



Nurturing a Living Faith with Open Hearts and Serving Hands

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Introduction to the Day

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

12th Week after Pentecost
Wednesday
August 19, 2026
6 p.m.



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"All Are Welcome"
CCLI #2944348

Chorus

All are welcome friend and stranger
At the banquet of the Savior
All are welcome all are welcome here

Verse 2

From the ones who feel forgotten
Those who sense their place is gone
To the ones who live in hunger
Here you belong *Chorus*

Verse 1

From the woman who comes crying
Leaving tears at Jesus' feet
To the man who knows the right way
But cannot see *Chorus*

Verse 3

Go into the streets and cities
To the farms and families
Tell about the splendid table
God's mercy *Chorus*

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WELCOME & SHARING OF PEACE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all peoples,

your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 15:10-28

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

The holy gospel according to Matthew, chapter 15, beginning with verse 10.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles."¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?"¹³ He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted."¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit."¹⁵ But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us."¹⁶ Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding?¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer?"¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles.¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

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.

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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

BACKPACK BLESSING

SERMON

Pastor Lee Herberg

HYMN OF THE DAY/OFFERING

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"
CCLI #4768151

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures *Chorus*

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine

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Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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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

"Hear Our Prayer"

ELW #178

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:
peace to all people, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

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

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

“The Feast Meant for Everyone”
CCLI #7228943

Verse 1

Bread for the immigrant bread for the poor
Bread for the hungry who beg at our door
Food for the outcast waiting to belong
Come to the feast meant for everyone

Verse 2

Bread for the sheltered bread for the rich
Those who need nothing but all Jesus is
Food for all people empty we all come
Come to the feast meant for everyone

Refrain

Oh how great is the love of God
In this body broken this saving blood
Oh how great is the love of God
Here in the feast meant for everyone (2X)

Verse 3

Drink for the brother thirsting for more
Drink for the sister who's run out of hope
This cup is healing more than just enough
Come to the feast meant for everyone

Verse 4

Gather the sinners gather the saints
All souls in heaven and here in this place
This is the table where we are made one
Here in the feast meant for everyone

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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

SENDING SONG

“His Mercy is More”
CCLI #7065053

Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more *Chorus*

Verse 2

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more *Chorus*

Verse 3

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026

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

- Harold "Hal" Peterson - his funeral will be at Trinity on Thursday, August 13th @ 11 a.m.
- Ken Gumke, father of Brandon.

Please keep their families in your prayers.

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is in honor of Robert's 95th birthday, given by Robert & Bonnie Johnson.

ALTAR FLOWERS are in honor of Helen Nelson for her 90th birthday. Given by Bramblee, Brenda, Bridgett and families.

HOLY BAPTISM - We welcomed Croix Cary Leier, son of Joshua & Cassandra Leier to the family of God, who was baptized on Sunday. Sponsors were Tyson & Crystal Schneider, Ashley Leier.

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. Please join our team! All are welcome! Follow this link for more information or to donate: <https://afspwalks.donordrive.com/teams/393805>.

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!



My thoughts on the scripture
and message

RALLY DAY!

Wednesday, September 9	Sunday, September 13
5:00 p.m. Supper	8:30 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Worship	9:35 a.m. Rally Day Fun
6:40 p.m. Rally Day Fun	10:30 a.m. Worship

- 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!



THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Wednesday 8-19

6 PM - Worship outside at Peace Chapel

Thursday 8-20

11 AM - Funeral for Hal Peterson in Sanctuary

5 PM - Mental Health & SA Task Force in Conf. Room

6:30 PM - Council in Conference Room

Friday 8-21

10 AM - Theology and Coffee in Conf. Room

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



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.

