

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026



PRELUDE

“Here I Am To Worship”

Chris Tomlin

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

Verse 1

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

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WELCOME STATEMENT

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

TEMPLE TALK

Trinity Rose Montessori School

Suzannah Walter

GATHERING SONG

“I Lift My Hands”

Chris Tomlin

Verse 1

Be still there is a healer
His love is deeper than the sea
His mercy is unfailing
His arms a fortress for the weak
Let faith arise
Let faith arise

Chorus

I lift my hands to believe again
You are my refuge
You are my strength
As I pour out my heart
These things I remember
You are faithful God (You're faithful God)
Forever

Verse 2

Be still there is a river
That flows from Calvary's tree
A fountain for the thirsty
Your grace that washes over me
Let faith arise
Let faith arise

Bridge

Let faith arise let faith arise
Open my eyes open my eyes
Let faith arise let faith arise
Open my eyes open my eyes

Ending

Let faith arise let faith arise

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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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.

A reading from First Kings.

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." 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 today. 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. 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. 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?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 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, 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."

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

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalms 119:129-136

Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.

When your word is opened it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

I open my mouth and pant because I long for your commandments.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, as you always do to those who love your name.

Order my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.

Let your face shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your teaching.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-39

These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

A reading from Romans.

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. 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.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. 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. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 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? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 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. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 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 wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near?" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; 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."

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."

"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.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." 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."

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

SONG RESPONSE/HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus, I Lift My Eyes”

Anne Steele, Jars of Clay

Chorus 1

Jesus I lift my eyes
To Thee I breathe by soul's desires
Jesus I lift my eyes
To Thee I lift my eyes

Verse 1

When sins and fears prevailing rise
And fainting hope almost expires
Jesus to Thee I lift my eyes
To Thee I breathe my soul's desires

Verse 2

Are You not mine my living Lord
And can my hope my comfort die
Fixed on the everlasting word
That word which built the earth and sky

Verse 3

Here let my faith unshaken dwell
Immovable the promise stands
Not all the powers of earth or hell
Can e're dissolve the sacred bands
Jesus to Thee I lift my eyes

Bridge

Here oh my soul
Thy trust repose
If Jesus is forever mine
Not death itself that last of foes
Can break a union so divine

Chorus 2

Jesus I lift my eyes
To Thee I breathe my soul's desires
Jesus I lift my eyes
To Thee I breathe my soul's desires

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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 INTERCESSION

After each petition, please respond: God of Grace, **Hear our prayer.**

Grateful for your abundant... through the abundant grace of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

Verse 1

Waking up to a new sunrise
Looking back from the other side
I can see now with open eyes
Darkest water and deepest pain
I wouldn't trade it for anything
'Cause my brokenness brought me to You
And these wounds are a story You'll use

Chorus 1

(So) I'm thankful for the scars
'Cause without them I wouldn't know Your heart
And I know they'll always tell of who You are
So forever I am thankful for the scars

Verse 2

Now I'm standing in confidence
With the strength of Your faithfulness
And I'm not who I was before
No I don't have to fear anymore

Bridge

I can see
I can see
How You delivered me
In Your hands
In Your feet
I found my victory

Chorus 2

I'm thankful for Your scars
'Cause without them I wouldn't know Your heart
And with my life I'll tell of who You are
So forever I am thankful

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OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. 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.

Verse 1

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing that can compare You're our living hope
Your Presence

Verse 2

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
In Your Presence Lord

Chorus

Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

Interlude 1

Your Presence Lord

Interlude 2

Your Presence Lord
Your Presence
O God how we love Your Presence Lord

Bridge

Let us become more aware of Your Presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness
(Lord)

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God,...through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS**BENEDICTION**

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

SENDING SONG**"God You Reign"**

Brewster, Fieldes

Verse 1

You paint the night
You count the stars and You call them by name
The skies proclaim God You reign
Your glory shines
You teach the sun when to bring a new day
Creation sings God You reign

Chorus

(Woh) God You reign
God You reign
Forever and ever
God You reign

Verse 2

You part the seas
You move the mountains with the words that You say
My song remains God You reign
You hold my life
You know my heart and You call me by name
I live to say God You reign

Bridge

Hallelujah hallelu
Hallelujah hallelu
(Repeat)

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SENDING

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



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

July 26, 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/Or6mm9>
-  Thank you to those who signed up to support **Youth Service Bureau's Operation Apple Tree** and for giving to this back to school project for our local youth! **The last day to bring in your donated items is July 26th.**
- The next **Trinity Lutheran Blood Drive** is happening **Wednesday, August 19th, 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 pray for Pastor's mother, Andi Nelson, that she may receive encouraging lab results.
 - Please pray for God's guidance and grace upon Kathryn, Michael, and Audrey as they begin a new chapter in their family life.
- **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 (7/27):**
 - 9a Tai Chi (Fellowship Hall)
 - 10a Drum Fit (Community Room)
 - 10a Staff Meeting (Office)
- **Tuesday (7/28):**
 - 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
 - 4:30p Property Committee (Conference Room)
- **Wednesday (7/29)** *No Bible Study for the Month of July*
- **Thursday (7/30):**
 - 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
- **Friday (7/31):**
 - 7a Sunrise Rotary (Fellowship Hall)
- **Saturday (8/1):** *National Mustard Day!* 
- **Sunday (8/2):**
 - 10a Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -

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

<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:	<u>Sunday, August 2, 2026</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Mary Heider</i> Communion Assistants: Altar Guild: <i>Anne Lauterjung & Diane Wahl</i> Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers: