

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2026



PRELUDE

“Thank God for Sunday Morning”

Pardo, West & Cochren

We arrive from many places as music gathers us into one shared moment in the Spirit.

Verse 1

Neon lights and stained glass windows
Old bar stools and back row pews
I ran to one more than the other
But I couldn't outrun You
Trying to fill up all the empty
Trying to numb the pain inside
Thinking You'd never forgive me
For all those Saturday nights

Chorus

(But) thank God for Sunday morning
Thank God for three sixteen
And the words in red that say You bled
And gave Your life for me
Thank God for a choir singing
And a voice saying come back home
Saturday night looked like the end of the story
(But thank God for Sunday morning)

Verse 2

Now I know that You're no stranger
To the broken hearts like mine
It's what You do yeah somehow You
Bring dead things back to life
And it might look like it's as over
As a stone over a grave
But I've seen You move I'm living proof
You still roll stones away
(Chorus)

Verse 3

Sunlight through the stained glass window
Feels like freedom on my face
Really is a new beginning
Really is amazing grace

(But) thank God for Sunday morning
Thank God for three sixteen
And the words in red that say You bled
And gave Your life for me
Thank God for a choir singing
And a voice saying come back home
Saturday night looked like the end of the story
Oh!

Ending

Saturday night looked like the end of the story
But thank God for Sunday morning
Thank God for Sunday morning

WELCOME STATEMENT

Everyone is invited into God's story and the life of this community.

PROCESSIONAL

"He Lives"

Chris Tomlin et al

Intro

Ooh ooh ooh
Ooh ooh ooh

Verse 1

From heaven to earth our Savior came
For us on a cross He bled and died
And from the cross to an empty grave
He rose to life He rose to life

Chorus

He lives reigning in power
He lives names above all names
Hallelujah now forever
Hallelujah Christ is risen
(He is risen)

Verse 2

All glory to Him upon the throne
Forever exalted and seated high
The Lamb of God He has overcome
He is alive He is alive

Bridge

And on that day with Him I'll rise
For Christ He lives in me
This life I live no longer mine
For Christ He lives in me (oh)
(Repeat)

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

...Let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of the living, we confess that we have not lived as the risen body of Christ in the world. We have failed to abide in your love, and have not loved one another as you love us. Strengthen us with your Spirit, that we may draw our life from you, the vine, and bear fruits of your grace and mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our $\dagger$ risen Lord, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. .
Amen.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We ask the Spirit to prepare our hearts for hearing God's word.

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

A reading from Jeremiah.

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18

We give voice to God's faithfulness, participating in the living story of God's mercy and love by echoing the ancient prayers of God's people.

Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
'I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.'"

Happy are the people who know the festal shout! They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.
They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.

For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.
Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD; our king to the Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING

Romans 6:12-23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

A reading from Romans.

Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 10: 40-42

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

The gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the twelve: "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Phillip Potaczek

We hear God's promise proclaimed to us, and the Spirit works in our hearts to make it real.

We respond to the promises of God in song.

Verse 1

Some glad morning when this life is o'er
I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away

Chorus

I'll fly away O glory I'll fly away
When I die hallelujah by and by
I'll fly away

Verse 2

When the shadows of this life have grown
I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown
I'll fly away

Verse 3

Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where joys shall never end
I'll fly away

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STATEMENT OF FAITH (from 'Dakota Road: Remembering the Promise' edition)

We join the wider church in naming the story that holds us.

Please rise...let us proclaim our statement of faith.

We believe God is our creator and has promised to love us always. We believe Jesus Christ, fully God and fully human, is God's promise living among us. He experienced all the pain and joy and challenges of human life. God's forgiving love was revealed to us when Jesus suffered death on the cross. He came back to new life and has promised us new life in unity with God. We believe the Holy Spirit is God's promise touching our spirits and animating our lives, guiding us - even through our most difficult moments. We believe God is among us in community. Mysterious, yet very real, God promises to be with us always, even to the end of the age. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We entrust all into God's care.

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

Trusting you to receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We offer signs of Christ's peace, joining God's work of reconciliation.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING/ OFFERING HYMN**“Mansions”****Ernest, Philippidis, Delopoulos***We return our gifts to God, offering ourselves for the life of the world.*

God of light, light me some passion
Green fields and lovely mansions
Let your mansions live inside me
Love me, light me, give me, guide me

Faithful God, like faithful sunrise
Help me break from all these old ties
Lead me all to that is holy
Break these chains, but break them slowly

Cross of skin and naked figure
Broken legs and crooked fingers
Help me live for good tomorrow
Today's too late and full of sorrow

God of light, light me some passion
Green fields and lovely mansions
Let your mansions live inside me
Love me, light me, give me, guide me

This light is good and dark is evil
But I'm running around
Through the cross and through the steeples
Trying to make it to higher ground
Come on light, please live beside me
Love me, light me, give me, guide me

Let your mansions live beside me
Love me, light me, give me, guide me
Love me, light me, give me, guide me
Love me, light me, give me, guide me
Love me, light me, give me, guide me

No pride and hate, they live inside me
I need your love enough to guide me
Help me walk across these borders
I'm a pilgrim in deep waters

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OFFERING PRAYER

In response to your promise of life, we offer life.

In response to your promise of love, we offer our love.

In response to all of your promises, we offer our gifts. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION/EUCHARISTIC PRAYER*We lift our hearts and give thanks for God's life-giving work.*

Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth...Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER*Modern Version**We pray as Jesus taught, trusting God for what we need.*

Gathered into one, we are bold to pray as Christ 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*All are welcome to God's table of grace, receiving Christ's presence as nourishment for the journey.*

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Praise to the Lord (Joyful, Joyful)”

Disch & Barnard

Singing in response to God's gift, we enter more deeply into the presence of Christ.

Verse 1

Praise to the Lord the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is your health and salvation
Come all who hear now to His temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration

Verse 2

Praise to the Lord
Above all things so wondrously reigning
Sheltering you under His wings
And so gently sustaining
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining

Verse 3

Praise to the Lord
Who will prosper your work and defend you
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriends you

Chorus

Joyful joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Opening to the sun above

Verse 4

Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly forever adore Him

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We ask for strength to live what we have received.

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We share news and opportunities to live God's love together as a community.

BLESSING

God's promise goes with us into whatever comes next.

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

With hearts lifted, we turn toward the world as Christ's people.

Verse 1

I thought I knew what I was talking about
When I testified of your great love
Well I was a soul on fire there was no doubt
Bible believing saved and washed in the blood

Pre-Chorus

But it wasn't 'til I stumbled and made my mistakes
That I could know in my soul how amazing was
grace

Chorus 1

You brought me blessings out of tragedy
You turned my old song into a symphony
And with your spirit living inside of me
I'm a new creation
(I'm a new creation)

Verse 2

And now I know what you were talking about
Went from my heard into my heart
When I was broken at the bottom I found
You're my healer and redeemer
Jesus that's who you are

Chorus 2

You brought me blessings out of tragedy
You turned my old song into a symphony
And with your spirit living inside of me
I'm a new creation
I'm a new creation (oh oh oh)
I'm a new creation (oh oh oh)
I'm a new creation

Interlude

Oh oh oh oh

Ending

And with your spirit living inside of me
I'm a new creation, I'm a new creation

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SENDING

We are sent to love, serve, and live the story we have shared.

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

As worship concludes, music strengthens and inspires us for the journey ahead.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -

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

<u>Sunday, June 28, 2026</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Jackie Smith</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Altar Guild: <i>Cindy & Jay Komater</i> Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers:	<u>Sunday, July 5, 2026</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Beth Schuett</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Beth Schuett</i> Altar Guild: <i>Amy Boyles, Jan Beckman</i> Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers:
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*****Trinity at a Glance*****

