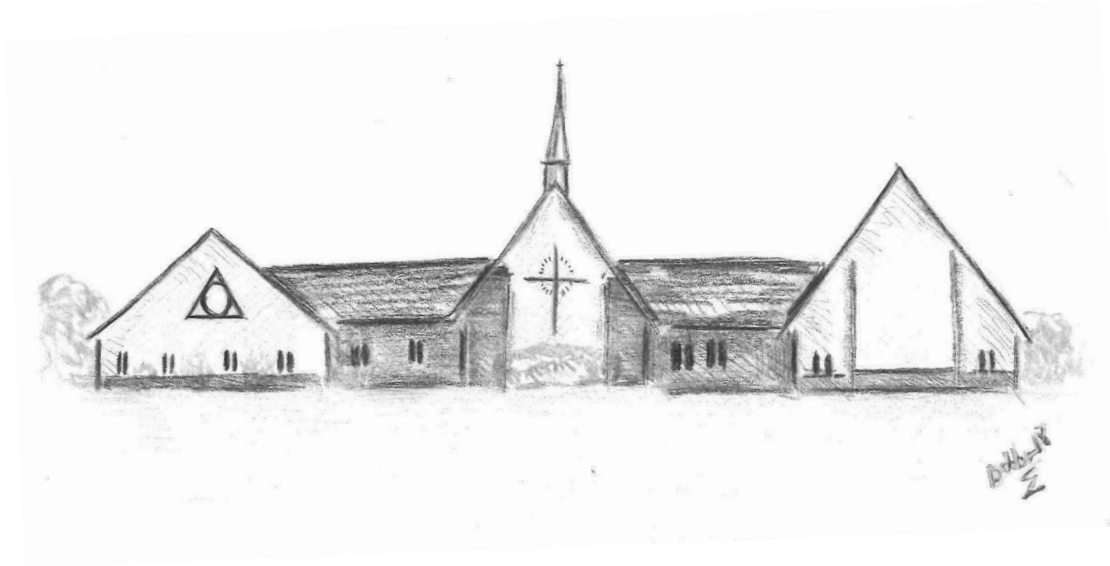


Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 23, 2026



OUR MISSION:

***To make disciples for Jesus Christ,
to baptize and to teach the faith,
that all may know the hope of Jesus Christ
and become responsible members of His church.***

Trinity Lutheran Church
1190 Valley Forge Rd PO BOX 340 Fairview Village, PA 19409
610-584-8411 www.trinityfairview.com

*Assistive technology for the hearing impaired is available.
Please see the operator in the sound booth.*

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who are visiting today. Please complete a purple visitor's card which can be found on the clipboard in the pew chair in front of you, and place it in the offering plate. May your hopes be restored, spirits lifted and your enthusiasm renewed when you visit here.

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIP

**The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory
of Mark & Bob by Judy Flanigan.**

Families

At Trinity, we love having children worship with us. And we know children need to fidget and squirm! We invite parents and grandparents to all that the Kid's Corner has to offer, located just off the sanctuary in the narthex. There is a wide selection of books on the tall stand, and plenty of crayons and coloring books in the basket. "Borrow Bags" are filled with items for fidgety children to use during worship. Return them to the stand following worship.

P Now, let our singing help us clear our hearts and minds for worship.

WELCOME SONG

ACS 1037

Christ, Our Peace



Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;



Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: CHRIST, OUR PEACE, Marty Haugen

Text and music © 2007 GIA Publications, Inc., giamusic.com. All rights reserved.

Duplication in any form prohibited without securing permission from copyright administrator or reporting usage under valid license.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

P Please rise.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C **we confess to you all our sins.**

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

P Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

6

ELW 779

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.
- C **O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**
- P Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

(Reading Continues on Next Page)

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 138

L ¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

C ² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

L ³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

C ⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

L ⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

C ⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

L ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

C ⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

P Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

7

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le -

lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the'. The second staff contains 'words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.'. The third staff contains 'Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le -'. The fourth staff contains 'lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: F, C/E, Gm7, C, C/Bb, F/A, Bb, C, Dm, F/A, Bb2, Csus, Dm, Gm7, C7sus, C, F, F/A, Bb2, Csus, Dm, Gm7, C7sus, C, F.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

P The holy gospel according to Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

P Please be seated.

