



Nurturing a Living Faith with Open Hearts and Serving Hands

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Introduction to the Day

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

**8th Sunday after
Pentecost
August 3, 2025
8:30 a.m.**

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

PRELUDE

CENTERING SONG

"God Welcomes All"

ACS #978

WELCOME & SHARING OF PEACE

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

WOV pg. 10

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.

GATHERING SONG

"In Christ there is no East or West"

ELW #650

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Benevolent God,

you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, 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. 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.

FIRST READING: ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Lyla Lovdal, reader

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

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

PSALM 49:1-12

(Please read responsively).

¹ Hear this, all you peoples;
give ear, all you who dwell in the world,
² **you of high degree and low,
rich and poor together.**
³ My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
⁴ **I will incline my ear to a proverb
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**
⁵ Why should I be afraid in evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
⁶ **the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,
and boast of their great riches?**
⁷ One can never redeem another,
or give to God the ransom for another's life;
⁸ **for the ransom of a life is so great
that there would never be enough to pay it,**
⁹ in order to live forever and ever
and never see the grave.
¹⁰ **For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**
¹¹ Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation,
though they had named lands after themselves.
¹² **Even though honored, they cannot live forever;
they are like the beasts that perish.**

My thoughts on the scripture
and message

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

ELW #512

GOSPEL: LUKE 12:13-21

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

The holy gospel according to Luke, chapter 12, beginning with verse 13. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

CHILDREN'S TIME/SERMON

Pastor Mark Narum

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

ELW #775

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

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

OFFERING/OFFERING MUSIC

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

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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.

LAMB OF GOD

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DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

"We Eat the Bread of Teaching"

ELW #518

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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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

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

ELW #768

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

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

- Betty Lenihan - her funeral will be Monday, August 4th @ 11 a.m. at Trinity.
- James Kalbfleisch, son of Grant & Lois Kalbfleisch.
- Jerri Young, sister of Lois Kalbfleisch.

Please keep their families in your prayers.

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is given in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Ketterling, Mr. & Mrs. Don Longmuir, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Ken Erickson. Given by Charles & Sandra Ketterling and Don & Connie Longmuir, Jr.

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.

20 YEARS OF THE BANQUET - The Banquet has been in existence for 20 years and the Dream Center would like to recognize this milestone with a meal on Thursday, August 14th @ 5:30 p.m. at The Dream Center. Everyone is welcome. A sign-up sheet to volunteer is in the Narthex.

REGISTER FOR CHURCH SCHOOL - Join us for a fun year of growing in faith! Church School (Sunday School) begins with Rally Day on September 3rd & 7th. It is open to kids age 3 to grade 5. Children must be 3 by August 1st for to start. Choose from 2 sessions: Sundays 9:35—10:20 a.m. or Wednesdays 6:40—7:25 p.m. Register at trinitybismarck.com. See Gracia with questions.

REGISTER FOR CONFIRMATION - Confirmation is for youth in grades 6-8 to deepen their understanding of our faith. Youth are confirmed the fall of their 9th grade year. *Only youth new to our confirmation program (including all 6th graders) need to register.* Register at trinitybismarck.com. See Gracia with questions.

CHURCH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS - We are looking for caring individuals to help teach Church School this year! If you are interested in being involved in this great ministry as we share the love of God with our kids, please contact Gracia.

RALLY DAY - Save the Date for our Fall Kick-Off! Wednesday, September 3rd & Sunday, September 7th. More info coming soon.

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!



Your Gifts

<u>June 2025</u>	<u>Month Actual</u>	<u>Year-To-Date Actual</u>
INCOME		
Contributions	\$58,518.00	\$412,220.00
Other Income	\$4,796.00	\$57,640.00
Transfer	\$300.00	-\$1,634.00
Total Income	\$63,614.00	\$468,226.00
EXPENSES		
Income less expenses	\$62,443.00	\$421,338.00
	\$1,171.00	\$46,888



THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday 8-3

8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary
 9:35 AM - Bible 101 in Fellowship Hall
 10:30 AM - Worship in Community Center

Monday 8-4

2 PM - Ladies' Bible Study in Conference Room

Tuesday 8-5

9 AM - Quilters in Quilters' Room
 5 PM - Worship & Music Committee
 6 PM - Worship Helpers Appreciation Dinner

Wednesday 8-6

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

Thursday 8-7

6:30 PM - Re-Entry Meal in Fellowship Hall

Friday 8-8

10 AM - Theology & Coffee in Conf. Room

Sunday 8-10

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

