

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025



PRELUDE "Because of Your Love" Brenton Brown

As we come into Your Presence
We remember ev'ry blessing
That You've poured out so freely from above
Lifting gratitude and praises
For compassion so amazing
Lord we've come to give You thanks
For all You've done

Because of Your love we're forgiven
Because of Your love our hearts are clean
We lift You up with songs of freedom
Forever we're changed because of Your love

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WELCOME STATEMENT

PROCESSIONAL "Gather Us In" ELW 532

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

PRAAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.

A reading from Deuteronomy.

The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 25:1-10

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

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame: rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;

remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

**All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Colossians 1:1-14

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.

A reading from Colossians.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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(Assembly stands for the gospel reading.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Help Us, O Lord ”

Hans Peterson

Help us O Lord to hear your word
Open our hearts to feel your word
Give us the strength to live your word each day

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GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:25-37

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

The gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Phillip Potaczek

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord, Thee I love with All My Heart”

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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

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.

Verse 1

Beauty for brokenness
Hope for despair
Lord in Your suff'ring world
This is our prayer
Bread for the children
Justice joy peace
Sunrise to sunset
Your kingdom increase

Verse 2

Shelter for fragile lives
Cures for their ills
Work for the craftsmen
Trade for their skills
Land for the dispossessed
Rights for the weak
Voices to plead the cause
Of those who can't speak

Chorus

God of the poor
Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts
Let tears fall like rain
Come change our love
From a spark to a flame

Verse 3

Refuge from cruel wars
Havens from fear
Cities for sanctu'ry
Freedoms to share
Peace to the killing fields
Scorched earth to green
Christ for the bitterness
His cross for the pain

Verse 4

Rest for the ravaged earth
Oceans and streams
Plundered and poisoned
Our future our dreams
Lord end our madness
Carelessness greed
Make us content with
The things that we need

Verse 5

Lighten our darkness
Breathe on this flame
Until Your justice
Burns brightly again
Until the nations
Learn of Your ways
Seek Your salvation
And bring You their praise

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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
(Chorus)
(Chorus)

Chorus

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

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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.

Verse 1

I am the work of Your hands.
Because you breathe, I am.
We are the light that you give.
Because of You, we live.

Chorus

Because you are, so we are too.
Because you are, we are with you.
One body, one spirit, one voice, and one heart
Together in love, because You are

Verse 2

We have been filled with your grace.
We have been changed by faith.
So we have been saving light
Baptized into new life.
(Chorus)

Verse 3

We are your hands and your feet
Reaching the least of these.
Try to be servants of God;
We have been made for love.
(Chorus)
(Chorus)

Tag

Because you are.
Because you are.
Because you are.

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

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.**

RECESSIONAL**“Build Up”****Hans Peterson & Larry Olson****Chorus**

Build up, prepare the way
Remove the obstructions from my people’s way
Build up, prepare the way
God is near, God is here today

Verse 1

Break the chains of injustice
Let the oppressed go free
Share our homes with the homeless
and our bread with the hungry
(Chorus)

Verse 2

God sees all our destruction
How we get in love’s way
Still God comes and meets us
with a steady, healing embrace
(Chorus)

Bridge

Then your light will break forth like the dawn
and your healing will break into song
(Chorus)

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SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

“Because You Are”

Celia Whitler

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Trinity at a Glance

- **Today is Playground Prep Day!**

Sunday, July 13th at 11 am

In preparation for the future playground for Trinity Montessori School and for general maintenance of our property, we need some helping hands to spread dirt around. What to bring: Shovels, wheelbarrows, blue jeans/work clothes, a willing spirit! We will get our hands dirty after worship for a little bit, and then we will celebrate our efforts together afterwards. Thank you for being part of this joyful next step for our community!

- Announcing the July recipients of our **Giving Tree**: Trinity Rose Montessori School. Thank you for your continued Spirit of Giving to help enrich the lives of others. "It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving." - Mother Teresa.
- Trinity Lutheran Congregation offers our condolences and prayers to the Grunke family in the passing of Marv on July 6, 2025.
- **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!
- **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.
- Please be advised that on **Thursday July 17, 2025 the Church Office will be closed.**

- **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- June income = \$20,322.71 (Income YTD = \$126,690.73)
- June expense = \$19,103.75 (Expense YTD = \$127,292.12)
- Income Less Expense = -\$1,218.96 (Income Less Expense YTD = -\$601.39)
- Loan Payment = \$2,943.30
- Left on Loan = \$18,888.23

● **THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:**

- **Monday (7/14):** 10a Staff meeting
 10a Drum Fit (Community Room)
- **Tuesday (7/15):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
 4:30p Property Committee (Conference Room)
 7p TRMS Board Meeting (Community Room)
- **Wednesday (7/16)** *No Bible Study*
- **Thursday (7/17):** *Church Office is Closed Today*
 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
 7p Church Council Meeting (Java Junction)
- **Friday (7/18):** 7a Sunrise Rotary
- **Saturday (7/19):** *National Urban Beekeeping Day* 🐝
- **Sunday (7/20)** 9a Sunday Session
 10a Holy Communion

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -

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

Sunday, July 13, 2025

Crucifer/Acolyte:
Ushers:
Lector: *Jay Potaczek*
Communion Assistants: *Ann Enke, Jay Potaczek & Brad Gromm*
Altar Guild: *Ann Enke & Debbie Guenther*
Video Tech: *Anne Lauterjung*
Music Directors: *Matt Makeever & Mary Heider*
Alter Flowers: *In memory of Greg Matteson From Cheryl Matteson*

Sunday, July 20, 2025

Crucifer/Acolyte:
Ushers:
Lector: *Shannon Matteson*
Communion Assistants: *Shannon Matteson & Mike Matteson*
Altar Guild: *Jan Beckman & Linda Scott*
Video Tech: *Anne Lauterjung*
Music Directors: *Matt Makeever & Mary Heider*
Alter Flowers: *In memory of Gary Grundstadt's Birthday on July 22nd From Vickie Grunstadt*