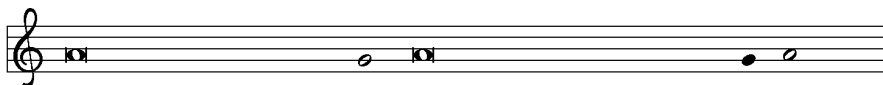
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



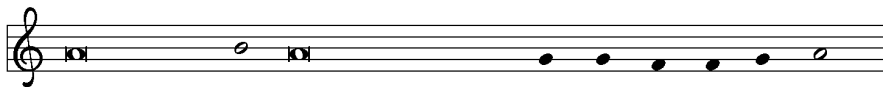
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

A - men.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

✠ ✠ ✠ **WORD** ✠ ✠ ✠

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

FIRST READING *Isaiah 55:10-13*

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the Lord,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 65:9-13 *Sung responsively* - Tone 4



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⁹You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of | water;
you provide their grain,
for so you have pre- | pared it.

¹⁰**You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its | ridges,
softening it with showers,
and bless- | ing its growth.**

¹¹**You crown the year with your | bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with a- | bundance.**

¹²**The pastures of the wilderness | overflow,
the hills gird them- | selves with joy,**

¹³**the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck them- | selves with grain,
they shout and sing together | for joy.**

**Glory be to the Father and¹ to the Son
and to the Holy¹ Spirit.**

**As it was in the be-¹ginning,
is now, and will be forever.¹ Amen.**

SECOND READING *Romans 8:12-17*

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For 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. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia

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***GOSPEL**

Matthew 13:1-23

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear.”

¹⁰Then the disciples came and said to him, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” ¹¹And he answered them, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. ¹²For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ¹³This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. ¹⁴Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says:

““You will indeed hear but never understand,
and you will indeed see but never perceive.”

¹⁵For this people’s heart has grown dull,
and with their ears they can barely hear,
and their eyes they have closed,
lest they should see with their eyes
and hear with their ears
and understand with their heart
and turn, and I would heal them.’

¹⁶But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. ¹⁷For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Kevin McClain

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Strong and Kind

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1. Je - sus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.
 2. Je - sus said if I am weak, I should come to him.
 3. Je - sus said that if I fear, I should come to him.
 4. Je - sus said if I am lost, he will come to me.

No one else can sat - is - fy; I should come to him.
 No one else can be my strength; I should come to him.
 No one else can be my shield; I should come to him.
 And he showed me on that cross he will come to me.

For the Lord is good and faith - ful; he will keep us day and night.

We can al - ways run to Je - sus: Je - sus, strong and kind.

***SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** Molly Catherine Bitounis

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin,
and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.
Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Through Baptism God has made this new brother
a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus,
that we may proclaim the praise of God
and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

We welcome you into the Lord's family.

We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ.

A child of the same heavenly father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

On What Has Now Been Sown - arr. Bradley Sowash
Mark Koehler, piano

***CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

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Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
 we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
 all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
 with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*LORD'S PRAYER

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**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

✝ ✝ ✝ SENDING ✝ ✝ ✝
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***BLESSING**

***SENDING HYMN**

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

ELW 681

***DISMISSAL AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share God's peace with one another.

***POSTLUDE**

We Plow the Fields and Scatter arr. Bradley Sowash
Mark Koehler, piano

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*We invite you to the Olive Tree Café after the service for goodies and Goldberry coffee.
The Café is located in the north office hallway on the Walnut Street side of the building.*

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICES: 8:45

PRESIDING MINISTER - Pastor Kevin McClain

ASSISTING MINISTERS - Pastor Ben Mollohan, Stan Kopp

ORGANIST - Mark Koehler

LECTOR - Amy Chandler

GREETERS - Mark & Deb Grimwood

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SANTUARY ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are given by:

- > Cris and Barb Harding in memory of Grace Urban,
- > Karen Laughery in memory of Ron Laughery,
- > Phil and Pat Bush and Sue Stevenson in memory of Robert and Esther Bush,
- > Carl and Barbara Renneker in memory of Barb's mother, Doris Hintz and in celebration of their wedding anniversary on July 15th,
- > In celebration of Ken and Sheila's 54th wedding anniversary by their children and grandchildren,
- > Mary and Robert Morgan in memory of her sister Ann McPherson and mother Helen Loyd.

THE LIVESTREAM of the 8:45 a.m. Sunday service is sponsored by Steve and Jennifer Cherson to the glory of God.

THE LIVESTREAM of the 11 a.m. Sunday Praise Service is sponsored by Gaylord and Carol Meininger to the glory of God.

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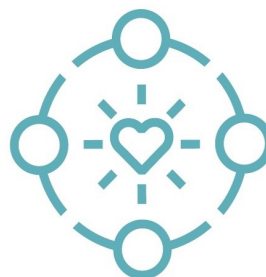
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Fill out this form to let us know what you're
interested in, and we'll follow up soon!



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A variety of events and community-oriented
gatherings take place each week at Trinity.
See what's coming up, and join us!



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

