

Trinity Lutheran Church



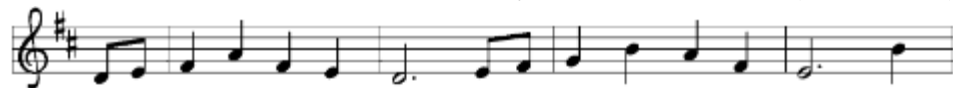
"I am going to rain bread from heaven for you."

September 20, 2026
Season of Creation 3



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

GATHERING HYMN: *This Is My Father's World* (ELW 824)



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their mak-er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
rus-tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'-ry-where.
Lord is king, let heav-en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Based on Psalm 105:1–6, 42 and Matthew 20:15–16.

O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

Give thanks to the Lord.

The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

Give thanks to the Lord.

God has done miracles, and the Lord has shown mercy.

Give thanks to the Lord.

Trusting in God's mercy,

let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

We pray together,

Gracious God,

we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you.

You have rained generosity on us, but we have not shown generosity.

We have not been gracious or grateful.

We have failed to remember all that you have done.

Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude.

Help us to share our gifts

and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you.

**We know that even when our lives keep us from you,
you keep running to us.**

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

People of God, by the grace of ☩ Christ our sins are forgiven;
we are reconciled to God.

Let us therefore love one another

with gratitude in our hearts and praise on our lips. **Amen.**

GREETING

May 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.

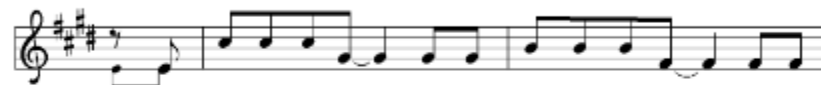
KYRIE



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev'-ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and
Refrain
hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of
vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-
le-lu-ia. 2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,
glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Based on Exodus 16:4–5.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We pray together.

**O God who knows our every need before we can even ask,
you provide all our needs and some of our wants.**

You bless us all.

Make us truly thankful

and empower us to bless others

with the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2–15

² The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵ On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.”

⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?”

⁸ And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.”

⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

¹¹ The LORD spoke to Moses, ¹² “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

¹ Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God’s name;
make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.

² **Sing to the LORD, sing praises,
and speak of all God’s marvelous works.**

³ Glory in God’s holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

⁴ **Search for the strength of the LORD;
continually seek God’s face.**

⁵ Remember the marvels God has done,
the wonders and the judgments of God’s mouth,

⁶ O offspring of Abraham, God’s servant,
O children of Jacob, God’s chosen ones.

³⁷ **You led out your people with silver and gold;
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.**

³⁸ Egypt was glad to see them go,
because they were afraid of them.

³⁹ **You spread out a cloud for a covering
and a fire to give light by night.**

⁴⁰ They asked, and you brought quail,
and satisfied them with bread from heaven.

⁴¹ **You opened the rock, and water flowed,
so the river ran in the dry places.**

⁴² For you remembered your holy word
and Abraham your servant.

⁴³ **So you led forth your people with gladness,
your chosen with shouts of joy.**

⁴⁴ You gave your people the lands of the nations,
and they took the fruit of others’ toil,

⁴⁵ that they might keep your statutes
and observe your teachings. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21–30

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1–16

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the twentieth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard.

³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same.

⁶ And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’

⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’

He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’

⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius.

¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’

¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Spirit of Gentleness* (ELW 396)

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness
call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,
stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Refrain

“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the God who creates,
who calls life out of darkness,
who sees the world and calls it good,
and who never abandons what God has made.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
God with us,
who welcomed the stranger,
ate with sinners,
touched the forgotten,
challenged the powerful,
and proclaimed that the kingdom of God
has come near.

We believe that in the cross
God entered fully into human suffering,
and that in the resurrection
God declared that death, fear, and hatred
will not have the final word.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who breathes among us and within us,
calling us beyond fear,
opening us to grace,
and sending us into the world
to love our neighbors.

We believe the Church is not a gathering
of those who have everything figured out,
but a community of people
being formed by grace.

We believe in forgiveness,
in reconciliation,
in resurrection,
and in the stubborn hope
that God is still making all things new.

And we trust that wherever love is given,
wherever mercy is practiced,
wherever justice is sought,
and wherever the broken are welcomed,
Christ is already there.

This is our faith.
This is our hope.
This is the life to which we are called.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



God of creation, all you have made is yours. You come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth. Let us raise our voices together with all creation in praise to you. May our actions be a shining witness of your grace for all people.

God of creation, your touch brings healing and your word revives us for life. Heal those who are sick and give courage to all who struggle. Touch with your tender care all who reach out to you in pain. Turn wailing into dancing and weeping into joy.

God of creation, the foundations of the earth bear witness to your faithfulness; the mountains and hills echo with your holiness. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree. Inspire us with reverent awe to honor all you have made.