SERMON

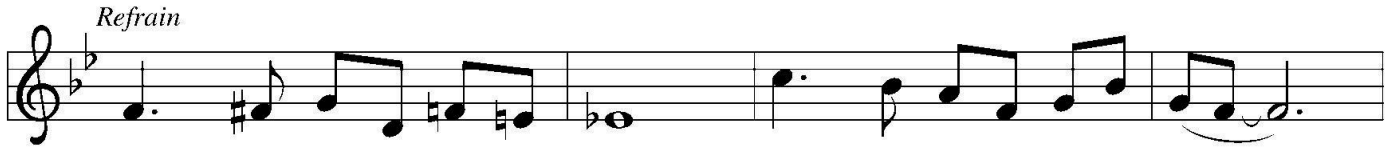
Reverend Karen Nelson, Pastor

P Please rise.

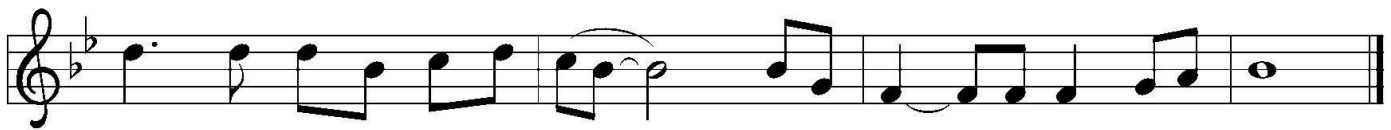
SERMON HYMN

ELW 697

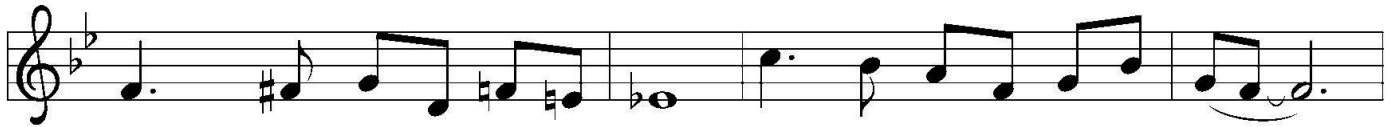
Just a Closer Walk with Thee



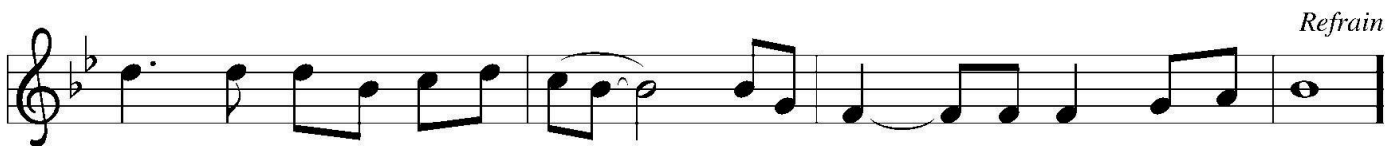
Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;



dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



- 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
- 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
- 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Text: North American traditional

Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

P Please sit or kneel.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L Let us pray.

L With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

L God, our rock, you are the foundation on which the church is built. Strengthen and encourage your faithful people everywhere they gather, that they boldly proclaim your word of life to all the world. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

L You spoke and all creation came into being. Field and forest, wetland and wilderness—all reveal your glory. Sustain and nourish your creation. Teach us to be wise stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

L You bring deliverance to nations and peoples. Come to the aid of nations experiencing war, conflict, disease, famine, and disaster. Guide the work of relief agencies and peacemaking organizations. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

L You regard the lowly and hear us when we cry out to you. Be present among all who struggle with addiction, housing insecurity, incarceration, and mental illness, that they know they are not alone. Hear our prayers for all in need this day.

