

Sunday, July 26th, 2026
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost– Christmas in July

Welcome & Announcements

*Opening Hymn

“Joy to the World”

ELW 267

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Dialogs:

P: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through Christ

C: And we boast in our hope of sharing God's glory.

P: We know that suffering produces endurance, character, and hope.

C: And hope does not disappoint us.

P: God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C: For we stand in the grace of God which has been given to us.

*Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray together,

C: Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” ⁶ And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne to-day.” ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?” ¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, “Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you.

Psalms 119:129-136 (read by half verse. Psalms can be found after pg. 338 and before the hymns.)

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷ No, in all

these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." ³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." ⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Children's Sermon:

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*Hymn of the Day:

"Away in a Manger"

ELW 277

1. Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes. I love you Lord Jesus; look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord, Jesus; I ask you to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in your tender care and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

*The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

*The Prayers:

Each petition ends with: P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

*The Peace:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

We invite you to share the peace in the manner you are most comfortable with. Please respect others, knowing that someone may not be comfortable sharing the peace with you in the same manner.

Offering

*Offertory Hymn:

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

ELW 289

1. Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song? Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.
3. Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing, come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king. Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

*Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray, Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Words of Institution

*The 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.

Distribution of Communion

*Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

*Benediction and Sending

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

*Closing Hymn

"Go Tell it on the Mountain"

ELW 290

1. Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere; go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born! While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.
2. Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere; go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born! The shepherds feared the trembled when, lo, above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.
3. Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere; go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born! Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born; and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Postlude

*Trinity Lutheran Church exists to support its members in proclaiming the Word of God
so that all may know the peace, joy, and fulfillment that comes through Jesus Christ*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

See the sign up sheet in the Narthex to help mow the church grounds! You can use the Church's mower!

Tacos for Kids every Tuesday until August 18th, We will be making taco's for kids in need and then handing them out, along with apple slices and cheese sticks. Sign-up in the Narthex and join us at 11 am to put the Taco's together. We also need people to help us hand them out from Noon till 1 pm by the library. Questions? See PB or Heidi Kothrade.

The Women of Trinity are collecting for Personal Care kits during the month of July. You can bring any or all of the items needed to make a kit. These are the items needed: 1- light weight bath size towel, dark color preferred, 2- bath size bar soap, 1- adult size toothbrush in original package, 1- sturdy comb, 1- metal nail clipper: attached file optional. Thank you for helping us help others!

Save the date for the Annual Lunch & Pie Social on Sunday, August 23! We look forward to seeing you between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. for hot beef and pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, homemade potato salad, baked beans, homemade pickles, homemade pie, and ice cream. Bring your family and friends to join us for lunch and a slice of pie – everyone is welcome!

Looking for workers and donations for the Lunch & Pie Social on August 23rd. See sign ups in Narthex!

Serving Our Lord and Church

Pastor: Bradley K. Peterson

Parish Manager: Andrea McVeigh

Organists: Ginny Waller, Lee Peshaw

Reader: Jamie Tilleson

Greeter: Trent & Tiffany Johnson

Ministers: All Baptized Believers

Ushers: Bob Bird, Dan O'Connell, John Larson

Altar Guild: Carrie Bartos, Lori Jensen, Sarah McCarthy

Fellowship: Fisher & Carlsrud

Schedule For The Week of July 26– Aug 2

Sunday	9:00am	Worship
Monday	10:00am	Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilting
Wednesday	6:30pm	Worship
Thursday	10:00am	Card Club
Sunday	9:00am	Worship



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Our Prayer Concerns

Dick Clack	Saul Hedlund	Jeanna Hollister	Helen Rosen
Leona Steies	Kayden Ebensperger	Shannon Bauer	Amy Frieburg
Jennifer Marlett	Brad Stevens	Shirley Mittlestadt	Ken Larson
Randee Mayer	Lynda Swenson	Kasen Iverson	Megan Vullings
Tom Lohfink	Stephanie Anderson	Ashley Behling	Brian Moll
Kathy Joles	Phillip Bazille	Arlene Clack	

Weekly Devotions

Sunday: Matthew 27:15-23	Monday: Matthew 27:24-31	Tuesday: Matthew 27:32-44
Wednesday: Matthew 27:45-56	Thursday: Matthew 27:57-61	Friday: Matthew 27:62-66
Saturday: Matthew 28:1-10	Sunday: Matthew 28:11-15	

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