



Nurturing a Living Faith with Open Hearts and Serving Hands

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Introduction to the Day

As Christians our Freedom is grounded not in what we do, even when we do good; our freedom is grounded in Jesus Christ's victory over sin, death and darkness. We trace our freedom to God's actions, carried to us generations later through the power of the Holy Spirit. Our faith calls us to celebrate our Christ centered freedom, knowing that freedom in this country comes only through Jesus.

We gather to worship and thank God as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our country declaring Independence. The founders of this nation were seeking freedom from the British Monarchy – eventually through hard work, selflessness and a willingness to work toward the common good they prevailed. Even the freedoms we relish in this country, great as they are, do not compare to the freedom provided through Jesus.

"For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." Galatians 5:1

US Semiquincentennial
Wednesday
July 1, 2026
6 p.m.



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "How Great Is the Greatness of God"
CCLI #7245983

Chorus

How faithful the Father above
How wondrous the work of the Son
How sweet is the Spirit given to us
How great is the greatness of God

Verse 1

Morning by morning with every dawn
My soul with a new song awaits
Still in the evening my praise goes on
Forever my God is the same

Verse 2

When my heart gazes on Calvary
At all of your mercies arrayed
Oh that my Savior would die for me
I sing out with infinite thanks

Verse 3

Oh what a comfort in every trial
His presence is all that I need
Power that brought resurrection life
That power is living in me
That power is living in me

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WELCOME & SHARING OF PEACE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, source of hope in every nation, rest for the weary, glory and peace to the ends of the earth.

Amen.

Let us bring every burden to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of all mercy,

we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and your creation. Within ourselves and our communities, our desire to do what is good is at war with the evil that dwells in us. We lament the evil that holds us captive. We repent of the sin we have done, and the sins done on our behalf. Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us for lives of compassion and courage through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

All-merciful, Almighty God forgive you all your sins through the grace of + Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit's power strengthen you in doing what is good.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of all the worlds,

guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all living in these lands the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

READING: GALATIANS 5:1-6

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

²Listen! I, Paul, am telling you that, if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no benefit to you. ³Once again I testify to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obliged to obey the entire law. ⁴You who want to be reckoned as righteous by the law have cut yourselves off from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵For through the Spirit, by faith, we eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. ⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything; the only thing that counts is faith working through love.

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

GOSPEL: JOHN 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to John, chapter 8, beginning with verse 31. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME/SERMON

Pastor Martha HarriSon

HYMN OF THE DAY/OFFERING

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

ELW #890

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| <p>1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath
are stored;
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift
sword:
his truth is marching on.</p> | <p>2 He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call
retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment
seat.
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my
feet!
Our God is marching on. Refrain</p> |
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Refrain

**Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.**

- 3 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men
free,
while God is marching on. Refrain**

Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819-1910

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

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

CCLI #26997

**We are one in the Spirit We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity May one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians By our love**

Please pray for Amy, Rod, Melissa, Hal, Lynn, Ken, Betty, Jan, Dwight, Donna & Carol.

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN VOCATION IN CIVIC LIFE

People of God, you are chosen and named as God's beloved. You have received the gift of Christian vocation, a holy calling lived out in various dimensions of your life, your relationships and communities, your work and your rest. Daily and richly we live in the promises of holy baptism, sustained by grace to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

I ask you, therefore:

Will you endeavor to pattern your life on Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you strive to pursue the common good in public life, nurturing mutual care among neighbors near and far?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you pledge to bear witness in word and action, commending what is true and right, renouncing what is unjust and harmful, and working to mend what is flawed?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Sovereign God, your Son Jesus lived within the structures of society even as he spoke truth to those in power and challenged systems of oppression. Give to your servants courage, patience, and vision in their commitment to serve in Christ's name. Empower us all in our Christian vocation to be courageous disciples and responsible citizens. Grant that our life in the public realm be grounded in love for our neighbors, care for the most vulnerable, and respect for the common life we share, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

ELW #888

- 1 O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain:
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.
- 2 O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life:
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness,
and ev'ry gain divine.
- 3 O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears:
America! America!
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law.

My thoughts on the scripture
and message

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859-1929

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all. **Thanks be to God.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2026

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is in Marlene and Vernon Peterson and Kathleen Matejcek. Given by Colleen & Eric Peterson, Isaac and Mia.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in honor of America's 250th birthday.

250TH CELEBRATION - The 250th Celebration held on Sunday was a great success! Thank you to the Task Force for their vision for the event and to our Community Builders Committee and all our volunteers for all their hard work. We had 318 people worship with us in-person between the 2 services and fed over 250 people at the block party. From our silent auction items and freewill offering, we raised \$2,149 to be donated to the Western ND Honor Flight.

OFFICE CLOSED - The office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd, in honor of the holiday weekend.

SERVING HANDS PROJECT FOR JULY - Help serve a meal at The Banquet on Thursday, June 9th @ 4:45 p.m. Sign up in the narthex or email Pastor Martha at harrison@trinitybismarck.org. All are welcome!

CARAMEL ROLLS - Our first fundraiser for the Out of Darkness Walk will be on Sunday, July 26th. We will be selling caramel rolls between services. You can just come that day and enjoy a caramel roll or several. We will also be taking orders ahead of time – keep your eyes open for an order form or email Pastor Martha with how many you would like at harrison@trinitybismarck.com. The cost is a freewill donation.

OUT OF DARKNESS WALK - Our Mental Health and Substance Abuse Task Force will be sponsoring a team for the Out of Darkness Walk again this year. The walk is on Sunday, September 13th, at the Capitol Grounds. The Out of Darkness Walk raises funds and awareness for suicide prevention. Please join our team! All are welcome! Follow this link for more information on how to join us: <https://afspwalks.donordrive.com/teams/393805>. You can also make an online donation at this page as well.

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!





for 2026-2027

Church School

- Offered Sundays & Wednesdays
- Age 3 through Grade 5
- No Cost
- Starts September 9 & 13



Register at
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Confirmation

- Wednesdays at 6:40 pm
- Grade 6 - 8
- No Cost
- Starts August 26



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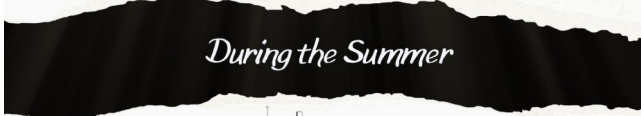
Services

Sundays

8:30am in Sanctuary
10:30am in Community Center

Wednesdays

6pm outside at Peace Chapel
**in Community Center if inclement weather*



During the Summer



THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Wednesday 7-1

- 6 PM - Worship outside at Peace Chapel
- 6:40 PM - NC Youth Trip Meeting in Youth Room

Thursday 7-2

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

Friday 7-3

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday 7-5

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

Tuesday 7-7

- 9 AM - Quilters in Quilters' Room
- 5:30 PM - Faith Formation Committee in Conf. Room

Wednesday 7-8

- 6 PM - Worship outside at Peace Chapel