

Grounded in Connection



TRINITY  LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Sunday, June 21, 2026
9:00 am Service

Order of Worship

**stand as you are able*

Summer Series: Grounded in Connection

Relationships are the cornerstone of who we are as people of faith. Our relationships with others are how we learn and grow, and are the primary way we give and receive love and grace. Through this series of well-known Bible stories, we'll explore the joys and challenges of human relationship, community, and living with one another. In the midst of complex human relationships, we will be reminded yet again that God is here, showing us the way of connection, mercy, and grace.

Prelude

Goodness of God

arr. Daniel Jang

Gospel Band

Welcome

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Blessed be God, who gives us life, who makes water rise from the earth, whose mercy rolls down like an ever-flowing stream.

Amen.

In baptism, we are given new life through the grace, love, and connection of Christ. We come in gratitude for kinship and community, for forgiveness and resurrection, for beginning anew each day.

We give you thanks, God of all creation, for the water that has given us birth; for your call to care for one another; for welcoming us into the ever-flowing current of your mercy and love. Pour your grace into each of us that we may live together in your newness and life.

Amen.

Let us rest in you, knowing that we are loved, held, and sent forth to care for your creation, for our whole selves, and for one another. In the name of the Holy Trinity + one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

All Are Welcome

Hymn #641

verses 1, 3, 5

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *(Refrain)*

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *(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

Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy."

Hymn #151

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Hymn of Praise

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Hymn #857

Lord, I lift your name on high. Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.

Prayer of the Day

God of abundance,

You nourish us even when all seems bare. Help us to trust in your provision and connection, and open our hearts to your hospitality and care. Let us entrust our whole selves to you so that we may welcome one another in your love.

In Christ's name we pray.

Amen.

Reading

1 Kings 17: 8-16

Widow at Zarephath

⁸Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, ⁹"Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you."

¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹² But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." ¹³ Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son." ¹⁴ For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

The Word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Pastor Paul Lutter

Connection Hymn

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Hymn #708

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, master who acts as a slave to them. *(Refrain)*
2. Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race, neighbors are nearby and far away. *(Refrain)*
3. These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love; all these are neighbors to us and you. *(Refrain)*
4. Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet: this is the way we will live with you. *(Refrain)*

***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

*Thank you for your continued financial support.
An offering plate can be found in the back of church as
you leave worship. Or give online at www.trin.org/give.*



Offertory Response

Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying

Hymn #752

Repeat 3 times

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Holy Communion

***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.**

Distribution of Holy Communion

Please come forward for Holy Communion this morning by using the center aisle and returning by the side aisle. If you prefer, gluten free wafers are available on the center table and white grape juice is located in the inner circle of the tray.

Communion Music

Let us Break Bread Together (Congregation)

Hymn #471

In the Garden (Gospel Band)

***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.**

***Benediction**

May the God of care hold you.
May the God of connection tend you.
And may the God of all creation +
bind us together in love.
Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

This Little Light of Mine

Hymn #677

1. This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
3. Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Go in peace. Praise the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

This Little Light of Mine

Gospel Band



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In Our Prayers:

Jim Morrow, Steve Boylan, Frank Fritzke, Eddie Galbreath, Stacey Lewandowski,
Randy Feltmann (brother of Shirley Domjahn), Elyse Hirsch
(daughter-in-law of Kelly & Liz Hirsch), Aiko Landgraf (niece of Sue Magnuson)

Announcements

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

Trinity Apostles Summer Work Day Got a knack for tools, painting or fix-it projects?
Put those handyman skills to great use at the Apostles Summer Work Day on
Wednesday, June 24 at 8:30 am as we team up to tackle a checklist of indoor and
outdoor maintenance projects around the church property.

Share your musical gifts with us this summer! Whether you are an individual
or part of a small group, we invite you to participate in special worship music this
summer, including our next Gospel Band opportunity on Sunday, July 26.
A pick-up choir will also be gathering on August 16, so please let Penny Koets
(pennykoets@gmail.com) know if you are interested in joining the fun.

Trinity Youth Group Trip to Valleyfair Trinity Youth in grades 6th-12th
(2025-2026 school year) and friends are invited to a fun day at Valleyfair
on Tuesday, July 28 from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Learn more and sign up at
www.trin.org under the EVENTS menu.