

Love Beyond Walls



TRINITY  LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Sunday, September 7, 2025
9:00 am Service

Order of Worship

**stand as you are able*

Prelude

Karla Keller

Welcome

*Invocation

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

Amen.

*Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful and loving God,

We are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found.

Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

*Gathering Hymn

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Hymn #335

1. Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain;
Free to all, a healing stream flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain:

In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

2. Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. *(Refrain)*
3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. *(Refrain)*
4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. *(Refrain)*

***Invocation**

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

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Hymn #186

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

OT Pew Bible, page 233

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.

Second Reading

Philemon 1-21

NT Pew Bible, page 263

Onesimus, a new Christian and a man enslaved by Philemon, has helped Paul, who is in prison. Paul writes this letter to his friend Philemon to encourage him to receive Onesimus, upon his return, as a sibling in Christ.

*Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

NT Pew Bible, page 94

Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

The Word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Pastor Paul Lutter

Hymn of the Day

Will You Come and Follow Me

Hymn #798

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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Offertory Response

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

Hymn #814

Take, oh, take me as I am, summon out what I shall be,
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

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 Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

Hymn #471

***Closing Prayer**

Gracious God,

We lift our hearts in gratitude for your presence among us. Empower us now to live out our faith boldly in the world. Help us to be instruments of your peace and love, sharing the Good News with those around us. Help us to remember that with every challenge we face, you are by our side, providing strength and wisdom. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

***Benediction**

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free,
† bless you now and forever.
Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

Lift High the Cross

Hymn #660

Refrain:

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

1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *(Refrain)*
2. All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *(Refrain)*
3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *(Refrain)*
4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! *(Refrain)*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Karla Keller

In Our Prayers:

Frank Fritzke, Dick Erickson, Stacey Lewandowski, Aiko Landgraf (niece of Sue Magnuson), Stacey Barta (niece of Bob & JoAnn Lohmann), our missionary in Papua New Guinea, Rev. Andrew Ronnevik and family



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Announcements

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

Trinity Nursery The nursery is open from 8:45 - 10:45 am each Sunday morning and is located downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to bring your children (6 months and older) before or during worship and sign in with the Nursery Staff.

Trinity Sunday School Sunday School families are invited to kick things off today, Sunday, September 7 with fun family activities in the Nyluna Chapel at 10:00 am. Sign up for Sunday School at www.trin.org/sundayschool.

Trinity Worship Choir Trinity's worship choir will start weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in singing with the choir this year, please contact Hannah Rosholt at hrosholt@trin.org.

Adult Education Opportunity Join Pastor Paul this fall for a weekly study of *Making Sense of Martin Luther* by David Lose, running September 24–November 6. Choose either Wednesdays at 1:15 pm or Thursdays at 6:30 pm—no expertise required, just good conversation. Study materials will be provided. If you are interested in joining the study, please sign up at www.trin.org under **EVENTS**.

Trinity Apostles The Trinity Apostles are back at it! Join them tomorrow, Monday, September 8 at 8:30 am for coffee, fellowship and to check off a few "handyman" jobs from the to-do list. All are welcome to lend a hand.

Pastoral Transition Process Join us for the first Congregational Listening Session on Sunday, September 28, from 10:15–11:45 am. Together we'll reflect on our history, share stories, and begin discerning God's vision for Trinity's future mission and ministry.