

# Nurturing a Living Faith with Open Hearts and Serving Hands

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#### Introduction to the Day

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

2nd Sunday after Pentecost June 22, 2025 10:30 a.m.



"As We Gather" CCLI #35469

As we gather may Your Spirit work within us As we gather may we glorify Your name Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship We'll be blessed because we came We'll be blessed because we came

#### WELCOME & SHARING OF PEACE

#### **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

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

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God.

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our 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.



## 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. 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.

#### **GATHERING SONG**

#### "All Are Welcome" CCLI #2944348

#### Chorus

All are welcome friend and stranger At the banquet of the Savior All are welcome all are welcome here

#### Verse 1

From the woman who comes crying Leaving tears at Jesus' feet To the man who knows the right way But cannot see

#### Verse 2

From the ones who feel forgotten Those who sense their place is gone To the ones who live in hunger Here you belong

#### Verse 3

Go into the streets and cities To the farms and families Tell about the splendid table God's mercy

#### **GREETING**

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

"How Majestic Is Your Name" CCLI #26007

Oh Lord our Lord how majestic is Your name in all the earth Oh Lord our Lord how majestic is Your name in all the earth Oh Lord we praise Your name Oh Lord we magnify Your name Prince of Peace Mighty God Oh Lord God Almighty

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God.

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### FIRST READING: ISAIAH 65:1-9

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

<sup>1</sup> I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,

to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"

to a nation that did not call on my name.

<sup>2</sup> I held out my hands all day long

to a rebellious people,

who walk in a way that is not good,

following their own devices;

<sup>3</sup> a people who provoke me

to my face continually,

sacrificing in gardens

and offering incense on bricks;

who sit inside tombs,

and spend the night in secret places;

who eat swine's flesh,

with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

<sup>5</sup> who say, "Keep to yourself,

do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,

a fire that burns all day long.

<sup>6</sup> See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps

<sup>7</sup> their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,

says the LORD;

because they offered incense on the mountains

and reviled me on the hills,

I will measure into their laps

full payment for their actions.

<sup>8</sup> Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster,

and they say, "Do not destroy it,

for there is a blessing in it,"

so I will do for my servants' sake,

and not destroy them all.

<sup>9</sup> I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;

my chosen shall inherit it,

and my servants shall settle there.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM 22:19-28**

(Please read responsively).

<sup>9</sup>But you, O LORD, be not far away;

O my help, hasten to my aid.

<sup>20</sup> Deliver me from the sword,

my life from the power of the dog.

<sup>21</sup> Save me from the lion's mouth!

From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

<sup>22</sup> I will declare your name to my people;

in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

<sup>28</sup> For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

#### **SECOND READING: GALATIANS 3:23-29**

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup> As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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#### **GOSPEL: LUKE 8:26-39**

Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

The holy gospel according to Luke, chapter 8, beginning with verse 26. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>26</sup> Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—<sup>29</sup> for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup> Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup> When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

#### CHILDREN'S TIME/SERMON

Pastor Martha HarriSon

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

- 1 "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?
- 3 "Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
  Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
  In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
  Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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#### **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 OF THE PEOPLE

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Please pray for James, Dick, Wendy, Amy, Dennis, Rod, Hollis, Jim, Hal, Melissa, Donna, Chris, Darrell & Kathy.

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#### **OFFERING/OFFERING MUSIC**

"Amazing Grace"

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
  I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
- Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

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. Amen.

#### **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.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BENEDICTION**

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace. **Amen.** 

#### SENDING SONG

"I Saw the Light" CCLI #45064

Verse 1

I wandered so aimless life filled with sin I wouldn't let my dear Savior in Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night Praise the Lord I saw the light

Chorus

I saw the light I saw the light
No more in darkness no more in night
(And) now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Verse 2

Just like a blind man I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light Chorus

Verse 3

I was a fool to wander and stray Straight is the gate and narrow the way Now I have traded the wrong for the right Praise the Lord I saw the light *Chorus* 

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#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

#### **POSTLUDE**



My thoughts on the scripture
and message





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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025**

**WE EXTEND OUR CONGREGATION'S SYMPATHY** to the family of Wilbur Lippert. His funeral was Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at Trinity. Please keep his family in your prayers.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are in memory of our family members who have gone before us. Given by the Christianson & Pederson families for their family reunion.

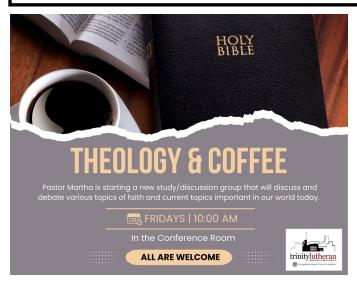
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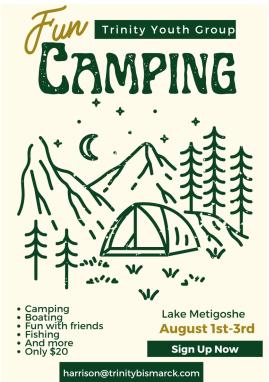
**'BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING' SIGNS** - Help yourself to a 'Blessed to be a Blessing' sign from the narthex. Find a way to bless others whether that is volunteering at an organization or making cookies for a neighbor. Take a picture while you are doing your service with your sign and email or text it to Gracia (gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com or 701-471-4434) & we'll be sharing them throughout the summer.

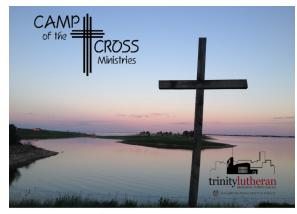
BAGS NEEDED - We are still collecting plastic grocery bags to use for our Loaves & Fishes ministry. Drop them off in the office.

**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!









#### **Camperships**

Because we believe in the value of Bible Camp, Trinity Lutheran Church will provide scholarships of half the cost of camp to anyone enrolled in Trinity Church School, Confirmation, or Youth Group attending an ELCA Bible Camp. See Gracia for more info.

### **Camp of the Cross Summer Camps**

Check out the options at Camp of the Cross near Garrison, ND has to offer this summer! There are great options for kids & youth of all ages! Scan the QR Code to go to the Camp of the Cross website.



#### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

#### Sunday 6-22

8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary

9:35 AM - Bible 101 in Fellowship Hall

10:30 AM - Worship in Community Center

#### Tuesday 6-24

9 AM - Quilters in Quilters' Room

4 PM - Property Committee in Conference Room

6 PM - Mission & Outreach Committee in Conf. Room

#### Wednesday 6-25

6 PM - Worship at Peace Chapel

6:40 PM - Youth Group

#### Friday 6-27

10 AM - Theology & Coffee in Conference Room Sunday 6-29

8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary

9:35 AM - Bible 101 in Fellowship Hall

10:30 AM - Worship in Community Center