



*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 Week after Pentecost
Wednesday
August 6, 2025
6 p.m.**



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"Let Justice Roll Down"
CCLI #2459826

Chorus

Let justice roll down
Like a mighty river
Let righteousness flow on and on
'Till the desert becomes
Like the Garden of Eden
Where the nations will come
And be healed
And the glory of God is revealed

Verse 1

Humble yourselves in the sight
Of the Lord
Acknowledge the depths
Of your sin
And let the ungodly man
Turn to the Lord
He will have mercy on him

Verse 2

Love one another and learn
To forgive
Walk in His marvelous light
Reflect the radiance of God
As you live
Blameless and pure in His sight

Verse 3

Open your hearts to the poor
And depressed
Let them see the Father in you
Open your ears to the cries
Of the lost
Then God will listen to you

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WELCOME & SHARING OF PEACE

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY BAPTISMS

Noa Kaleohila 'ioku 'upa 'uwai Malina
Daughter of Sophia Holmen and Austin Malina

Sven James Svihovec
Son of Gabriella Svihovec and Bostin Svihovec

***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.

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.

BAPTISM SONG

"Jesus Loves Me"

ELW #595

Verse 1

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

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.**

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

Refrain

Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

- 2 Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Refrain*

- 1 I am weak but thou art strong:
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Refrain*

Text: North American traditional

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION/MUSIC

“Only By Grace”
CCLI #1900579

Chorus

Only by grace can we enter
Only by grace can we stand
Not by our human endeavor
But by the blood of the Lamb
Into Your presence You call us
You call us to come
Into Your presence You draw us
And now by Your grace we come
Now by Your grace we come

Bridge

Lord if You mark
Our transgressions
Who would stand
Thanks to Your grace
We are cleansed
By the blood of the Lamb

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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

“Soon and Very Soon”

ELW #439

1. Soon and very soon
We are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon
We are goin' to see the King.
Soon and very soon
We are goin' to see the King.

Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We're goin' to see the King.

2. No more cryin' there
We are goin' to see the King.
No more cryin' there
We are goin' to see the King.
No more cryin' there
We are goin' to see the King.

Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We're goin' to see the King.

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

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025

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

- Betty Lenihan - her funeral was Monday, August 4th at Trinity.
- James Kalbfleisch, son of Grant & Lois Kalbfleisch.
- Jerri Young, sister of Lois Kalbfleisch.
- Cynthia Wimer - her funeral will be Thursday, August 7th at Parkway Funeral Service @ 11 a.m.

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.

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!



BACKPACK BLESSING

Wednesday, August 13 @ 6 p.m.
Sunday, August 17 @ 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Students of all ages, teachers, bus drivers, etc. are invited to join us for worship with a special blessing and tag to add to your backpack as a gift.

RALLY DAY!

SAVE THE DATE!
Wednesday, September 7
& Sunday, September 10

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

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

Monday 8-11
6 PM - Lutherans in Leather at the parking lot

Tuesday 8-12
9 AM - Quilters in Quilters' Room

Wednesday 8-13
6 PM - Worship at Peace Chapel
6:40 PM - Youth Group