

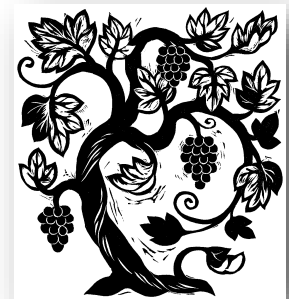


*Nurturing a Living Faith
with Open Hearts
and Serving Hands*

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Rally Day
September 13, 2026
8:30 & 10:30 a.m.



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“10,000 Reasons”

ACS #1097 (10:30)

WELCOME & SHARING OF PEACE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Jesus says, “I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.” Jesus invites us to remain connected to him—to receive his life, his love, and his grace. But we know that we often try to live on our own. We turn away from God, put ourselves first, and fail to love others as Christ has loved us.

Let us confess our need for God’s mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Loving God,

We confess that we have tried to live without you. We have depended on ourselves instead of trusting you. We have allowed fear, anger, pride, and selfishness to take root in our lives.

We have not always loved others as you have loved us. We have held on to resentment instead of offering forgiveness. We have looked away when someone needed our help. We have spoken and acted in ways that have hurt others.

Forgive us, Lord. Prune away what keeps us from you. Renew our hearts and draw us closer to Christ. Help us remain connected to him so that our lives may bear the fruit of love, joy, peace, kindness, and faithfulness.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hear the promise of Jesus: “You did not choose me, but I chose you.” And he says, “Love one another as I have loved you.” Because Jesus has chosen you, died for you, and risen for you, your sins are forgiven. You are reconciled to God and made new in Christ. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ☐ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

OPENING SONG

“This Little Light of Mine”

ELW #677

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.

***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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Hallelujah! Praise Ye the Lord!”
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God,

merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 27:2-6

²On that day:

A pleasant vineyard—sing about it!

³I, the LORD, am its keeper;
every moment I water it.

I guard it night and day
so that no one can harm it;

⁴I have no wrath.
If it gives me thorns and briers,
I will march to battle against it.
I will burn it up.

⁵Or else let it cling to me for protection;
let it make peace with me;
let it make peace with me.

⁶In days to come Jacob shall take root;
Israel shall blossom and put forth shoots
and fill the whole world with fruit.

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

PSALM 150

(Please read responsively).

¹**Praise the LORD!**

**Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!**

²**Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**

³**Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!**

⁴**Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!**

⁵**Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!**

⁶**Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!**

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“The B-I-B-L-E”
CCLI #5851029

GOSPEL: JOHN 15:5-17

The holy gospel according to John, chapter 15, beginning with verse 5.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. ⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

My thoughts on the scripture
and message

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

CHILDREN’S TIME/SERMON

Pastor Lee Herberg

HYMN OF THE DAY

“His Banner Over Me is Love”
CCLI #28579

3RD GRADERS RECEIVE BIBLES

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

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

ELW #752

Please pray for Amy, Rod, Melissa, Dwight, Donna, Carol, Blair, Marsha, Andy, Wayne & Dale.

OFFERING/OFFERING MUSIC

“This Little Light of Mine”
“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

arranged by Jason Thoms (8:30)
ELW #671 (10:30)

OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation,

you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. 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

“Vine and Branches”
CCLI #7229019

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Sustaining God,

with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“The Trees of the Field”
CCLI #20546

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God!**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM & ALTAR FLOWERS are given in loving memory of our parents: Rev. John and Lorraine Nicolai by the Nicolai children and spouses and in thanks for the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church.

“BANQUET” SERVING HANDS PROJECT - Sign up at the Welcome Center to help setup, serve, and clean up for the Block Party meal at The Banquet. Helpers need to be there at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 17th at The Dream Center.

“APPLE JAM” SERVING HANDS PROJECT - Sign up at the Welcome Center to help tear down and clean up after this annual event that supports the Bismarck Cancer Center. Helpers get in free so you can come early to enjoy the event. You will be needed from 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. on September 27th at Buckstop Junction. Contact Pastor Martha if you have questions.

YOUTH MOCK-IN - Calling all Middle and High Schoolers!!! Join other local churches as we gather for a Mock-in at Peace Lutheran in Lincoln on Friday, September 18th @ 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. There will games, pizza & a devotional. Please register here: <https://form.jotform.com/261966660658169>. See Gracia with any questions.

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 TODAY at the Capitol Grounds (check in starts @ 12 p.m., walk @ 2 p.m.) The Out of Darkness Walk raises funds and awareness for suicide prevention. are welcome! Follow this link for more information or to make a donation: <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!



THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday 9-13 RALLY DAY

- 8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM - Rally Day Fun
- 9:30 AM - Bible 101 in Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary
- 12 PM - Out of Darkness Walk at the Capitol

Monday 9-14

- 2 PM - Ladies' Bible Study in Conference Room

Tuesday 9-15

- 9 AM - Quilters in Quilters' Room
- 12 PM - Caregiver Lunch & Learn in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday 9-16

- 5:15 PM - Meal Served in Fellowship Hall
- 6 PM - Worship in Sanctuary
- 6:40 PM - Church School, Confirmation, Youth Group

Thursday 9-17

- 9:30 AM - Thursday Morning Bible Study in Conf. Room

Friday 9-18

- 10 AM - Theology and Coffee in Conf. Room
- 5 PM - Mental Health & SA Task Force in Conf. Room
- 6:30 PM - Council in Conference Room

Saturday 9-19

- 8 AM - Men's Group in Fellowship Hall

Sunday 9-20

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



Join us at Bismarck's
"Out of the Darkness"
Community Walk



TEAM:
"INTO THE LIGHT"

Trinity's Substance Abuse & Mental Health Task Force

Sunday, September 13th
@ 12 pm
ND State Capitol Grounds



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and better serve you



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TAKE OUR SURVEY!

THANK YOU for helping us
grow in our faith together and
strengthen our church family!

