



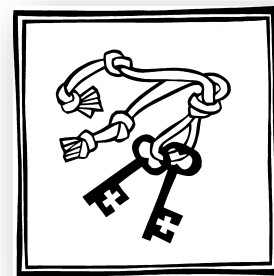
Nurturing a Living Faith with Open Hearts and Serving Hands

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Introduction to the Day

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

**13th Sunday
after Pentecost
August 23, 2026
8:30 a.m.**



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME & SHARING OF PEACE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ELW pg. 116

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive 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 SONG

"Now Thank We All Our God"

ELW #840

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

ELW pg. 203

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Glory Be to God in Heaven"

ELW pg. 204a

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God,

with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, 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. 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: ISAIAH 51:1-6

Bob Wefald, reader

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

- ¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
- ² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
- ³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
- ⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
- ⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
- ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

PSALM 138

(Please read responsively).

- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- ² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**
- ³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.
- ⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**
- ⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- ⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**
- ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
- ⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 12:1-8

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday 8-23

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

Tuesday 8-25

- 9 AM - Quilters** in Quilters' Room
4 PM - Property Committee in Conference Room
6 PM - Mission & Outreach Committee in Conf. Room

Wednesday 8-26

- 4:15 PM - Trust Fund Committee** in Conf. Room
5:15 PM - Meal Served in Fellowship Hall
6 PM - Worship in Sanctuary
6:40 PM - Confirmation Orientation in Fellowship Hall

Thursday 8-27

- 5:30 PM - Appreciation Meal for W/M Helpers** in Fellowship Hall
7 PM - 8:30 Choir Rehearsal

Friday 8-28

- 10 AM - Theology and Coffee** in Conf. Room

Saturday 8-29

- 10 AM - Grief Group** in Conference Room
10 AM - Heart to Hand Cards in Fellowship Hall

Sunday 8-30

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

⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

ELW #205

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:13-20

At a climactic point in Jesus’ ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God,” and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

The holy gospel according to Matthew, chapter 16, beginning with verse 13. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

CHILDREN’S TIME/SERMON

Pastor Martha HarriSon

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Blessed Assurance”

ELW #638

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

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

Verse 1, CCLI # 2154963

Please pray for Amy, Rod, Melissa, Dwight, Donna, Carol, Blair, Marsha & Genevieve.

OFFERING/OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERING RESPONSE

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

ELW #884

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

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

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, + one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“The Church’s One Foundation”

ELW #654

DISMISSAL

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

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

- Harold "Hal" Peterson - his funeral was at Trinity on Thursday.
- Ken Gumke, father of Brandon.

Please keep their families in your prayers.

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is in memory of Gene & Joyce Baldwin, given by Julie Leer.

SERVING HANDS PROJECT FOR AUGUST - Our August mission project for Serving Hands will be cleaning up at the Ministry on the Margins "Shoulder to Lean On" event. Come enjoy the event on Wednesday, August 26th @ 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. and then help clean up. We need 8 people for the clean up crew from 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Let Pastor Martha know if you are interested in helping or sign up at the Welcome Center.

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!



Heart to Hand

Join us for card-making fun!

Saturday, August 29th from 10am to 3pm
Fellowship Hall @ Trinity Lutheran Church

Come and go as you please, bring donations or make cards. Food and drink will be available!

RALLY DAY!

Wednesday, September 9 5:00 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. Worship 6:40 p.m. Rally Day Fun	Sunday, September 13 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:35 a.m. Rally Day Fun 10:30 a.m. Worship
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- Congregational Art Project
- Treats
 - Wed: FOMO Ice Cream Truck
*Free will donation
 - Sun: Doughnuts -decorate your own!
- See the remodeled Church School & Youth spaces!
- Interactive Prayer Station

Church School kids meet your teacher the first 10 minutes of Rally Day Fun!

YOUR GIFTS

<u>July 2026</u> <u>INCOME</u>	<u>Month Actual</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u> <u>Actual</u>
Contributions	\$61,500.00	\$453,211.00
Other Income	\$3,232.00	\$38,138.00
Transfer	+\$300.00	+\$2,609.00
Total Income	\$65,032.00	\$493,958.00
 EXPENSES	 \$69,832.00	 \$482,216.00
Income less expenses	(\$4,800.00)	\$11,742.00

Electronic Giving - Trinity offers the option of Electronic Giving as a simple way to contribute. This would allow you the freedom from worry or concern whether you are out of town, on vacation or wondering how to budget your contributions. Giving forms are available in the office, at the Welcome Center or on Trinity's website.

At www.trinitybismarck.com, you can give electronically to the general fund, Capital Campaign and others. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact our Financial Director, Brent Winkelman at winkelman@trinitybismarck.com. Thank you again for your continued financial support.

The Worship and Music Committee
invites all worship and music volunteers to join us for a special dinner to thank you for the time and talent that you have shared with Trinity Lutheran Church this past year.

Thursday, August 27 at 5:30 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall

If possible, RSVP to thoms@trinitybismarck.com or call the church office by Sunday, August 23.