



Nurturing a Living Faith with Open Hearts and Serving Hands

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Introduction to the Day

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

**5th Sunday
after Pentecost
July 13, 2025
8:30 a.m.**

Copies of "With One Voice" are available in the Narthex.

PRELUDE

CENTERING SONG

"God Welcomes All"

ELW #978

WELCOME & SHARING OF PEACE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

WOV pg. 10

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.

Silence for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage 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.

OPENING HYMN

"God is Here"

ELW #526

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.

KYRIE & HYMN OF PRAISE

WOV pg. 28



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God,

your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 30:9-14

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.

⁹ The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ "Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?'

¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-10

(Please read responsively).

¹ To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³ Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ **Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

⁵ Lead me in your ¹ truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶ **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹ You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰ **All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

My thoughts on the scripture
and message

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 1:1-14

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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GOSPEL: LUKE 10:25-37

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

The holy gospel according to Luke, chapter 10, beginning with verse 25.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

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

CHILDREN’S TIME/SERMON

Pastor Martha HarriSon

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O God of Mercy, God of Light”

ELW #714

APOSTLES’ CREED

WOV pg. 33

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

“Let My Prayer Rise Up”

ELW #232

*Please pray for James, Dick, Wendy, Amy, Dennis, Rod, Jim,
Hal, Melissa, Donna, Cathy & Kathryn.*

OFFERING/OFFERING RESPONSE

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

ELW #679

Verse 1

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

WOV pg. 39

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**BLESSING**

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

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

ELW #742

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025

WE EXTEND OUR CONGREGATION'S SYMPATHY to the families of:

- Izaak Kroh - his funeral will be at Trinity on Monday, July 14th @ 10:30 a.m.
- Evangeline Murschel - her funeral will be at Trinity on Saturday, July 19th @ 11 a.m.

Please keep their families in your prayers.

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is given in memory of Beata Jasmann.

ALTAR FLOWERS are in loving memory of Bev Blumhagen, given by Helen & Edon Nelson.

PLASTIC BAGS - We put out a call and you responded! Thanks for all the donations of used plastic bags for our "Loaves and Fishes" ministry. Our cupboards are now full and we won't need any more for several months.

LIGHTING PROJECT UPDATE - The final project of the Capital Campaign is the installation of new lighting fixtures in the sanctuary. The fixtures have not shipped from the factory yet (the date of shipment continues to be pushed back). Frontier Electric is ready to install the fixtures as soon as they arrive.

NEW CHURCH-TO-GO BAGS - Going away for the weekend? Pick up one of our Church-to-Go Bags. It includes a devotion, supplies for s'mores, and a fun activity! Bags can be found in the lobby/narthex or the church office. *Please note the activity in this bag is different than the one in the June bag.*

BLESSING FOR THE COLLEGE BOUND - We are offering a special blessing to college kids as they begin their school year. We will offer this prayer and blessing during worship on Sunday, August 10th at both the 8:30 and 10:30 services and Wednesday, August 13th at the 6 p.m. service.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! - If you or a loved one is in the hospital, please call the church office. If there is an emergency – call Pastor Mark or Pastor Martha's cell phones. In a world of medical facilities being stretched thin – they do not always note a person's congregation. When that happens your name does not show up when Klarissa checks the hospitals. This is an important part of our ministry so please help us out. Another note, if you or a family member are moved to a nursing home – neither the hospital nor the nursing home let the church know. The only way we find out is if a family member contacts us. Blessings All!

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!



Potluck & Concert
after worship!

Wednesday, July 30th
Worship @ 6PM
Potluck @ 6:40PM
Dad Bod Band @ 7PM

All are welcome!
Please bring a dish to share with our friends from Global Neighbors.

Dad Bod Band

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GLOBAL NEIGHBORS

DAC
Dakota Arts Council

The next Beer and Hymns is
Monday, July 21st @ 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
at the Mandan Eagles.

Block Party & Corn Feed

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10
@ 10:30 AM - 2 PM

- Worship
- Grilled Corn
- Activities/Bounce House
- **FREE** Family Event
- Cornhole Tournament
- All are welcome

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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday 7-13

8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary
9:35 AM - Bible 101 in Fellowship Hall
10:30 AM - Worship at Peace Chapel

Monday 7-14

6 PM - Lutherans in Leather at the Parking Lot

Tuesday 7-15

9 AM - Quilters in Quilters' Room

Wednesday 7-16

6 PM - Worship at Peace Chapel
6:40 PM - Youth Group

Thursday 7-17

5 PM - Mental Health Task Force in Conf. Room
6:30 PM - Council in Conference Room

Friday 7-18

10 AM - Theology & Coffee in Conf. Room

Sunday 7-20

8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary
9:35 AM - Bible 101 in Fellowship Hall
10:30 AM - Worship at Peace Chapel