

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025



PRELUDE

“Let Us Go to the House of the Lord”

Jay Beech

Chorus

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”
I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

Verse 1

Called from ev’ry nation, called from ev’ry race,
Gathered here for worship in this holy place;
God is here among us, lift your hearts and sing,
Make the walls and rafters ring.
(Chorus)

Verse 2

Here the poor are welcomed, here the lost are
claimed,
Broken lives are mended, deepest fears are named;
Here the wise are children, and the weak are strong,
Here, in Christ, we all belong.
(Chorus)

Verse 3

Words that must be spoken, grace that must be
heard,
Mercy and forgiveness from God’s holy word,
Here, will be repeated; Peace! to all proclaimed,
Shouted out in Jesus’ name.
(Chorus)

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WELCOME STATEMENT

Verse 1

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

Chorus

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Verse 2

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb
(Chorus)

Bridge (Twice)

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God
(Chorus)

Verse 3

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
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GREETING

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, you free us to love others but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14:

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

A reading from Ecclesiastes.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 49:1-12

(Assembly reads the bold font in the Congregational Response.)

Hear this, all you peoples;
give ear, all you who dwell in the world,
**you of high degree and low,
rich and poor together.**
My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
**I will incline my ear to a proverb
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**
Why should I be afraid in evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
**the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,
and boast of their great riches?**
One can never redeem another,
or give to God the ransom for another's life;
**for the ransom of a life is so great
that there would never be enough to pay it,**
in order to live forever and ever
and never see the grave.
**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**
Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation
to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.
Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Colossians 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ..

A reading from Colossians.

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is not longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

(Assembly stands for the gospel.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Help Us, O Lord”

Dakota Road

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and common time (C). The lyrics are: "Help us O Lord to hear your word O - pen our hearts to feel your word Give us the strength to live your word each day". The chords are: D (first staff), DM7 (second staff), D7 (third staff), G (fourth staff), Em7 (fifth staff), G/D (sixth staff), and A (seventh staff).

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GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:13-21

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

The gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will put down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Phillip Potaczek

PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED*(The assembly stands)*

With the whole church, let us affirm our faith through the words of the 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.

COMMISSIONING OF A PARISH NURSE

Siblings in Christ, today we give thanks to God and joyfully commission Carol Wahlstrom as our new parish nurse. Carol has answered the Spirit's call to serve our congregation with her gifts of compassion, clinical skill, and faithful presence. Through this ministry, she will tend the health and wholeness of God's people here at Trinity, in body, mind and spirit.

We give thanks for Carol and bless her call to healing service among us.

Carol, as you begin this ministry among us, do you promise to serve in love, guided by Christ's example, respecting the dignity of every person, and tending the needs of this community with compassion, integrity, and prayer?

People of God will you support Carol in her ministry? Will you pray for her, encourage her, and join her in Christ's work of healing and wholeness?

We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

With open hearts and hands extended, let us pray. Gracious and healing God, you sent your Son to bring wholeness and life to all. Pour out your Spirit upon Carol as she begins this ministry in our midst. Give her wisdom, courage, gentleness, and strength. Let her presence be a sign of your compassion, her words a balm to the weary, and let her hands be an extension of your healing touch. May she find joy in serving, and may her ministry be a blessing to all of your people here at Trinity and to everyone she encounters.

Bless Carol, O God, and bless us through her. Empower us to all be vessels of your grace, that in body, mind, and spirit, your people may be made whole. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Carol, we commission you as parish nurse in this congregation, in the name of the Creator, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. May God bless you in this holy calling.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each prayer petition, please respond: ...God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

...Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

OFFERING/OFFERING HYMN

“He Has Made Me Glad”

Leona von Brethorst

I will enter His gates
With thanksgiving in my heart
I will enter His courts with praise
I will say this is the day
That the Lord has made
I will rejoice
For He has made me glad

Chorus

He has made me glad
He has made me glad
I will rejoice for
He has made me glad
He has made me glad
He has made me glad
I will rejoice for
He has made me glad

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OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

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.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

HOLY

Brenton Brown

Holy holy God Almighty
Who was and is to come
God of glory You're so worthy
All the saints bow down

Holy is Your name in all the earth
Righteous are Your ways so merciful
Everything You've done is just and true
Holy holy God are You
(x2)

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.....to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Modern Version

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as our Savior taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All who wish to know the love of God in Jesus Christ are invited to Holy Communion. Inform a communion assistant if you need a gluten-free host. Grape juice is located in the center ring of the tray. If you are not receiving the sacrament today, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing.

