

Weeds Among the Wheat



TRINITY  LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Sunday, July 19, 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**

God Is Here!

Hymn #526

verses 1, 3, 4

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

***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."

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Refrain:

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, every day.

1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*
2. That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor,
That we may live out truth and justice and grace,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*
3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family.
For life and for love, for our work and our play,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*
4. For your Spirit to guide, that you center our lives in the water and the Word,
That you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*

Prayer of the Day

Faithful God,

**Most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion.
By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the
way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Reading

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

The Gospel of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Rev. Terri Harris

Hymn of the Day

For the Fruit of All Creation

Hymn #679

1. For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

2. In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

***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 Response

Lord, Be Glorified

Hymn #744

1. In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in my life, Lord, be glorified today.
2. In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in your church, Lord, be glorified today.
3. In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in your world, Lord, be glorified today.

***Closing Prayer**

God of all,

**You have gathered us together in your presence
and you have nourished our hearts with your word and community.
As we leave this place, may we be filled with your grace and
open our arms to the world, knowing that you
hold all of creation in your love.
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**

May the God of Hope Go With Us

Repeat 2x

May the God of hope go with us ev - 'ry day,
to a world in need with news of joy and peace.
May the God of jus - tice speed us on our way,
bring-ing light and hope to ev - 'ry land and race.
Pray-ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our
joy with all; work - ing for a world that's new,
faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.

Go in peace. Praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Joy Rundell

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In Our Prayers:

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Announcements

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

Connect & Celebrate: Fall Kickoff at Trinity! Let's launch our next program year with a strong, connected community! Trinity is bringing back our Fall Kickoff Event, and we want you to be part of the fun. Help the Church Council plan logistics, activities, and meaningful service projects that we can do together as a congregation. Grab a friend, share your ideas, and join the planning crew by signing up at **www.trin.org under the EVENTS menu.**

Share your musical gifts with us this summer! We invite you to participate in special worship music this summer with a Gospel Band on Sunday, July 26 and a pick-up choir on August 16. Let Penny Koets or Hannah Rosholt know if you're interested in being a part of either of these groups.

Trinity's World's Smallest Marching Band Grab your instrument and join the band in downtown Watertown! We are hitting the streets to represent Trinity in the annual Rails to Trails grand parade on Saturday, July 25. Contact Jason Koets or the church office for details and to sign up to march with the band.

A Sunday of Celebration and Thanks for Pastor Paul Join us on Sunday, July 26 following worship for a special farewell reception for Pastor Paul and family as we share our appreciation for his leadership, insight, and dedication as our interim pastor over the past year.