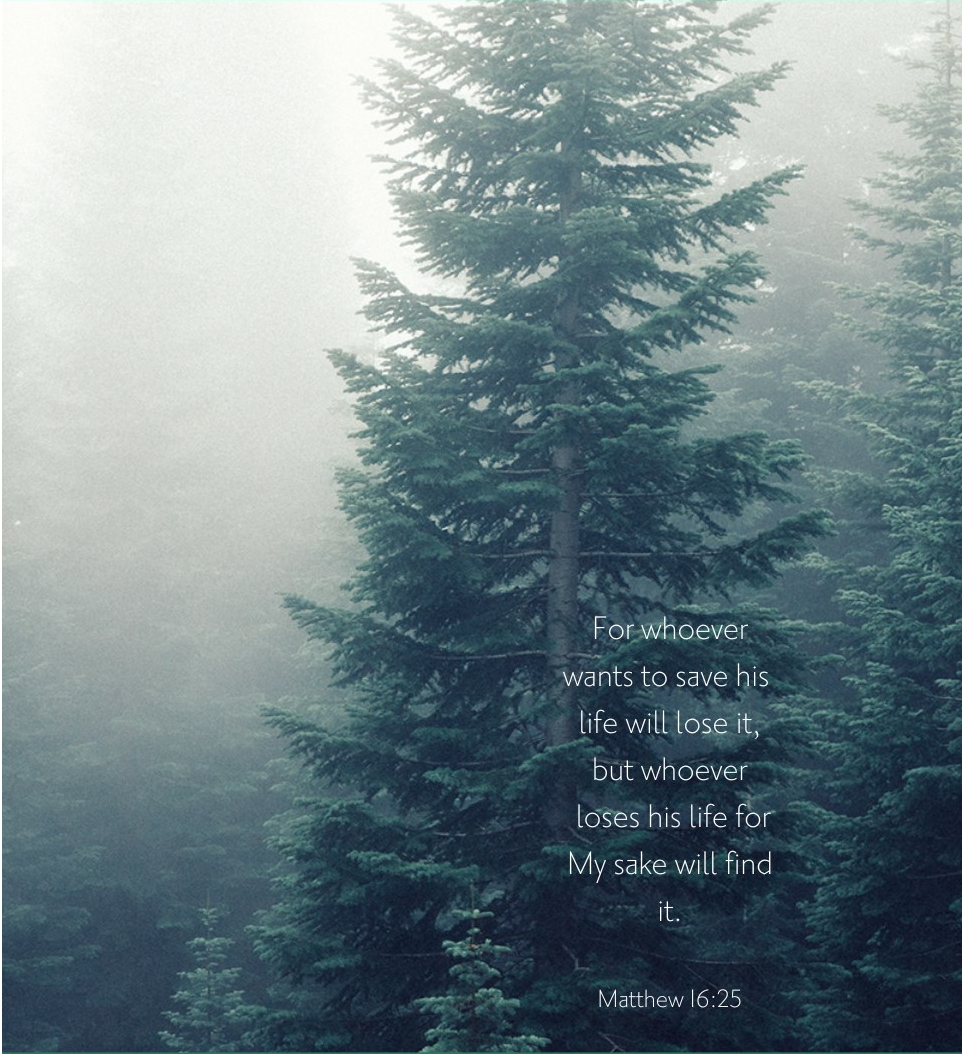


# Trinity Lutheran Church

A tall, dark green evergreen tree stands prominently in the center of a misty forest. The background is a soft, hazy green, suggesting a dense forest of similar trees. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

For whoever  
wants to save his  
life will lose it,  
but whoever  
loses his life for  
My sake will find  
it.

