

Embracing the Cross



TRINITY  LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Sunday, August 30, 2026
9:00 am Service

Order of Worship

**stand as you are able*

Prelude

Joy Rundell

Welcome

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God and one another.

Compassionate God,

We confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn**

Lift High the Cross

Hymn #660

verses 1, 3, 4

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *(Refrain)*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *(Refrain)*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! *(Refrain)*

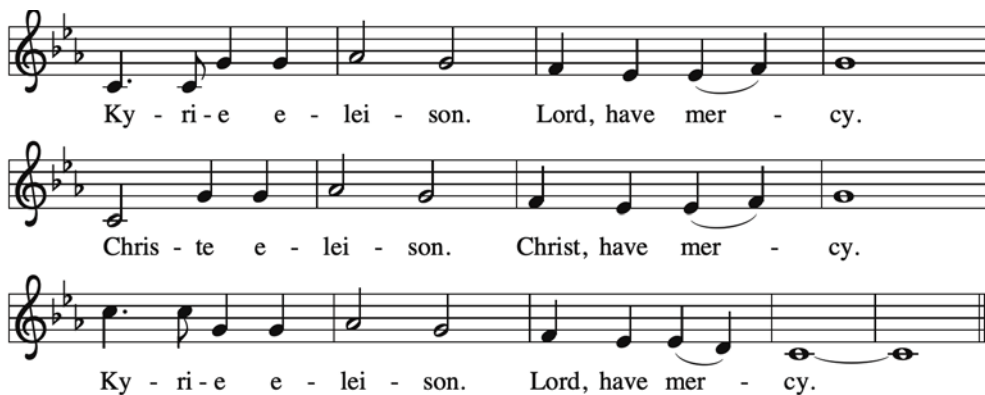
***Greeting**

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 Eleison

Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy."



Musical notation for Kyrie Eleison, featuring three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Hymn of Praise

Glory to You, God



Musical notation for Hymn of Praise, featuring six staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes.

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Anthem

Bound for Jubilee

Trinity Quartet

Readings

**Exodus 3:1-15
Romans 12:9-21**

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

From that time on, after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Rev. Gale Reitan

Hymn of the Day

Will You Come and Follow Me

Hymn #798

verses 1, 2, 4

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?

Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

***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 Church

Congregational Response:

Hear our prayer.

***Sharing of the Peace / Announcements**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

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you leave worship. Or give online at www.trin.org/give.*



Offertory Anthem

Amazing Grace

Trinity Quartet

***Closing Prayer**

Compassionate God,

**Through the gifts of your grace and word, our hearts are filled with the
abundance of your love. Strengthen us now as we go forth into the world, that
we may share your light freely, just as you have shared with us. We ask this in the
name of Jesus, through the Spirit guiding and sustaining 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.**

***Benediction**

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

Closing Hymn**Let Streams of Living Justice*****Hymn #710**

1. Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;
give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights,
the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron pow'r;
abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.
2. For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,
for love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun;
on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.
O great weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one;
dye our texture with your radiance, light our colors with your sun.
3. Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek;
your harmony is language; we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service, our hope in others' dreams,
our love in hand of neighbor; our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way—the path untried;
your truth—the heart of stranger; your life—the Crucified.

Go in peace. Praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Joy Rundell

In Our Prayers:

Elvina Nelson, Steve Boylan, Frank Fritzke, Stacey Lewandowski, Gloria Raguse (sister of Sandy Beckman), Veronica White (sister of Liz Hirsch), Elyse Hirsch (daughter-in-law of Kelly & Liz Hirsch), Aiko Landgraf (niece of Sue Magnuson)

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Emmett Danielson, whose funeral will be held at Trinity this week, and to Pam Olson and family upon the recent passing of her mother, Beth Malo. May God grant you peace and comfort.



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Rev. Gale Reitan, Guest Preacher
Chelsea Farniok, Children's Ministry
Joy Rundell, Accompanist
Trinity Quartet: Tom Lindberg, Dave Hendricks,
Mark Reitan, Craig Frank

Announcements

You are invited to enjoy conversation, treats and coffee
following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

TrinFest Kick Off Event! Join us for "TrinFest" on Sunday, September 13, kicking off with worship in the sanctuary at 9:00 am, followed by outdoor games, ministry connections, fellowship, and ice cream sundaes! It's the perfect chance to celebrate fall and to welcome Trinity's new pastor—so bring a friend and jump into the fun!

Meet & Greet Pastor Adam Get to know our new pastor at a casual meet and greet once he gets started in September! Visit **www.trin.org** under the **EVENTS** menu to sign up to attend and/or host a small group gathering with Pastor Adam.

Trinity Sunday School is for kids ages 3 years old through 5th Grade. More details and registration are available at **www.trin.org/sundayschool**.

Trinity Worship Choir Trinity's worship choir will start weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in singing with the choir this year, please contact Hannah Rosholt at hrosholt@trin.org.

Volunteer Opportunities Trinity has lots of ways to get involved on Sunday mornings—ushering, reading, hosting coffee, assisting with communion, helping with livestream, and more. Learn more at **www.trin.org/volunteer**.