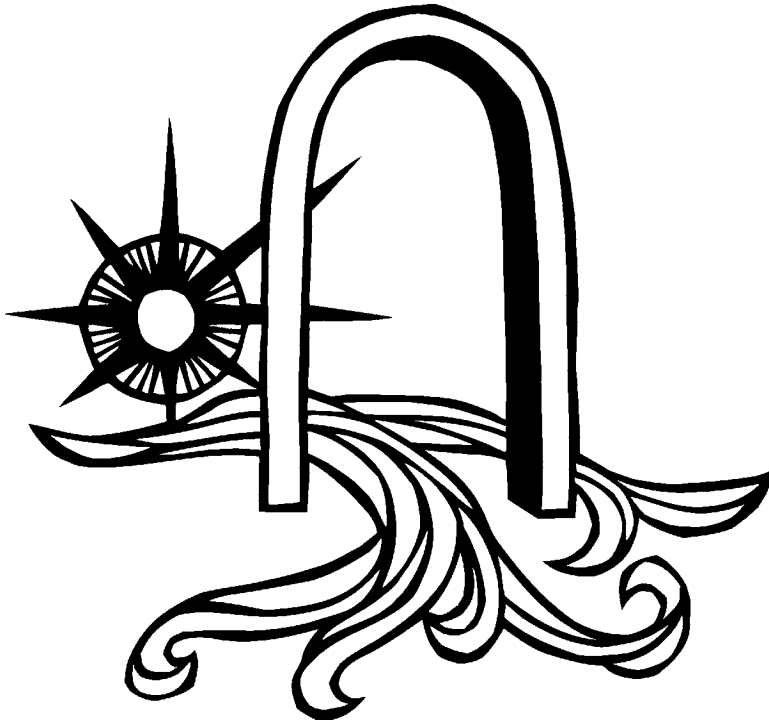


Grounded in Connection



TRINITY  LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Sunday, June 28, 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

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.

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**

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 community,

You grant us the courage to act as vessels of your care and grace. Help us to know the humanity of each person we meet, and help us to see the holy in all of your creation. May we know that we are all bound together in your love and mercy for such a time as this. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Reading

Esther 4

Esther Agrees to Help the Jews

When Mordecai learned all that had been done, Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes and went through the city, wailing with a loud and bitter cry; he went up to the entrance of the king's gate, for no one might enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. When Esther's maids and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed; she sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth, but he would not accept them. Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what was happening and why. And Mordecai told him all that had happened to him for the destruction of the Jews. Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther, explain it to her, and charge her to go to the king to make supplication to him and to entreat him for her people. Then Esther gave a message for Mordecai: "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that, if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law: to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days." When Hathach told Mordecai what Esther had said, Mordecai told him to reply to Esther, "Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this." Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish." Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

The Word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.

***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**

Here I Am, Lord

Hymn #574

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (*Refrain*)
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (*Refrain*)

Go in peace. Praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Joy Rundell

In Our Prayers:

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

We extend our sympathy to Karla Keller upon the recent passing of her
brother Sherman. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.
May God grant them peace and comfort.

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Announcements

You are invited to enjoy conversation, treats 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!

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 (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.