



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

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*Rally Day
Wednesday
September 9, 2026
6 p.m.*



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“Vine and Branches”
Congregations sings Refrain, CCLI #7229019

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.

***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.

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.

GOSPEL: JOHN 15:5-17

Milo Teigen, reader

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.

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/OFFERING

"His Banner Over Me is Love"

CCLI #28579

3RD GRADERS RECEIVE BIBLES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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

CCLI #26997

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

"10,000 Reasons"

ACS #1097

DISMISSAL

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

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2026 MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT
17

3:30pm

The Banquet

Sign up to setup, serve, and clean up at this Block Party meal at the Dream Center.

SEPT
27

5pm -
6:30pm

Apple Jam at Buckstop Junction

Help tear down and clean up after this annual event that supports the Bismarck Cancer Center.

OCT
11

11:45am

Freezer Meals for Local Non-Profits

Join us in the Fellowship Hall kitchen at Trinity to make freezer meals for our community partners.

NOV
1-30

All Month

Ministry on the Margins Food Drive

Bring your donations to church.

NOV
11

6:40pm

United Way Backpack Service Project

Fellowship Hall

NOV
12

4:30pm

The Banquet

Sign up to setup, serve, and clean up at this community meal at the Dream Center.

NOV 15-
DEC 13

All Month

Angel Tree

Grab a tag and make someone's Christmas special.

Re-Entry Meal
First Thursday of every month
5:30pm at Trinity

Questions?
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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




**BISMARCK / MANDAN
MIDDLE SCHOOL &
HIGH SCHOOL**

**SEPTEMBER
18**

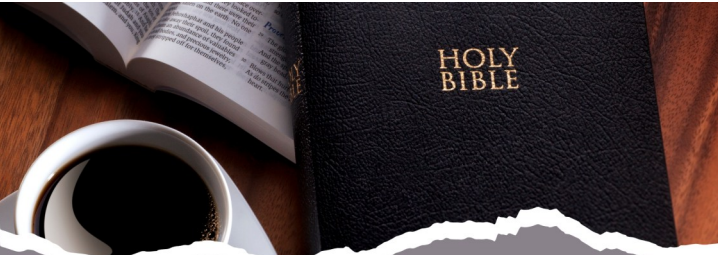
MOCK IN

6-10PM

**FREE
EVENT**

**BRING A
FRIEND!**

- GAMES
- PIZZA
- DEVOTIONAL



HOLY BIBLE

THEOLOGY & COFFEE

Pastor Martha is starting a new study/discussion group that will discuss and debate various topics of faith and current topics important in our world today.

FRIDAYS | 10:00 AM

In the Conference Room

ALL ARE WELCOME



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is given in memory of Stan Vitez on his birthday today, given by Margaret, Clint, Jill and families.

FUNERAL UPDATE - Jan Froeschle's memorial service will be held at Eastgate on Friday, September 11th @ 2 p.m.

SEPTEMBER SERVING HANDS PROJECT - Sign up to help setup, serve, and clean up for the Block Party meal at The Banquet. Start time is 3:30 p.m. located at The Dream Center.

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 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!



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our communication
and better serve you ...



Scan the QR Code
to take the survey.

TAKE OUR SURVEY!

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



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 9-9 RALLY DAY

5:15 PM - Meal Served in Fellowship Hall
6 PM - Worship in Sanctuary
6:40 PM - Rally Day Fun

Thursday 9-10

9 AM - Lend a Hand in Break Room
6:15 PM - Executive Committee in Conf. Room

Friday 9-11

10 AM - Theology and Coffee in Conf. Room

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

My thoughts on the scripture
and message