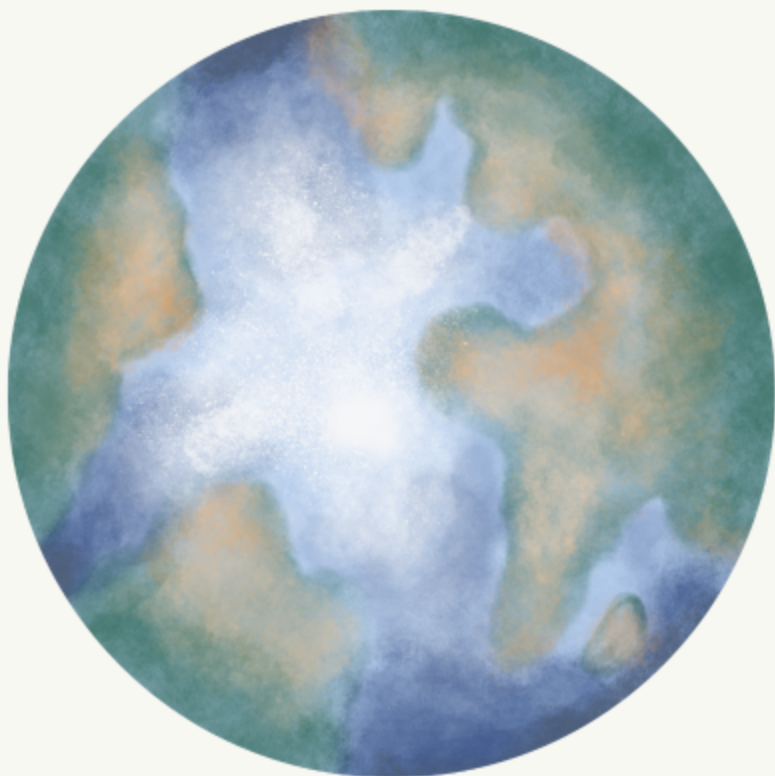


Trinity Lutheran Church



"There is no longer Jew or Greek."

August 16, 2026
Common Time II

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN:

Oh, Sing to the Lord (ELW 822)

1 Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.
1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Based on Matthew 15:17-18 and 22-25.

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, whose mercy reaches beyond every boundary, whose grace welcomes all who seek Christ, and whose love renews us from the inside out.

Amen.

Jesus teaches that it is not what enters us that makes us unclean, but what comes from our hearts.

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us confess our sin.

We pray together.

Gracious God,

You see beyond our outward appearances and into the depths of our hearts. We confess that our words have too often wounded instead of healed, judged instead of welcomed, and divided instead of united. We have been quick to point out the faults of others while ignoring the brokenness within ourselves.

Like the disciples, we have tried to limit your grace to those who look, think, or believe as we do. We have drawn lines where you have opened doors. We have doubted your compassion and withheld mercy from those who cry out for help.

Yet, like the Canaanite woman, we come before you in faith—not because we deserve your favor, but because we trust in your abundant mercy. Heal what is broken within us. Purify our hearts, renew our minds, and teach us to reflect your boundless love.

Amen.

Jesus Christ welcomes all. God's mercy cannot be contained by boundaries, prejudices, or human expectations. God hears the cries of the brokenhearted, forgives every repentant sinner, and makes all things new.

Therefore, by the grace of God and through the power of the Holy Spirit, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy,

3rd time to Coda

For the reign of God, and for
For your peo - ple here who have

Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the

Coda

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

cy. A - men.

NOW THE FEAST

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of
God; to make all things new.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
Almighty God,
whose compassion embraces everyone,
gather the outcast and the lost,
heal the wounds of fear and distrust,
and make us a community of reconciliation
that we may embody your merciful love
and rejoice in your astounding grace
in Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹ Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 67

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

² **Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷ May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-36

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means!
I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the
tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he
foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you
were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of
their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order
that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy.

³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be
merciful to all.

³³ O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How
unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴ “For who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been his counselor?”

³⁵ “Or who has given a gift to him,
to receive a gift in return?”

³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be
the glory forever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Repeat optional

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:10-28

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.”

¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?”

¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.”

¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.”

¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.”

²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.”

²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.”

²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.”

²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”

²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Healer of Our Every Ill (ELW 612)

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



Refrain
peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

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 PEOPLE

Based on Matthew 15:25-28 and Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32.

God of mercy and healing,
you are Lord of all,
embracing the estranged,
blessing the banished,
reconciling the rejected.
We cry out to you now,
confident that your provision is abundantly more than enough
to preserve the church, redeem the world, and deliver the tormented.

As the reader closes each petition:

Lord, help us.

The people respond:

We trust in you.

We stand in your circle of favor, embraced by you,
healed by you, blessed by you,
remembered by you, secured by you,
grateful for your loving care.
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.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Contact Cards available in your pew!

