



*Nurturing a Living Faith  
with Open Hearts  
and Serving Hands*

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**Introduction to the Day**

*In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.*

**16<sup>th</sup> Week  
after Pentecost  
September 20, 2023  
6 p.m.**



*Liturgy Adapted from Setting 12  
"All Creation Sings"*

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

"All Are Welcome"

On Screen  
Dakota Road

**WELCOME & GREETING**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
creator of the stars of night,  
companion at the evening table,  
breath over the deep waters.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy and gracious God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you this day.**

**Some of our sin we know—  
the thoughts and words and deeds  
of which we are ashamed—  
but some is known only to you.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ we ask forgiveness.**

**Deliver and restore us,  
that we may rest in peace.**

**Amen.**

By the mercy of God  
we are united with Jesus Christ,  
in whom we are forgiven.  
We rest now in the peace of Christ  
and rise in the morning to serve.  
Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness.  
Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may  
delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***Welcome to  
Worship at Trinity  
Lutheran***

*Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, or if you regularly attend, we are very glad that you are with us! Today, we gather to worship God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*The church is not a building – it is you, the people. So "church," thanks for showing up today. If you look around what you will see are imperfect people. Some with smiles, some with broken hearts, some with secrets they are ashamed to share... and yet all of us together are the "church."*

*We are thankful you are here. Through God's Holy Spirit we pray you hear a word of grace and hope today.*

## **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:21-35**

The holy gospel according to Matthew, chapter 18, beginning with verse 21.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.*

<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup>“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S TIME/SERMON**

Pastor Mark Narum

## **SONG OF THE DAY & OFFERING**

“Ten Thousand Reasons”

On Screen  
ACS #1097

## **APOSTLES’ CREED**

ELW, pg. 105

**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 OF THE PEOPLE**

*Please pray for Annette, James, Ellen, Morgan, Tom,  
Denell, Terry, Rhonda, Joyce, Wayne and Sharon.*

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.**

**COMMUNION**

**BLESSING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING SONG**

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

ELW #538

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.  
Thanks be to God.

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**Your Gifts**

<u>Aug-23</u>	Month Actual	Year-to- date Actual
<b>INCOME</b>		
Contributions	\$53,166.00	\$454,760.00
Other Income	\$7,919.00	\$71,375.00
Transfer	\$300.00	\$2,297.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$61,385.00</b>	<b>\$528,432.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Income less expenses	(\$1,699.00)	\$14,972.00

**Electronic Giving** - Trinity offers the option of Electronic Giving as a simple way to contribute. This would allow you the freedom from worry or concern whether you are out of town, on vacation or wondering how to budget your contributions. Giving forms are available in the office, at the Welcome Center or on Trinity’s website.

We have also updated and simplified our website [www.trinitybismarck.com](http://www.trinitybismarck.com) in aiding you to give towards Trinity’s Capital Campaign. The GIVE PLUS area on the left allows you to give a recurring or one-time donation using a credit card. If you have questions or need assistance with electronic giving, please feel free to call Heather Baumann @ 223-3560. Thank you again for your continued financial support.

Trinity Lutheran's  
**VENDOR FAIR**  
+ Family Fun!

September 30 @ 10am-2pm

Vendors  
Bounce House  
Balloon Animals  
Yard Games  
Cake Walks  
Face Painting  
Live Music  
Lunch Served  
Immunizations Offered

Free Admission! All are welcome!

**CLUB 36**  
ADVENTURES IN FAITH  
FOR KIDS & YOUTH

Sundays  
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
Grades 3-5 & 6-8

Sept. 19 | Oct. 15 | Nov. 19 | Dec. 17  
Watch for more info!

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

WEDNESDAYS  
6:40-7:45 P.M.  
YOUTH ROOM

Starts September 20

Faith Talk Safe Space  
fun with friends service projects

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

**WE EXTEND OUR CONGREGATION'S SYMPATHY** to the family of Lillian Dobler. Please keep her family in your prayers.

**RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM** is in memory of Julius & Alta Burzloff, given by family.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are in memory of Helen Rivinius for birthday (9-11-1923). Given by Ken & Lori Heiser.

