

Nurturing a Living Faith with Open Hearts and Serving Hands

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I love to tell the story:

how pleasant to repeat

I love to tell the story,

more wonderfully sweet!

for some have never heard

the message of salvation

what seems, each time I tell it,

from God's own holy word. Refrain

Introduction to the Day

Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!"—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"I Love to Tell the Story"

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ELW #661

- 1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.
- <u>Refrain</u>

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

WELCOME & SHARING OF PEACE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

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.

6th Sunday after

Pentecost July 20, 2025

10:30 a.m.

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.

OPENING HYMN

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
- 4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render; oh, help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Shout to the Lord"

ELW #821

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you. All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love. My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength; let ev'ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands; forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God,

you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM

Sutton Mae Milbridge Daughter of Andrew & Sarah Milbridge

APOSTLES' CREED

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, 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.

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.

WELCOME OF NEWLY BAPTIZED

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 18:1-10a

The LORD visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

¹ The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ^{10a} Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15

(Please read responsively).

- ¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
- Who may abide upon your holy hill?
- ² Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;
- ³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
- they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.
- ⁴ In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.
- ⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain,
- nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 1:15-28

This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is "Christ in you." Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

¹⁵ [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, ²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood. When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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GOSPEL: LUKE 10:38-42

During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.

The holy gospel according to Luke, chapter 10, beginning with verse 38. Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸ Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

CHILDREN'S TIME/SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Open the Eyes of My Heart" CCLI #2298355

<u>Chorus</u> Open the eyes of my heart Lord Open the eyes of my heart I want to see You I want to see You Bridge Holy holy holy Holy holy holy Holy holy holy I want to see You

Verse

To see You high and lifted up Shining in the light of Your glory Pour out Your power and love As we sing holy holy holy

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERING/OFFERING RESPONSE

"As the Deer" CCLI #1431

Verse 1

As the deer panteth for the water So my soul longeth after Thee You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship Thee

<u>Chorus</u>

You alone are my strength my shield To You alone may my spirit yield You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship Thee <u>Verse 2</u> You're my friend and You are my brother Even though You are a King I love You more than any other So much more than anything

<u>Verse 3</u> I want You more than gold or silver Only You can satisfy You alone are the real joy-giver And the apple of my eye

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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

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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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Goodness of God" CCLI #7117726

<u>Chorus</u>

All my life You have been faithful All my life You have been so so good With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God

Bridge Your goodness is running after It's running after me Your goodness is running after It's running after me With my life laid down I'm surrendered now I give You everything Your goodness is running after It's running after me

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

"Standing on the Promises" CCLI #31803

<u>Verse 1</u> Standing on the promises of Christ my King Through eternal ages let His praises ring Glory in the highest I will shout and sing Standing on the promises of God

<u>Chorus</u>

Standing standing Standing on the promises of God my Savior Standing standing I'm standing on the promises of God

<u>Verse 2</u> Standing on the promises that cannot fail When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail By the living Word of God I shall prevail Standing on the promises of God

Verse 4

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord Overcoming daily with the Spirit's Sword Standing on the promises of God

Verse 5

Standing on the promises I cannot fall List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call Resting in my Savior as my All in All Standing on the promises of God

DISMISSAL

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY. JULY 20, 2025

WE EXTEND OUR CONGREGATION'S SYMPATHY to the family of Donene Gjellstad - her funeral will be Monday, July 21st @ 11 a.m. at Oak Valley in Velva, ND. Please keep her family in your prayers.

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is given in memory of Alice Marks.

ALTAR FLOWERS are in honor of the Chuck & Lila's Wedding Anniversary, given by Chuck Krueger.

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!

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