When there's bread for all people then my soul will rest
oh my soul, oh my soul
When there's bread for all people then my soul will rest
oh my soul will rest, oh..., oh...
When there's bread for all people then my soul will rest
oh my soul will rest

When we all have safe shelter then my soul will rest
oh my soul, oh my soul
When we all have safe shelter then my soul will rest
oh my soul will rest, oh..., oh...
When we have safe shelter then my soul will rest
oh my soul will rest

When there's peace on this planet then my soul will rest
oh my soul, oh my soul
When there's peace on this planet then my soul will rest
oh my soul will rest, oh..., oh...
When there's peace on this planet then my soul will rest
oh my soul will rest

When I'm laid in the soil then my soul will rest

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**ANNOUNCEMENTS****BLESSING**

And may the love of God abound in you all; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill each of your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Verse 1

Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner’s restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

Verse 2

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all your people sing along

Pre-Chorus

(So) remember your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Chorus

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

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SENDING

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

*****Trinity at a Glance*****

- **Trinity Lutheran Blood Drive is Wednesday, August 6th 12 pm to 5 pm** in the Community Room. For an appointment call 1-800-RED-CROSS (800-733-2767). Walk-ins are welcome as well.
- Come join us for our first **Summer Hymn Sing Service** - an informal worship opportunity on **Thursday, August 7th at 6:30 pm** in the Chapel, lower level. All are welcome. This is a casual event. There will be refreshments too!
- **Save the date for a 100th Birthday Celebration!** Gerald Hulslander turns 100 this year! Come to an Open House with coffee, lemonade and cookies on **Sunday, August 10 from 2-4 pm** at Trinity Lutheran Church. Please, no gifts or flowers, but cards are welcome! Gerald's address is 505 College Ave, Room 410 Ottawa IL 61350.
- **Sept 2nd is Trinity Rose Montessori School opening day!** Spread the word. Sign up early to guarantee your child a spot!
- **The Lutherdale Quilt Auction is August 9th** from 9 to 3 pm. Trinity Stitchers made quilts for the auction: numbers 43, 56, 65, 107, 119, 133, and 179. They can be seen online at <https://www.lutherdale.org/quilt-auction> . Voting for viewer favorites is listed there too. Voting is open now until August 8th, 9 pm.
- **Recent events have severely impacted people in Africa, Gaza, and other places in our world.** Millions are struggling to stay alive from starvation, the loss of available medical treatment, and more. The loss of help through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has made things worse. Help is needed now! There are a number of ways that you can help with monetary gifts. You can designate your donation on your offering envelope or through one of these websites:
 - Lutheran Disaster Response disaster@ELCA.org
 - Lutheran World Relief give.lwr.org
 - ELCA World Hunger elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/elca-world-hungerPlease contact the Mission-Outreach Committee with any questions.
- **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**
 - July income = \$16,340.56 (Income YTD = \$143,031.29)
 - July expense = \$16,356.92 (Expense YTD = \$143,649.04)
 - Income Less Expense = -\$16.36 (Income Less Expense YTD = -\$617.75)
 - Loan Payment = \$2,943.30
 - Left on Loan = \$15,996.09

● **THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:**

- **Monday (8/4):** 10a Staff meeting
10a Drum Fit (Community Room)
4:30p Mission/Outreach (Community Room)
5:30p Christian Ed (Board Room)
- **Tuesday (8/5):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
- **Wednesday (8/6)** 12p Blood Drive (Community Room)
1p Bible Study
- **Thursday (8/7):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
6:30p Summer Hymn Fest (Chapel)
- **Friday (8/8):** 7a Sunrise Rotary
- **Saturday (8/9):** *National Bowling Day* 🎳
- **Sunday (8/10)** *No Sunday Session*
10a Holy Communion
1p Gerald Hulslander's Birthday Reception (Fellowship Hall)

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -

Please sign up using the binder at the back of the aisle.

<p><u>Sunday, August 3, 2025</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Beth Schuett</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Beth Schuett</i> Altar Guild: <i>Ann Enke & Debbie Guenther</i> Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers:</p>	<p><u>Sunday, August 10, 2025</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Ellen Gross</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Ellen Gross</i> Altar Guild: <i>Cindy & Jay Komater</i> Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers: <i>In memory of Marv Graunke, From his family.</i></p>
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