June 28, 2026

- **Today, June 28th at noon** Open Table will be serving a **free community meal**. The menu is mostaccioli with chicken, garlic bread, salad and dessert. The address is 910 Columbus St, Ottawa.
- Trinity Friends, here is **an opportunity to serve** and share some of God's love by **participating in the meal train for the Reinert family**. Please consider making a meal and delivering it to them. Please sign up using this link: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/0r6mm9>
- **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**
A **Congregational Meeting** will be held immediately following worship on **Sunday, July 12**, to discuss and vote on a proposal to enter into a financing agreement with the ELCA Mission Investment Fund to support the Education Building HVAC project, the Education Building roofing project, and any additional property improvement projects recommended by the Property Committee and approved by the Church Council. **A quorum of 50 voting members is required**, so your attendance is important. Please plan to remain after worship on July 12th for this important meeting as we discern together the best path forward for our congregation's facilities and ministry. Thank you for your participation and commitment to the life and future of our church.
- The 2026 Synod Assembly Highlights can be found at the information kiosk by Java Junction.
- Pastor Phill will be on Summer Break June 29th - July 5th. In his absence, Pastor Bill Callister (St. Paul ELCA, Streator) will provide emergency pastoral care coverage. Please call the office if needed.
- **Sunday, July 5th** Pastor Dave Hedlin will be coming from New Lenox, IL to preach and preside at Holy Communion.
- Pridefest was Saturday June 13th. **Thank you to all the volunteers** helping with set up, take down and making lemon shakeups! We made \$600 and funds raised will go towards the Growing Project.
- **The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School is "River of Life."** In VBS, participants will learn about the importance of water and visit important "ports" during the week to hear Bible stories about water. They will also hear about communities working to restore watersheds, to protect rights to water and to ensure safe water for everyone. There will also be fun, with games and other activities to celebrate God's gift of water and remind us of our important calling as God's children to be good stewards of creation. **VBS will run July 13th through July 17, 2026** at 717 Chambers St., Ottawa. Please contact the office during business hours (9-2, Mon - Thurs) or send an email to tlcoffice@trinitylutheranottawa.com to sign up!
- Speaking of water.....**Thriving Members can obtain free clean water kits** that Vacation Bible School can use to help promote a stewardship of our environment. **Please order your kits at <https://servicing.apps.thrivent.com/cause-kits>** . Kits can be dropped off at the office during business hours or brought to service on Sundays.
- **Bible study will be suspended through July**, resuming at 1pm on Wednesday, August 5th in the Education Building Community Room.
- Council has accepted and approved the **retirement of Kevin Evensen** from Council. **Trinity thanks Kevin for his dedication and years of service to our church.**

- **Please join us on July 12th for our Temple Talk** by Jane Goetz about Thrivent grants for Trinity Lutheran Church.
- **Please support Mission's 2026 Growing Project.** The funds raised will help people (mostly women) increase their food production in Guatemala's Western Highlands. **Our goal is to raise \$25,000** to help. We're planning a number of activities to inform about the project and raise funds. All help is welcome! Last year's project raised almost \$29,000! Thank you for all of your support!
- The next **Trinity Lutheran Blood Drive** is happening **Wednesday, July 22nd, 12pm to 5pm**. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org. Appointments are preferred but not necessary. Contact Carol Wahlstrom for more information, carolwahlstrom@gmail.com , and to volunteer.
- Reminder that there are 2 large print binders available for use on the tables by each entrance in the Sanctuary.
- **PRAYER REQUESTS:**
 - . Please keep Joyce Johnson in your prayers.
 - . Please add Sarah and Andy Kelly and their family to your prayers.
 - . Please include Marj Nelson in your prayers also. From Marj: "I just want to thank my Trinity Lutheran family for all the ways you supported me during my hospital and nursing home stays. Whether you came to visit, sent a card or text, or set up prayers. Each and every one of you helped in my recovery. My kidney transplant is scheduled for July 14th. Please continue to keep me in your prayers."
- **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**
 - May Income = \$16,961.66 (Income YTD = \$101,957.38)
 - May Expense = \$20,127.44 (Expense YTD = \$102,561.09)
 - Income Less Expense = -\$3,165.78 (Income Less Expense YTD = -\$603.71)
- **THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:**
 - **Monday (6/29):**
 - 9a Pastor Phil on Break through 7/6
 - 9a Tai Chi (Fellowship Hall)
 - 10a Drum Fit (Community Room)
 - **Tuesday (6/30):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
 - **Wednesday (7/1)** No Bible Study for the Month of July
 - **Thursday (7/2):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
 - **Friday (7/3):** No Sunrise Rotary
 - **Saturday (7/4):** Independence Day! 
 - **Sunday (7/5)** 10a Holy Communion