



*Nurturing a Living Faith
with Open Hearts
and Serving Hands*

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Introduction to the Day

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

**17th Sunday after
Pentecost
October 5, 2025
10:30 a.m.**

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“The Battle Belongs to the Lord”
CCLI #21583

On screen

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.

OPENING HYMN

“Awesome God”
CCLI #41099

Refrain on screen

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

“Great is the Lord”
CCLI #1149

On screen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Benevolent, merciful God:

When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, 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. 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.

FIRST READING: HABAKKUK 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?
Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law becomes slack,
and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous;
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1} I will stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

² Then the LORD answered me and said:
Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴ Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

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

PSALM 37:1-9 *(Please read responsively).*

¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

² **For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**

³ Put your trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴ **Take delight in the LORD,
who shall give you your heart’s desire.**

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,
and see what God will do.

⁶ **The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

⁸ **Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-14

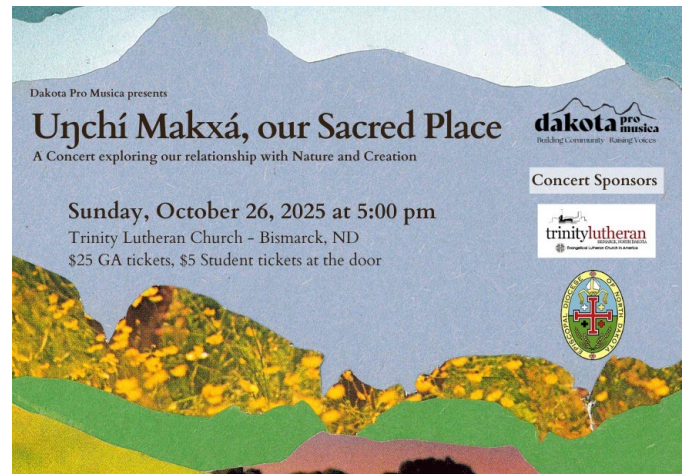
This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

My thoughts on the scripture
and message



³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW pg. 188

GOSPEL: LUKE 17:5-10

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

The holy gospel according to Luke, chapter 17, beginning with verse 5. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶ The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷ “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table?’ ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?’ ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

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

CHILDREN’S TIME/SERMON

Pastor Mark Narum

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

ELW #733

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, Mary, Lester, Jim, Kathryn, Russ, Alvin, Sandy & Carsen.*

OFFERING/OFFERING MUSIC

“Count Your Blessings”
CCLI #40416

On screen

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest,

we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

COMMUNION & COMMUNION MUSIC

"Lord I Need You"
CCLI #5925687

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

"Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand"

ACS #1024

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is in memory of Tom Wefald, given by Susan & Bob Wefald.

HOLY BAPTISM - We welcomed Jaron Felix Essler, son of Joshua & Jennifer Essler to the family of God, who was baptized today at the 8:30 service. Sponsors were Justin Goettle & Vanessa Schaible.

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!



Join the Trinity Handbell Choir!

Rehearsals will be Wednesdays from 6:45-8:00 pm


October 29, November 5 and 19,
December 3 and 10

We will play in Worship

Sunday, December 14 at 8:30 and 10:30 am

Sunday, December 14 at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, December 17 at 6:00 pm

If you are interested in more information or participating, contact
Jason Thoms at Thoms@TrinityBismarck.com
or call the church office



SCRIPTURE CIRCLES

THURSDAYS FROM 5:00-8:00PM ON:

JULY 17 @ McCabe United Methodist Church
(1030 N 6th St, Bismarck)

AUGUST 16 @ Missouri Slope North Campus
Chapel (4916 N Washington St, Bismarck)

SEPTEMBER 11 @ Lord of Life (1143 N 26th St,
Bismarck)

OCTOBER 9 @ Trinity Lutheran (502 N 4th St,
Bismarck)

Come share in a transformative method of studying the Bible that is accessible to all! No prior experience or knowledge needed; led by scripture teacher U.S. Jones, II.

Light supper will be served starting at 5:00 pm, study begins at 5:45pm. A free will offering will be collected, but the events are FREE.

Questions? Call 701-223-2236 for more information



Friday, November 7
@ 8 am - 5 pm &
Saturday, November 8
@ 10 am - 2 pm

Semi-Annual TRINITY'S RUMMAGE SALE

Drop Off Items:
Thursday, October 30 -
Friday, October 31
&
Monday, November 3 -
Tuesday, November 4
during office hours
(8am-12pm & 1pm-5pm)

Not Accepting:

- Electronics, TVs
- Opened Makeup
- Sanitizer
- Exercise Equipment
- Food
- Car Seats
- Medical Devices
- Textbooks

In the Community Center

Funds raised will support Trinity's Youth Ministry.

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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday 10-5

8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary

9:35 AM - Bible 101 in Fellowship Hall

9:35 AM - Church School

10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary

Monday 10-6

Ladies' Bible Study in Conference Room

Tuesday 10-7

9 AM - Quilters in Quilters' Room

5 PM - Worship & Music Committee in Conf. Room

6 PM - Community Builders Committee in Conf. Room

Wednesday 10-8

2:30 PM - Upstairs Bible Study in Room 212

5:15 PM - Meal served in Fellowship Hall

6 PM - Worship in Sanctuary

6:40 PM - Church School, Youth Group, Confirmation

Thursday 10-9

9 AM - Lend a Hand in Break Room

5 PM - Scripture Circles

6:15 PM - Executive Committee in Conf. Room

Friday 10-10

10 AM - Theology & Coffee in Conference Room

Sunday 10-12

8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary

9:35 AM - Bible 101 in Fellowship Hall

9:35 AM - Church School

10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary