

Grounded in Connection



TRINITY  LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Sunday, July 5, 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

Karla Keller

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.

***Gathering Hymn**

Will You Come and Follow Me

Hymn #798

verses 1, 2, 4, 5

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?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

***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 welcome,

You call us back to your table of grace again and again. Gather us around the fire of your love, that we may be warmed and sent into the world. Help us to know that your forgiveness is ever-present, for each of us and for all of us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Reading

John 21:15-19

Jesus and Peter

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The Word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Rev. Gale Reitan

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.

Call Committee / Council Update

Richard Murray / Adam Rowan

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.*



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.

***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**

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**

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Hymn #888

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.
2. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life:
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.
3. O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

Go in peace. Praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Karla Keller

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In Our Prayers:

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Announcements

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

Special Congregational Meeting Exciting news! The Call Committee is thrilled to recommend a candidate for our next pastor. Please join us for a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, July 12 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall to vote on issuing the call. All Trinity members are encouraged to attend!

Front Steps Construction Update The front steps on the Madison Street side of the Trinity building will be closed for a complete replacement beginning this week. Please use the north or alternate south entrances, including for Sunday worship on July 12.

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 or by contacting the church office.

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 a Gospel Band opportunity 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 special music this summer.

Trinity Youth Group Trip to Valleyfair Trinity Youth in grades 6th-12th 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.