

DIVINE SERVICE I

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity – Rally Day

August 23, 2026

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



WELCOME TO TRINITY! We are so happy that 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

Psalm 70:2b, 4a, 5b; antiphon: vv. 1–2a

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

C O LORD, make haste to help me!

P Let them be put to shame and confusion

C who seek my life!

P Let them be turned back

C and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!

P May all who seek you rejoice

C and be glad in you!

P You are my help and my deliverer

C O LORD, do not delay!

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.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

C O LORD, make haste to help me!

P Let them be put to shame and confusion

C who seek my life!

Collect of the Day

Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; 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: Isaiah 29:17–24

¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? ¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. ¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel. ²⁰For the ruthless shall come to nothing and

the scoffer cease, and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off, ²¹who by a word make a man out to be an offender, and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right.

²²Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: “Jacob shall no more be ashamed, no more shall his face grow pale. ²³For when he sees his children, the work of my

hands, in his midst, they will sanctify my name; they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and will stand in awe of the God of Israel. ²⁴And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding, and those who murmur will accept instruction.”

Gradual

Psalm 34:1–2

[P] I will bless the LORD at all times;

[C] **his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

[P] My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

[C] **let the humble hear and be glad.**

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:4–11

⁴Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God.

⁵Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, ⁶who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

⁷Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses’ face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, ⁸will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? ⁹For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. ¹⁰Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no

glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. ¹¹For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

Holy Gospel: Mark 7:31–37

³¹[Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

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Birthdays

Sunday	Ryan Boyer	
Monday	Kelly Gerken	Kathryn Rakoski
Tuesday	Derik Vaughn	
Wednesday	Brooke Yarborough	
Thursday	Cale Elkinton	Bryson Garrison
	Beth Prothe	
Friday	Courtney McHenry	

Anniversaries

8/25/1989 Mike and April England 37 years

We remember in our prayers:

Immediate and Long-Term Concerns:

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

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 Aug 16, 2026

Checking Account Balance	Aug 8, 2026	\$	3,730.43
Income:	Deposit	\$	2,757.98
Expenses	Checking	\$	(93.50)
Balance	Aug 15, 2026	\$	6,394.91

Attendance

Worship Attendance	Aug 16	120
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YOUTH MEETING - There will be a meeting next Sunday, August 30th, after worship service in the Heritage Room for any Youth and their families who are interested in attending a trip to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter next year (June 2 - 6). Youth ages include 7-12th graders.

90th BIRTHDAY – Help us celebrate Gladys’ 90th birthday on August 29th from 1 to 3 PM at the Shelter House.

RALLY DAY MOVIE - Families and kids are welcome to stay after church for a Lunch Movie in the basement! Food will be provided, as well as a family-friendly movie (*David* from Angel Studios).

BIEROCKS - Thank you very much to all those who came out to make Bierocks, both the volunteers during the last three weeks, as well as the youth! All together, we made 869 bierocks this year!

BLOCKTOBERFEST MEETING - Join us tonight at the Shelter House at 7:00 to discuss the plans for the 13th Blocktoberfest! We're less than a month away!

MISSIONS FUND--Where does the money from the mission fund go to? Some of it is a set amount (\$7500) that we give to our Synod and District. They provide oversight and assist with the call process, publications, missionaries, pastoral and lay education, and so much more. We also support a missionary at \$500 a year (or more). Your donation to this fund is

greatly appreciated, as it supports a lot of things that are "behind the scenes."

NURSING HOME SERVICES - You are invited to help Trinity provide brief worship services for nursing home residents at North Point and Medicalodge this afternoon. The simple services are approximately 20 minutes in length at each home. We begin at 1:30pm at North Point, then Medicalodge 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 few faithful members who help but we could use your help too!

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!

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!

GRACE FUND - The Voters in January approved setting up a "Grace Fund" to assist those from our congregation who are in financial need. The account is now set up, and guidelines have been written. Feel free to make donations and add "Grace Fund" to the memo line of your check; the Finance Committee will record donations to this fund. Requests will go to the Elders, Chairman, and Pastor for approval. The Guidelines sheet as well as request forms are available in the Secretary's Office.

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.

BEST CHOICE LABELS - We are collecting labels for Ladies Aid. If you have any, please put them in the box on the coat rack by the office.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS - If you have a Thrivent account (or know someone else who does), don't forget to periodically check the account for Thrivent Choice Dollars; you are able to donate them to church or to various charities of your choice. If someone you know is not able to check online easily, feel free to help them see what might be sitting in their account, ready to be designated!

ONLINE GIVING - Visit our church's Facebook page sometime and look for the bright blue "Donate" button next to the "Like" and "Message" buttons. The company GuideStar processes the transactions; you may either tac on an additional amount to pay the 3% fee that they would charge or allow the fee to come out of the donation. You may, of course, continue to donate via the offering plates in church; this is just one more way that people can donate.

AUBURN PHARMACY CAPS - Please save your Auburn Pharmacy caps, Trinity earns 25 cents for every specially marked cap collected from AuBurn Pharmacy and submitted! There are 4 submission periods per year with an opportunity to earn up to \$2500 per period! There is a box in the gathering room for collection.



SIGN UP FOR COFFEE HOUR - Everyone is invited to stay for Coffee Hour in the Gathering Room following worship today, thank you to Greg and Karen 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.