Serving in Worship

TODAY — Aug 16, 2026

Altar: **Conyers Family**

Livestream: **Paul Kunkel**

Reader: **Helen Coates**

Assistant: **OPEN**

Fellowship: **Phil & Sharon Rabon**

NEXT SUNDAY — Aug 23, 2026

Altar: **Conyers Family**

Livestream: **OPEN**

Reader: **OPEN**

Assistant: **OPEN**

Fellowship: **OPEN**

OFFERTORY: *As the Grains of Wheat* (NTF)

Refrain

Congregation:



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in-to one to be-come our bread;



so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be



gath-ered in-to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst, _____
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre-a-tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

The musical score for the Lamb of God prayer is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of several staves with lyrics underneath. The first staff is for the Congregation, followed by a staff for the Congregation or Assistant. The lyrics are: "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: love. you are the way of mer - cy and". The second staff is for the Congregation, with lyrics: "world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, fear: peace: love.". The third staff is for the Congregation or Assistant, with lyrics: "mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you". The fourth staff is for the Congregation, with lyrics: "take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,". The fifth staff is for the Congregation, with lyrics: "grant us peace, grant us peace.".

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:

world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear: peace: love.

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:

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.*

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Precious Lord, Take My Hand (ELW 773)

Eternal Father, Strong to Save (ELW 756)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our lord and savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.
**Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

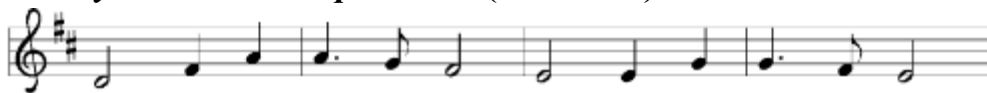
BLESSING

God has gifted us with forgiveness
and graced us with reconciliation.
Let us go now and share God's gifts.
Christ has called us close to him
and healed us from torment.
Let us go now to others with Christ's call, mercy, and healing.

And may the God who forgives, reconciles, heals, and ✠ blesses
be with you today and forevermore.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

My Faith Looks Up to Thee (ELW 759)



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side,
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

DISMISSAL

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

Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Aug 16:	9:00am 10:15am 7:30pm	Worship Service Fellowship in Gruver Rm Chamber Music Festival Finale @ St. Matthew's Cathedral
Mon, Aug 17:	9:00am	Becoming in Gruver Rm
Tue, Aug 18:	5:30pm	TheologyPUB @ Front Street Tavern
Wed, Aug 19:	11:30am	Cabinet/Closet Hours til 1:30pm
Sun, Aug 23:	9:00am 10:15am	Worship Service Fellowship in Gruver Rm
Mon, Aug 24:	9:00am	Becoming in Gruver Rm
Wed, Aug 26:	11:30am	Cabinet/Closet Hours til 1:30pm
Sun, Aug 30:	9:00am 10:15am	Worship Service w/ the Band Fellowship in Gruver Rm
Mon, Aug 31:	9:00am	Becoming in Gruver Rm
Tue, Sep 1:	5:30pm	TheologyPUB @ Front Street Tavern
Wed, Sep 2:	11:30am	Cabinet/Closet Hours til 1:30pm
Thu, Sep 3:	11:30am	MUGG Campus Ministry
Sun, Sep 6:	9:00am 10:15am	Creation in Christ Worship Fellowship in Gruver Rm

Create Abundance August 30th!

**Cabinet
Food**

**THREADS
Closet**

LAST SUNDAY OF AUGUST FEATURE

PLEASE SHARE WHAT YOU CAN!

Donations Always Welcome



Create Abundance September 6th!

*Laramie Ministerial will be visiting Cathedral Home September 9th.
All are invited to "shower" the kids!
Bring donations on Creation in Christ Sunday, September 6th.*

Wishlist

- WalMart gift cards, small amounts (Residential client awards)
- LED lights and bedroom decor (posters, tapestries)
- MP3 players (bluetooth capability, no internet access)
- NEW weighted blankets
- NEW stuffies/warmies
- NEW twin-sized bedding
- NEW twin-sized mattress covers (waterproof all-around zippered)
- NEW pillows
- board games & decks of cards
- art supplies (canvases and paint, clay, pipecleaners, glue, pompoms)
- NEW socks & underwear (all child/youth sizes, boys & girls)
- diapers (all sizes)
- grocery gift cards (Safeway or Riddleys, Resource Center client food needs)
- gas gift cards (Resource Center client appt needs & Residential vans)



International Chamber Music Festival *Finale*

TODAY!

St. Matthew's Cathedral

7:30pm

Creation in Christ, September 6

Grounded in the ancient liturgical tradition of the Orthodox Church, "Creation in Christ" (or "Feast of Creation") celebrates God as Creator and ponders the great mystery that everything was created through Christ.

This is an exciting time, as the last time there was an addition to the liturgical calendar was Christ the King (Reign of Christ) in the 1920s...to be in communion with the Eastern church in celebration of Creation in Christ, holds great promise.