Matthew 16:25

September 3, 2023  
Pentecost 14

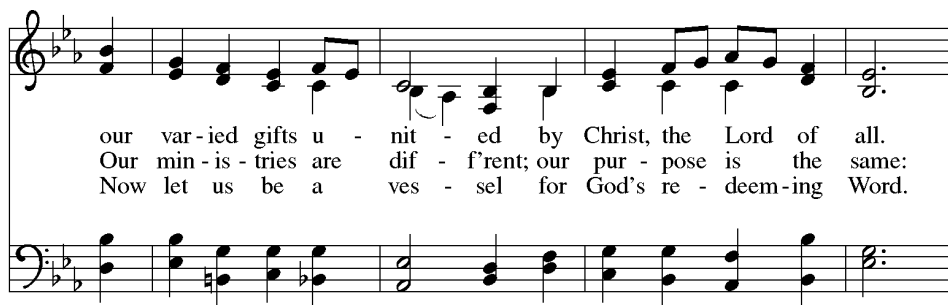
# WELCOME

## GATHERING HYMN:

### *We All Are One in Mission (ELW 576)*



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.  
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:  
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Jesus Christ overcame evil with good  
so that all people might be saved from sin.  
Let us then confess our need for grace,  
confident of God's forgiveness.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of mercy,  
we confess that, like the disciples,  
we set our minds not on divine things  
but on human things.  
Doubting your loving care, we grab  
for more than we need.  
Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink  
from living as your followers.  
Doubting your loving plan, we become  
stumbling blocks in your creation.  
Forgive us that we may gain new life in you,  
for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. Amen.**

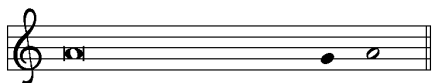
## **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Jesus took up his cross for our salvation.  
In return for our old life of sin,  
he promises a new life of grace.  
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

## **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.**

# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



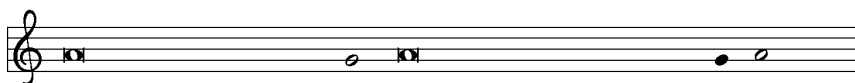
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



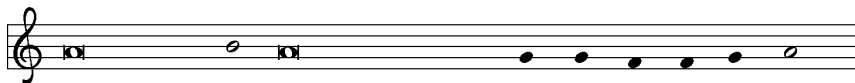
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Assisting minister*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

*All*



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together.

**O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21**

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;  
know that on your account I suffer insult.

<sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,  
O LORD, God of hosts.

<sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,  
nor did I rejoice;  
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,  
for you had filled me with indignation.

<sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD:  
If you turn back, I will take you back,  
and you shall stand before me.  
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,  
you shall serve as my mouth.  
It is they who will turn to you,  
not you who will turn to them.  
<sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,  
for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you,  
says the LORD.  
<sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;  
I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.  
<sup>2</sup>**Test me, O LORD, and try me;  
examine my heart and my mind.**  
<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is before my eyes;  
I have walked faithfully with you.  
<sup>4</sup>**I have not sat with the worthless,  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**  
<sup>5</sup>I have hated the company of evildoers;  
I will not sit down with the wicked.  
<sup>6</sup>**I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,  
that I may go in procession round your altar,**  
<sup>7</sup>singing aloud a song of thanksgiving  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.  
<sup>8</sup>**LORD, I love the house in which you dwell  
and the place where your glory abides.**

## SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;

<sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

<sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

<sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



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



## **GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

<sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

<sup>27</sup>“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

<sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

## SERMON HYMN:

### *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (ELW 652)*



- 1 My hope is built on noth- ing less than Je- sus' blood and righ- teous- ness;
- 2 Whendark- ness veils his love- ly face, I rest on his un- chang- ing grace;
- 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
- 4 When he shall come with trum- pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer- it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
when all sup - ports are washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
clothed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

#### *Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

## APOSTLE'S CREED

**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.**

# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*As the reader closes each petition:*

Merciful God,

*The people respond:*

**receive our prayer.**

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

# PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

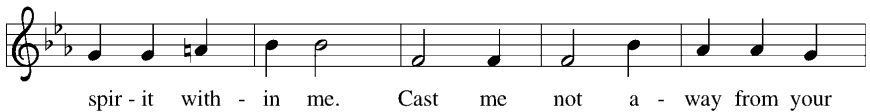
# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# OFFERING

*Please place offering in one of the Bulletin Stand offering plates at the end of worship as you leave the church.*

# OFFERTORY HYMN:

## *Create in Me a Clean Heart (ELW 188)*



## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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.**

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

*White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond*

Amen.

## COMMUNION HYMN:

### *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (ELW 645)*



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

**Blessed be your name, O God,  
for we have feasted on your Word,  
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.  
Strengthened by this food,  
send us to gather the world to your banquet,  
where none are left out and all are satisfied.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## BLESSING

The God of glory,

✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names,

and the Spirit who lives in you,

bless you now and forever. Amen.