We especially pray for those who are unable to be with us today: Sandy, Dot, Nancy, Joan & Florence.

For those in need of God's healing love and strength: Debbie, Ed, Barry, John, Sharon, Susan, Tessa, Joe, Steve, Frank, Michael, Bob, Paul, Peggy, Marita, Tilly, Heather, Vera, Connie, Michelle, Kathy, Jack, Nate, Tom, Susan, Waine, Sally, Leslie, Carol, Melissa, Jean, & Sarah.

For those in need of God's guidance, protection and strength.

In gratitude for God's abundance.

For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

For those who serve and protect our nation: Jordan, Brian, Craig & Eve.

And for those who we hold in our hearts, and those whose needs are known only to you God.

C Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

L You draw together people with differing gifts. Lift up the many and varied gifts and talents of this congregation and strengthen the bonds of fellowship that all may be united as the body of Christ. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

L Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P Please rise.
P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

While we sing, you may turn to those sitting closest to you to offer, and receive, the peace and reconciliation which is possible only through Christ.

Peace

Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you - - -

5 Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you!

The musical score is written on two staves in 4/4 time. The key signature has two flats (Bb and Eb). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 70. The first staff contains the first line of the melody with lyrics 'Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you - - -'. The second staff contains the second line of the melody with lyrics 'Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you!'. Chords are indicated above the notes: Bb, Eb, F7, Bb, Eb, F, Bb, Bb7 in the first staff; Bb, Eb, F7, Bb, Gm, Gm/Eb, F, 1.Bb, 2.Eb Bb in the second staff.

P Please be seated.

OFFERTORY MEDITATION MUSIC

OFFERING

God has blessed us in so many ways. We offer our gifts as a demonstration of our gratitude. And we pray God will use these resources to help us address the needs of our neighbors.

Offering by online giving: Make a gift to the general fund at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YR6Z/home>



Bill pay option with your local bank or

By Mail:

Trinity Lutheran Church PO Box 340 Fairview Village, PA 19409

P Please rise.

OFFERING PRAYER

- P 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.
- C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Handwritten musical score for the Sanctus hymn. The score is written on three staves in 6/8 time, with a tempo marking of quarter note = 65. The key signature is C major. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains measures 1-5, the second staff contains measures 6-10, and the third staff contains measures 11-15. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord Go - d of po - wer and might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho - sa - nna in the high - est! Bless - ed is He who comes i - n the name of the Lor - d Ho - sa - nna in the high - est!"

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord Go - d of po - wer and might. Hea - ven and earth are

full of your glo - ry Ho - sa - nna in the high - est! Bless - ed is He who comes

i - n the name of the Lor - d Ho - sa - nna in the high - est!