**VENDOR FAIR & FAMILY FUN VOLUNTEERS** - We are planning another great event with almost 40 vendors and community groups signed up so far on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. We need many volunteers to help out with different parts of the event such as:

- Set up Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> @ 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Decorating & organizing Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> @ 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. & helping vendors unload @ 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- At the event Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> - many options all day!

Please sign up at the Welcome Center in the Narthex or contact Klarissa if you are willing to help.

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR VENDOR FAIR-** As part of the Vendor Event, Trinity will have a Baked Good + Gifts table & Cake Walks. Items we are collecting:

- Baked Goods - packaged in individual or small servings. Do not need to be priced.
- Handmade Gifts - priced and ready to be sold.
- Cakes - packaged. Do not need to be priced for Cake Walks.

All proceeds from the table and cake walks will go to Trinity. Last year we raised almost \$600 from the table alone! Items can be dropped off to the office anytime Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> between 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. or Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> by 10 a.m. Thank you for helping with this project!

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** - We will be starting a Grief Support Group that will meet for the first time on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> @ 10 a.m. in the Conference Room. This group is for any adult who is struggling with grief. You could be grieving someone who passed away recently, or it could be grief that you have had for a long time. We believe that you never "get over" losing someone you love. This will be a discussion-based group and a confidential group. All are welcome. Please bring a memento that reminds you of your loved one to the first session to introduce yourself. This group will be led by Pastor Martha and some Stephen Ministers.

**SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES** - Does your child struggle with anxiety or depression? Does your child have an IEP? Or have an ADHD diagnosis? Or maybe you are just struggling with your teenager who is distant and moody? This group is for parents who have children who are dealing with any of these things and more. We met for the first time earlier this month, and it was a great time to connect with other parents and to support one another. Please join us on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the conference room for our next session. If you have any questions, please connect with Pastor Martha.

**YOUTH NEWS** - We have many fun youth opportunities coming up this fall! Questions? See Gracia.

- **Club 316** for grades 3-5 & 6-8 meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month @ 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- **High School Youth Group** will meet Wednesdays @ 6:40 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. in the youth room starting September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **Soul Sisterhood** for Middle School girls starts Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Western ND Youth Gathering in Mandan:** October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> for Grades 9-12; October 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> for Grades 6-8.
- **Youth Mega Bash at Camp of the Cross** for Grades 4-9: October 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>.
- **Frolic** for infants to 3 yr. olds on Sundays @ 9:45 a.m. starting October 1<sup>st</sup> in the Nursery.

**BANQUET VOLUNTEERS** - Trinity member, Bev Blumhagen, helps coordinate volunteers for The Banquet at the Dream Center. We have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex where you can sign up to help serve from **4:30 - 7 p.m.** for Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Bev at (701) 885-1605.

**THANK YOU** - Special thanks to Ray Monson for helping re-stucco the foundation of the old church last week. That was a big project and we are so thankful for his help!

**DESIGNER GENES WALK** - The McMerty family invites you to join them in walking in support of individuals with Down syndrome, like their son, Cristian, in our community at the 20<sup>th</sup> Designer Genes Walk for Down Syndrome on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Registration opens @ 10 a.m., walk @ 11 a.m., or learn more at [www.designergenesnd.com](http://www.designergenesnd.com).

**GRACE LUTHERAN HAM DINNER** - Grace Lutheran in Driscoll will host their Annual Ham Dinner on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> @ 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Dinner prices are \$10 for adults, \$6 for children ages 5-12, children 4 and under are free! Everyone welcome!

**ONLINE GIVING** - Giving has never been easier! Open your camera on your phone and scan the QR code. It will take you right to Trinity's online giving site. You can choose to give via credit card or bank account. Try it out today!



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