God of creation, by your hand you feed your people. Fill all who hunger. Enable all who gather here to be nourished and renewed. We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

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:

By Your Hand You Feed Your People (ELW 469)



1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

Trinity, your offerings for Cathedral Home were amazing. You gave monetary offerings, all kinds of bedding and bedroom decor, games, art supplies, socks, underwear, and diapers, plus small amount gift cards for client awards...almost everything on the Home's Wishlist. Thank you so very much for creating all this abundance!



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.

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.

LAMB OF GOD



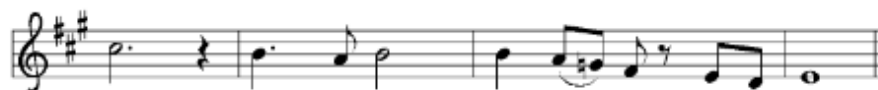
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Adonai (S. Lewis, L. Ferro, D. Koch)

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (ELW 461)

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.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Based on Exodus 16:4 and Matthew 20:15.

Now let us rest in the knowledge that God always provides, and so give and love with generous hearts.

And beloved, may God continue to bless and keep you.

In the name of the Father, the ✙ Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



SENDING HYMN: *You Are Mine* (ELW 581)

1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,
2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,
3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
(4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I

I will lift you from all your fear.
I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
am the peace the world can - not give.

You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand

still and know I am here. To stanza 2
Come and rest in me. To refrain
all will know my name. To refrain
up, now walk and live! To refrain

Refrain
Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by
name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I
love you and you are mine." To stanzas 3 and 4

DISMISSAL

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

Serving in Worship

THIS SUNDAY — Sep 20, 2026

Altar: **Cara Keith**
Livestream: **OPEN**
Reader: **Diane Fiedler**
Assistant: **Thom Edgar**
Fellowship: **Sally Rafert**

NEXT SUNDAY — Sep 27, 2026

Altar: **Cara Keith**
Livestream: **OPEN**
Reader: **Thom Edgar**
Assistant: **Thom Edgar**
Fellowship: **OPEN**

Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Sep 20:	9:00am	Worship Service w/ the Band
	10:15am	Fellowship in Gruver Rm
Mon, Sep 21:	9:00am	Becoming in Gruver Rm
Tue, Sep 22:	11:00am	Cabinet/Closet Hours til 1:00pm
Wed, Sep 23:	10:00am	Women's Bible Study in Gruver Rm
Thu, Sep 24:	11:30am	Campus Ministry Lunch
Sun, Sep 27:	9:00am	Worship Service
	9:00am	Sunday School in Downstairs Youth Rm
	10:15am	Fellowship in Gruver Rm
	10:30am	Confirmation behind Gruver Rm

Those needing our prayers:

Pastor Nate,

at the Sept. 28 - Oct 1 RMS Conference: Baptized in Muddy Waters



Mon, Sep 28:	9:00am	NO Becoming
Tue, Sep 29:	11:00am	Cabinet/Closet Hours til 1:00pm
Wed, Sep 30:	10:00am	NO Women's Bible Study
Thu, Oct 1:	11:30am	NO Campus Ministry Lunch
Fri, Oct 2:	2:30pm	Rehearsal for Damion and Nicole
Sat, Oct 3:	3:00pm	Wedding of Damion and Nicole
Sun, Oct 4:	9:00am	St. Francis Sunday Worship
	10:15am	Fellowship in Gruver Rm



Cabinet Food



THREADS Closet

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH FEATURE

PLEASE SHARE WHAT YOU CAN!
Donations Always Welcome



MEN'S CLOTHING

Our Trinity Threads Clothing Closet is helping so many, but more than 90% of what we have to offer is women's clothing. With your help we would like to be able to offer clothes to all our patrons!



SAINT FRANCIS SUNDAY

OCTOBER 4TH

*Brother wind,
brother air
Fair and storm,
all weather's moods
Colored flowers
and healing herbs
Heavenly grace
flows through you.*

*Brother sun
and sister moon
Heaven and earth
proclaim God's glory
All praise be Yours,
Most High God.*

Trinity's Bell

was made by
McShane Bell Company,
still in business since 1856
in Maryland Heights, MO.
They recently found the 1885 ledger
entries for Trinity's bell!



Rev. F. M. Anderson ordered
the 440 pound bell on May 20th
for 18 and 1/3 cents per pound.
It was shipped on July 15th with
57 additional pounds of hardware
bringing the total price to \$91.10, paid in cash.

A Few Ways to Serve



Altar Guild

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TO SET THE TABLE FOR
HOLY COMMUNION

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OUR
LIVESTREAM!

—
EVERY
SERVICE



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COMMUNION
ASSISTANTS

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Every Sunday Trinity
needs someone to put
out treats, make a
second pot of coffee,
and tidy up.

Fellowship

FELLOWSHIP AFTER
WORSHIP IS OUR BEST
OPPORTUNITY TO
CELEBRATE EACH OTHER

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TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Contact Cards available in your pew!



Congregation President	Steven Barrett
Pastor	Nathan Keith
Accompanists	Trinity Band
Financial Director	Linda Lebeda
Financial Secretary	Alison Lebeda
Custodian	James Apronti
In the Office	Lisa Guarnieri

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.

2026 Snapshot thru August

Income - \$150,095.25

Expenses - \$149,348.04

