

Trinity Lutheran Church

"Send forth Your spirit, and...



"...renew the face of the earth..."

**August 10, 2025
9th Pentecost**

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN:

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (ELW 807)



1 Come, thou Fount of ev'-ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - on - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love.
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me froen dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and shield.

Our hearts are glad, because we trust in God's holy name.

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, as we hope in you.

We pray together, confessing our sin before God and one another.

Holy God,

you promise us a life full of blessing, but we do not always believe.

You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear.

You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have.

You call us to watch for you, but we grow self-absorbed.

Forgive us.

Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts,

and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day.

For the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Hear the good news!

By faith we have been saved, our hearts washed clean.

Refreshed, revived, and renewed, empowered by the Holy Spirit,
let us live as ones who are forgiven and freed, giving thanks to God.

Amen.

CONFESSİONAL HYMN:

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying (ELW 436)



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - - ing, the watch-men
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - - ing, and all her
3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.
grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - dring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
of such glo - ry. There we will go; what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
and fol - low de - to the will ban - quet hall.
There sweet light ev - er flow.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵ He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 33:12-22

¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!
Happy the people chosen to be God’s heritage!

¹³ The LORD looks down from heaven,
and sees all humankind.

¹⁴ God sits firmly enthroned and watches
all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵ God fashions all their hearts
and observes all their deeds.

¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

¹⁷ The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.

¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

¹⁹ to deliver their lives from death,
and to keep them alive in time of famine.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah’s involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:

Repeat optional

GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

O Master, Let Me Walk with You (ELW 818)



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

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 INTERCESSION

O God, you fling the stars into the heavens
and show us more blessings than we can count.
You give us treasure that cannot be destroyed.
You promise us a feast and peace without end.
And you hear our prayers.

We pray for your world, wounded and scarred:
heal earth’s body, and lead us to care.

We pray for your church, divided and angry:
unite us in mission, and grow us in love.

We pray for the lost, the forgotten, the lonely:
gather them in, and make us you for them.

We pray for the addicted: **save them and strengthen them.**

We pray for the greedy: **make them generous.**

We pray for the poor: **sustain them and give them hope.**

We pray for those who cannot hope: **give them faith in you.**

We pray for all those whose burdens we carry in our hearts,
and offer them up to you:

heal them, comfort them, guide them, make them whole.

Now increase our faith, and amplify our hope,
that by the power of your Spirit
we might serve you well and be ready to greet you
when Christ comes in glory.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Please place offering in one of the Bulletin Stand offering plates at the end of worship as you leave the church.

OFFERTORY: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (ELW 733)



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
3 Come, Al-might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



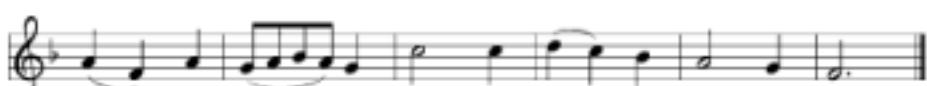
earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell-ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart,
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty,
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love,
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Generous God,

you pour out blessing and cover us with gifts of love.

**Accept these offerings for the sake of your children,
that they may proclaim your mercy and embody your grace.**

In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCARISTIC PRAYER

These elements have already been pastorally consecrated: the Communion Leader is re-reading the words of institution.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.

LAMB OF GOD

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; you break the chains of ha-tred and fear; you are the way of jus-tice and peace; you are the way of mer-cy and love.

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to join in the gift of Holy Communion.

White grape juice is available and all altar bread is gluten-free.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Let us not be afraid,
for it is God's good pleasure to give us the kingdom.
So may the blessing of God
be with us this day and every day
until Christ comes to make all things well.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus* (ELW 802)

1. Let us ev-er walk with Je-sus, fol-low his ex-am-ple pure,
2. Let us suf-fer here with Je-sus, and with pa-tience bear our cross,
3. Let us glad-ly die with Je-sus. Since by death he con-quered death,
4. Let us al-so live with Je-sus. He has ris-en from the dead

through a world that would de-ceive us and to sin our spir-it's lure, Joy will fol-low all our sad-ness; where he is there is no loss, he will free us from de-struc-tion, give to us im-mor-tal breath, that to life we may a-wak-en. Je-sus, you are now our head,

On-ward in his foot-steps tread-ing, trav-elers here, our home a-bove, Though to-day we sow no laugh-ter, we shall reap ce-les-tial joy; Let us mor-ti-fy all pas-sion that would lead us in-to sin; we are your own liv-ing mem-bers; where you live, there we shall be

full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav-ior's bid-ding, all dis-com-forts that an-noy shall give way to mirth here-af-ter, and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav-en, in your pres-ence con-stant-ly, liv-ing there with you for-ev-er,

Faith-ful Lord, with me a-bide; I shall fol-low where you guide. Je-sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know. Je-sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high. Je-sus, let me faith-ful be; life e-ter-nal grant to me.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Aug 10:	9:00am 10:15am	Worship Service w/ J. Apronti Fellowship in Gruver Rm
Tue, Aug 12:	6:00pm	Council Meeting in Gruver Rm
Sun, Aug 17:	9:00am 10:15am	Worship Service w/ A. Huck Fellowship in Gruver Rm

QUESTIONS ABOUT GIVING? If you ever have any questions about your financial gifts to Trinity, please contact Trinity's financial secretary, Alison Lebeda, at alebeda@uwyo.edu. If you need an up-to-date statement of giving, please contact the church office.

2025 as of June 30

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Serving in Worship

TODAY — Aug 10, 2025

Lights: James Apronti
Altar: Al & Bobbie Schimek
Sound: Stuart Guarnieri
Streaming: Larry Oolman
Reader: Belinda Apronti
Fellowship: Conyers Family

Congregation President **Adam Huck**
Pastor **Nathan Keith**
Accompanists **Tyler Bartholome/Soyeon Kang**
Financial Director **Linda Lebeda**
Financial Secretary **Alison Lebeda**
In the Office **Lisa Guarnieri**

NEXT SUNDAY — Aug 17, 2025

Lights: Lindsay Conyers
Altar: Al & Bobbie Schimek
Sound: Rory Telander
Streaming: OPEN
Reader: Lily Conyers
Fellowship: Al & Bobbie Schimek