## SENDING HYMN:

### *Let Streams of Living Justice (ELW 710)*



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

# Serving in Worship

TODAY — September 3, 2023

**Altar:** Margot Birkholz

**Reader:** Martin Greller

**Communion Assistant:** OPEN

**Fellowship:** Kris Oolman

NEXT SUNDAY — September 10, 2023

**Altar:** Al Schimek

**Reader:** OPEN

**Communion Assistant:** OPEN

**Fellowship:** Fiedler & Smith Family

## Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Sep 3:	9:00am 10:15am	Worship Service Fellowship in Gruver Rm
<b>Tue, Sep 5:</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Property Board in Gruver Rm</b>
Wed, Sep 6:	11:45am	MUGG Campus Lunch @ Rendezvous Café
Thu, Sep 7:	10:00am	Women's Study in Gruver Rm
Sun, Sep 10:	9:00am 10:15am	Worship Service w/ the Band Fellowship in Gruver Rm
<b>Tue, Sep 12:</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Council in Gruver Rm</b>
Wed, Sep 13:	11:45am	MUGG Campus Lunch @ Rendezvous Café
Thu, Sep 14:	10:00am	Women's Study in Gruver Rm
<b>Sun, Sep 17:</b>	<b>9:00am 10:15am</b>	<b>Worship Service Remodeled Revelry in Rohr!</b>
<b>Wed, Sep 20:</b>	<b>11:45am 6:00pm 6:30pm</b>	<b>MUGG Campus Lunch @ Rendezvous Café Wednesday Supper in Gruver Rm Wednesday Worship in Gruver Rm</b>
Thu, Sep 21:	10:00am	Women's Study in Gruver Rm
Sun, Sep 24:	9:00am 10:15am	Worship Service w/ J. Lawrence Fellowship in Gruver Rm



# Sign Up!

in the *Cruver* Era

Trinity needs YOU to Read,  
Assist with Communion,  
or coordinate Fellowship.



## Pastor Nate's Fall Office Hours

Monday 12:30pm-3pm

Tuesday 7:45am-1pm

Wednesday 1:30pm-3pm

Thursday 7:45am-3pm



Remember, he may be doing visits during office hours. Feel free to schedule by text!



*Happy Labor Day*  
**TO ALL WORKERS  
AND LABORERS!**

*Church Office Closed Monday September 4th*

*Trinity Lutheran*



**WELCOME  
BACK  
STUDENTS!**

**FALL 2023**



# **MUGG Lunch**

***Moments***

***Under***

***God's***

***Grace***

**11:45am**

**Wednesdays**

**Rendezvous Cafe**

**Campus Ministry**  
**Starting Aug 30th**

TRINTIY COUNCIL PRESENTS

# ROHR HALL REVELRIES

Come enjoy our  
remodeled Fellowship Hall!

TIME TO  
Celebrate

MEAL AND CONVIVIALITY  
MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT TABLES  
VISIONING OPPORTUNITIES

09/17  
After Worship

DOWNSTAIRS  
past the Gruver Room

FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS  
STARTING SEPTEMBER 20

*Wednesday*  
WORSHIP

6PM MEAL  
6:30PM WORSHIP  
GRUVER RM

# UNsung HERO: JERRY TASTAD, *LANDSCAPER*



You may know Jerry as Mr. Wednesday Worship, but he comes to Trinity faithfully all summer long, without recognition, and mows our grass. Thank you Jerry, Trinity wouldn't be Trinity without you!



# UNsung HERO: SHARON LEDER, *GARDENER*



Do you enjoy our lovely corner garden? Shout out to Sharon Leder, Laramie gardener extraordinaire, who brings annuals, pulls weeds, and maintains beauty through burning sun, broken sprinklers, and devastating hail. Thank you so much Sharon!

**QUESTIONS ABOUT GIVING?** If you ever have any questions about your financial gifts to Trinity, please contact Trinity's financial secretary, Alison Shaver, at [alebada@uwyo.edu](mailto:alebada@uwyo.edu). If you need an up-to-date statement of giving, please contact the church office.



**2023 Year-To-Date as of July 31**

**Income** - \$129,414.50  
**Expenses** - \$125,466.23

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