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

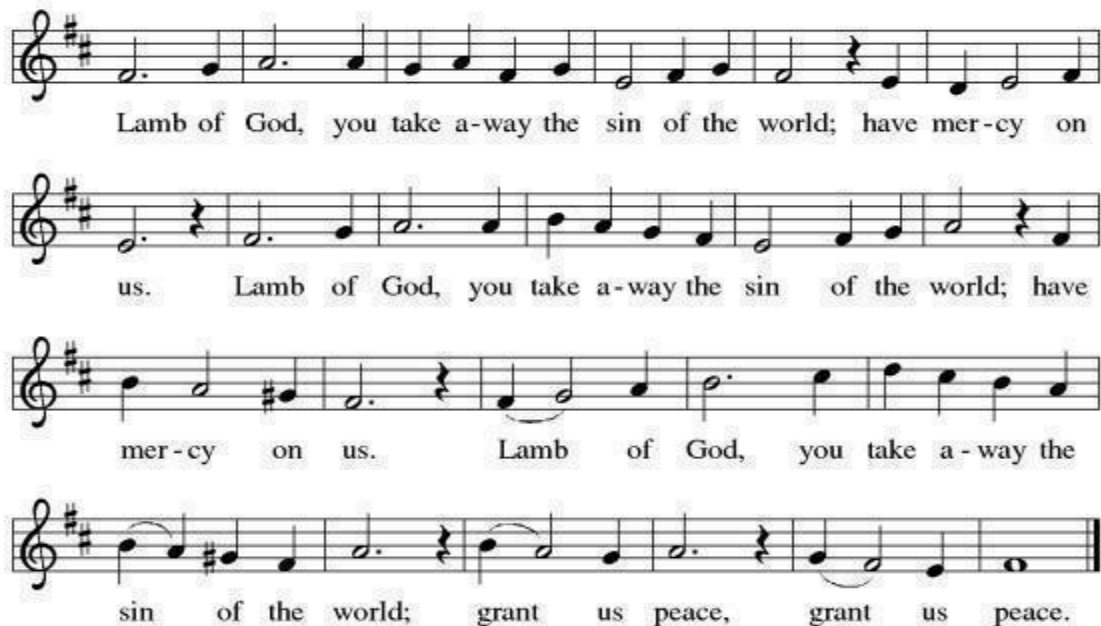
P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

P Please be seated until the invitation.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C **Amen.**

To receive Holy Communion please come by the center aisle to the pastor to receive the bread (wafer) and then proceed to the communion assistant for intinction (dipping your wafer in the wine) and then eat, then return to your seat by the side aisle.

Non alcoholic wine is used at all services.

A gluten free wafer is available, simply tell the Pastor when you approach.

If you are not communing and desire a personal blessing please come to Pastor with your hands at your sides.

P Please rise.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you forever in his grace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P 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.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with his favor, and give you his peace.
In the name of the Father, ✠ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

#5 ELW 821

Shout to the Lord



My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.

My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;

let ev - ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise

to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the

sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;

for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.

Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech

Text and music © 1993 Darlene Zschech/Hillsong Publishing, admin. in U.S. and Canada by Integrity's Hosanna! Music (ASCAP),
c/o Integrity Media, Inc., 1000 Cody Road, Mobile, AL 36695.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

DISMISSAL

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



Thank you for recycling this bulletin by placing it in the large wicker basket after worship.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Terms of use: Liturgy from sundaysandseasons.com copyright © 2026 Augsburg Fortress.

Text: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* © 2026 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License. **Scripture:** New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright © 1989 the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License 006477.



This Week at Trinity

Wednesday August 26

Evening Prayer at 7 pm on Zoom

Thursday August 27

TAG Games Group at 1 pm

Looking Ahead

Monday August 31

Christian Book Group at Empire Diner

Sunday September 13

God's Work Our Hands Day

Sunday September 27

Congregational Meeting

Blessing of the Animals during Food Drive

Saturday October 3

Trinity Health Fair

 TRINITY

 LUTHERAN

 FAIRVIEW VILLAGE

 LIVE LOVE SERVE

Serving Sunday 8/23	
Lector	John Nowmos
Greeter	Jennifer DePaulis
Communion Assistants	Marilou Doughty & Lynn Chialastri
Ushers	Jeff Shadle & Brenda Aslin
Coffee Hour	Ann Dungan/Lynn Chialastri
Building Opener	Ann Dungan
Altar Guild	Priscilla Myers
Counting Team	JoAnn Sorom, Betty Kratz, Trish Graves
Serving Sunday 8/30	
Lector	Michael Martorelli
Greeter	Emma Birkmire
Communion Assistants	Rick & Chris Cole
Ushers	Karl Schafer & Linda Stone
Coffee Hour	Set Up & Clean Up Needed
Building Opener	Jeff Shadle
Altar Guild	Ann Dungan
Counting Team	JoAnn Sorom, Betty Kratz, Trish Graves

