

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026



PRELUDE

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

WELCOME STATEMENT

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

GATHERING SONG

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 ✝ risen Lord, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON

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SONG OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST READING

Isaiah 44:6-8

There are no other gods besides God: the word of the Lord does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel-and we-are redeemed.

A reading from Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 86:11-17

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name for evermore.

For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the pit of death.

**The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.**

But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

**Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant,
and save the child of your handmaid.**

Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame;
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-25

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

A reading from Romans.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Help Us O Lord”

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GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

The gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Rev. Phillip Potaczek

HYMN OF THE DAY

"For the Fruit of All Creation "

ELW 679

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

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

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(Sung Response: "The Spirit intercedes for us...")

Trusting you receive all our prayers... through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

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We return our gifts to God, offering ourselves for the life of the world.

OFFERING PRAYER

In response to your promise of life, we offer our 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

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

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

"Lamb of God"

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COMMUNION HYMN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

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

SENDING SONG

"Let's Go Out"

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SENDING

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



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

July 19, 2026

- 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 join us in **supporting Youth Service Bureau's Operation Apple Tree**. Information will be available for choosing a child to sponsor in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you for giving to this back to school project for our local youth! **The last day to bring in your donated items is July 26th.**
- **Lutheran World Relief is soliciting donations** to help those in need due to the **Venezuela Earthquakes**. Please donate at www.lwr.org (click on banner for "Venezuela Earthquakes"). Thank you for delivering critically needed emergency aid.
- 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.
- **Bible study will be suspended through July**, resuming at 1pm on Wednesday, August 5th in the Education Building Community Room.
- **Growing Project for Growing Hope Globally: We're making progress in raising funds** to help people grow more and better food in the Western Highlands of Guatemala!
 - We made and sold over 100 lemon shakeups at Pridefest on June 13th. We made money and shared our story. Thanks to all that helped.
 - Our partners at the Barrington United Methodist Church had a strings concert - this is usually their biggest fundraiser.
 - John Hughes says **the sweet corn is tasseled and should be ready for picking---maybe on August 1, maybe the Saturday before**. He hauls it to Barrington the next day to have it available for their members as they leave worship. The sweet corn is by Kate and Justin Reed's house.
 - Everyone is welcome to come pick---if you've never done it before or want your kids to have the experience, come on out! **It takes about an hour on a Saturday evening around 5:00.**
- Reminder that there are 2 large print binders available for use on the tables by each entrance in the Sanctuary.
- **PRAYER REQUESTS:**
 - Please keep Marj Nelson in your prayers. Her surgery went well and she is currently in recovery. She is grateful for Trinity's prayerful support and love.
 - Pray for our Camp TLC campers - that they may cherish God's love and share it with others.
- **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**

○ June Income = \$20,344.94	(Income YTD = \$122,302.32)
○ June Expense = \$18,913.47	(Expense YTD = \$121,474.56)
○ Income Less Expense = \$1431.47	(Income Less Expense YTD = \$827.76)

● **THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:**

- **Monday (7/20):**
 - 9a Tai Chi (Fellowship Hall)
 - 10a Drum Fit (Community Room)
 - 10a Staff Meeting (Office)
- **Tuesday (7/21):**
 - 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
 - 4:30p Property Committee (Conference Room)
 - 7p TRMS Board Meeting (Community Room)
- **Wednesday (7/22)** *No Bible Study for the Month of July*
- **Thursday (7/23):**
 - 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
 - 1p Trinity Stitchers (Fellowship Hall)
 - 7p Church Council (Conference Room)
- **Friday (7/24):**
 - 7a Sunrise Rotary (Fellowship Hall)
- **Saturday (7/25):** *National Day of the Cowboy!* 
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- **Sunday (7/26):**
 - 10a Holy Communion with SoulShine (Sanctuary)

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -

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

<u>Sunday, July 19, 2026</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Communion Assistants: Altar Guild: <i>Kari Castelli, Katrina Bromann</i> Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers: <i>In honor of Gary Grunstad from Vickie Grunstad and family</i>	<u>Sunday, July 26, 2026</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Shannon Matteson</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Shannon Matteson, Mike Matteson, Ann Enke</i> Altar Guild: <i>Ann Enke & Anne Lauterjung</i> Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers: