

DIVINE SERVICE I

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

July 26, 2026

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Everyone Is Invited to Stay for Coffee Hour in the Gathering Room



WELCOME TO TRINITY! We are so happy you are here this morning to worship the Lord. We pray this worship hour is a blessing for you and invite you to please come again soon. If you are a visitor, please sign the Guest Register in the entry.

Introit

Psalms 48:1, 3, 11, 14; antiphon: vv. 9–10

- P** We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,
C in the midst of your temple.
P As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.
C Your right hand is filled with righteousness.
P Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
C in the city of our God, his holy mountain.
P Within her citadels
C God has made himself known as a fortress.
P Let Mount Zion be glad!
C Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!
P This is God, our God forever and ever.
C He will guide us forever.
C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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Collect of the Day

Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ♪ Amen.

OT Reading: Jeremiah 23:16–29

¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD.

¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? ¹⁹Behold, the storm of

the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. ²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

²¹“I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. ²²But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.

²³“Am I a God at hand, declares the

LORD, and not a God afar off? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

Gradual

Psalms 31:2b, 1a

P Be a rock of refuge for me,

C a strong fortress to save me!

P In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;

C let me never be put to shame.

Second Reading: Acts 20:27–38

²⁷[Paul said:] "For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance

among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

³⁶And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

³⁷And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, ³⁸being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 7:15–23

¹⁵[Jesus said:] "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

²¹"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'"

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Birthdays

Sunday	Stephanie Bivins	
Monday	Matthew Barnett	Denna Jones
	Curtis Kettler	Marla Prothe
	Miciah Carter	
Tuesday	Ben Rakoski	
Wednesday	Lonnie England	Barbara Herrs
	Cody Weaver	
Friday	Barbie Dillenbeck	Colleen Richardson
Saturday	Linda Giager	Nancy Golubski
	Justin Shay	

Anniversaries

7/26/1969	John and Kathy Gerken	57 years
7/26/1980	David and Carol Wray	46 years
7/27/2002	Phillip and Morgan Richards	24 years
7/27/1974	Bob and Rose Eberly	52 years
7/29/1989	Chris and Sherri Webb	37 years
7/30/2022	Justin and Emily Prothe	4 years

We remember in our prayers:

Immediate and Long-Term Concerns:

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| ♦ Kameron Alpert | ♦ Ed Reyelts |
| ♦ Crystal Brown (Stan L.'s granddaughter) | ♦ Susan Mueller |
| ♦ John Loftiss (Stan L.'s brother) | ♦ Linda Ferrell |

Recovering:

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| ♦ Dennis Hinman (Sally W.'s uncle) | ♦ Dennis Karina |
| ♦ Bill Mueller (Barbie's brother) | ♦ Duane Rodewald |
| ♦ Norma Peckman | ♦ Debra Karina |

TREASURER’S REPORT July 19, 2026

Checking Account Balance	July 11, 2026	\$	6,931.24
Income:	Deposit	\$	3,369.00
	Thrivent	\$	1,033.00
Expenses	Checking	\$	(8,137.61)
Balance	July 18, 2026	\$	3,195.63

Attendance

Worship Attendance	July 19	112
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VOTERS MINUTES - Meeting was called to order by Chairman Windler, followed with prayer by Pastor Woelmer. Roll was answered by 23 members; there were no new member requests. Financial reports by the home treasurer and mission treasurer were given. Pastor Woelmer’s Q2 2026 report was given. Elders reported that Pastor Woelmer is finished with the vacancy at First Lutheran. Trustees report included elevator inspection was completed, elevator phase converter timer has been bypassed, deck at parsonage has been repaired, plan to review janitorial compensation, and north teacherage door repair is ongoing. Reports were heard from the Endowment, Board of Education, Youth, and Blocktoberfest committees. Old business items included church website upgrade, and approval to move forward with west parking lot concrete surfacing. New business items included Concordia Plan review, and approval to upgrade church copy machine through GFI Digital. Reminder was given to designate Thrivent Choice dollars, to update memorials list, to channel historian items to appropriate place, to check bulletin board for any correspondence, on-line giving remains active on web page, and to review Lutheran Witness subscription list in office. Voters were reminded that the church will be locked in accordance with upcoming August 4 elections.

COMMUNION SCHEDULE - Considering the upcoming confirmation of ten youth on August 9th, Pastor and the Elders decided to shift our celebration of Holy Communion from the 1st and 3rd Sundays to the 2nd and 4th Sunday of August (9th and 23rd). We desired to have the

confirmands receive Communion after they are confirmed. August is a month with five Sundays in it, so this will result in roughly every-other-Sunday Communion next month.

NURSING HOME SERVICES - You are invited to help Trinity provide brief worship services for nursing home residents at Country Club Estates and Homestead on August 2. The simple services are approximately 20 minutes in length at each home. We begin at 1:30pm at Country Club Estates, then Homestead around 2:15pm for the second service. The residents really enjoy these services, especially singing their favorite hymns. It's great to have church members there to greet the residents and sing along. We have a faithful few members who help but we could use your help too!

THE LUTHERAN WITNESS - If you are interested in getting our synod's magazine, please write down your name and address on the sheet in the Gathering Room. It is a great source of theology, encouragement, and information! Subscriptions are paid by the church and are \$35 a year. It is suggested to donate this in addition to your regular offering.

YOUTH NIGHT - Meet in the youth room this evening at 5:00 to finish our Bible study on Joseph. We'll eat a meal and watch the "Sight and Sound Theatre" production of Joseph from a few years back. It will bring the story to life.

BIEROCK MAKING - Save the dates to help make bierocks! The filling is cooked and prepared on Tuesdays, and filling and baking the bierocks happen on Thursdays. Plan on the first three weeks of August: 4 & 6, 11 & 13, 18 & 20.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENT - The Sunday School kids and Youth (and parents!) are invited out to Greg's place for a pool party on August 2nd, starting at 1:00. There will also be yard games and food to eat, so please plan on making it!

THANK YOU to James, Colby, Jaxon, August, Nate (and the adults: Paul, Brian, Jim Bob and Mike) who built the two fencelines leading from the Shelter House cement pad to the storage barn! Please thank them for all

their hard work, especially following up their work on the cemetery fence earlier this year!

GOOGLE REVIEWS - As part of the website update, Pastor Chris Jackson is helping us be more visible online. One of the most common ways that people search for us is using Google. You can help by rating our church (ideally 5 stars!) and leaving a review or pictures. That will greatly help our church's online presence. Thank you very much!

TRIP TO BRANSON - The youth group is heading to Branson from November 13-15 to watch the Sight & Sound Christmas special. If you would like to come, you're invited! A sign-up is in the back for the separate AirBnb house (you won't be in the same house as the youth); the cost will be about \$150 for the two nights, not including the show. Please see Michelle for any further details!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - We will be covering Wisdom Literature: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs! Join us at 9 a.m. on Sundays in the Heritage Room!

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS - Tuesday evenings at 7:00. Come on out if you are interested in learning more about Lutheran teaching or joining our congregation. We will continue for about 10 weeks.

PRAYER REQUEST TEXTS - Periodically, we send text messages out regarding prayer requests i.e. notification of a death, birth, or illness. If you would like to be on this text alert, please see Pastor or Susan. Once added, you will need to "opt in" via an email that will be sent to you.



SIGN UP FOR COFFEE HOUR - Everyone is invited to stay for Coffee Hour in the Gathering Room following worship today, thank you to Kynda and Barb for providing snacks. The signup sheet to provide snacks for Coffee Hour is on the counter in the Gathering Room. Consider signing up to honor birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc.