

*Where is God
When We Feel Lost?*



TRINITY  LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Sunday, September 14, 2025
9:00 am Service

Order of Worship

**stand as you are able*

Prelude

Less Like Me

Worship Band

by Zach Williams, Mia Fieldes & Hank Bentley

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**

Gather Us In

Hymn #532

1. Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2. We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face;
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away—
Here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

***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."

by Chris Tomlin

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Hear our cry and heal our land
Let kindness lead us to repentance
Bring us back again

Chorus:

For Your Name is great, and Your heart is grace
Kyrie Eleison
Over all You reign, you alone can save
Kyrie Eleison, Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy on us now

Who is this God
Who pardons all our sin
So ready to forgive
You delight to show Your mercy (*repeat 4x, Chorus*)

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Anthem

My Feet Are on the Rock

Worship Band

by Josh Bronleewe, Matthew Hein, Abbie Parker & Lindsey Sweat

Children's Moment

Reading

Luke 15:1-10

Parables of Loss

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸ "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Pastor Paul Lutter

Hymn of the Day

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Hymn #779

1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today is Rhett Terrence McCleary,
son of Ethan & Emma McCleary.

Congregational Response:

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share;
join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative
and redeeming word to all the world.**

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

My Life is an Offering

by Pat and Joel Sczebel

Verse 1 (All):

This life is an altar, I want to offer my soul, and my mind, and strength,
Cleansed by Your mercy, to live a life worthy of the One, who called my name.

Chorus (All):

Jesus, be glorified, Jesus, be magnified,
Let me be a pleasing sacrifice.
Jesus, be glorified, Jesus, be magnified,
Here at the altar,
My life is an offering.

Verse 2 (Worship Band):

How could I not love you? You authored my rescue, raised me up from death to life.
Your spirit is in me, revealing Your glory of what joy, as I give my life. (*Chorus, All*)

Repeat Verse 1, Chorus (All)

***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.

***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**

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**

Go, Make Disciples

Hymn #540

Go, make disciples,
baptizing them, teaching them.
Go, make disciples,
for I am with you till the end of time.
Go, be the salt of the earth.
Go, be the light for the world.
Go, be a city on a hill,
so all can see that you're serving me.
Go, make disciples. (*repeat 2x*)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Be a Light

Worship Band

by Josh Thompson, Josh Miller, Matt Dragstrem & Thomas Rhett

In Our Prayers:

Shirley Johnson, 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, treats 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 Worship Choir Trinity's choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. If you're interested in singing with the choir, contact Hannah Rosholt at hrosholt@trin.org.

OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans) Join the OWLS on Thursday, September 18 at 10:00 am to revisit some Trinity history through a filmed cemetery walk, with stories of some of the congregation members that came before us. All are welcome to attend.

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**.

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.

Community Benefit There will be a benefit Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction for Stacey Lewandowski on Sunday, September 21 from 11 am - 3 pm at the Watertown Community Center. Tickets are \$20 adult / \$15 child and are available at the door or by calling Judy at 952-457-7274.