



**Trinity
Lutheran Church**

**September 24, 2023
Pentecost 17**

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN: *Gather Us In* (ELW 532)



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



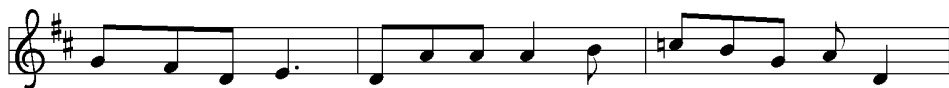
van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in God's mercy,
let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God,
we have sought after things, but we have not
sought after you.
We have expected generosity, but we have not
shown generosity.
We have not been gracious or grateful.
We have failed to remember all that you have done.
Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude.
Help us to share our gifts
and strengthen our legs so that we can
run after you, O God.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

People of God, our sins are forgiven;
we are reconciled to God.
Let us therefore love one another
with gratitude in our hearts and praise on our lips.

CONFESSIONAL HYMN:

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song (ELW 808)

1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;

Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go;
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,

Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together.

**O God who knows our every need before we can even ask,
you provide all our needs and some of our wants.**

You bless us all.

Make us truly thankful

**and empower us to bless others from the gifts you have given us,
for the glory of your name.**

Amen.

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10-4:11

¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

⁹But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 145:1-8

¹I will exalt you, my God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.

²**Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

³Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!
There is no end to your greatness.

⁴**One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**

⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.

⁶**They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will recount your greatness.**

⁷They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

⁸**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *As Saints of Old* (ELW 695)



1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of orchard, flock, and field
2 A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give;
3 In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to-day



to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,
to make our life an offering to God, that all may live.
to serve your cause and share your love with all a long life's way.



so we to-day first-fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,



of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY: *As the Grains of Wheat* (ELW 465)

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Refrain

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**God of power, God of plenty,
all things belong to you.**

**We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed.**

**Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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.

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:

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

(L. Scott & J. Hopkins)

Unison C Dm Am/E G G⁷/F C/E

1. I sing a song of the saints of God,
2. They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and
3. They lived not on - ly in a - ges past; there are

3 Am F C/E G C G/B

pa - tient and brave and true, who
his love made them strong; and they
hun - dreds of thou - sands still. The

5 Am Em F G⁷/F C/E C

toiled and fought and lived and died for the
fol - lowed the right for Je - sus' sake the
world is bright with the joy - ous saints who

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G/D D⁷ G G/B C F

Lord they loved and knew. And one was a doc - tor, and whole of their good lives long. And one was a sol - dier, and love to do Je - sus' will. You can meet them in school, on the

10

Dm G G/F C/E Am

one was a queen, and one was a shep - herd - ess one was a priest, and one was slain by a street, in the store, in church, by the sea, in the

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F G⁷/F C/E Am Em

on the green; they were all of them saints of fierce wild beast; and there's not an - y rea - son, house next door; they are saints of God, wheth - er

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Serving in Worship

TODAY — September 24, 2023

Altar: OPEN

Reader: Martha Leonard

Preacher: Steven Barrett

Communion Assistant: Steven Barrett

Fellowship: OPEN

NEXT SUNDAY — October 1, 2023

Altar: Loseke Family

Reader: Martin Greller

Preacher: Nathan Keith

Communion Assistant: OPEN

Fellowship: Denise Greller

Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Sep 24:	9:00am 10:15am	Worship Service w/ S. Barrett Fellowship in Gruver Rm
Wed, Sep 27:	11:45am 6:00pm 6:30pm	MUGG Campus Lunch @ Rendezvous Café Wednesday Supper in Gruver Rm Wednesday Worship in Gruver Rm
Thu, Sep 28:	10:00am	Women's Study in Gruver Rm
Sun, Oct 1:	9:00am 10:15am	Worship Service w/ Band Fellowship in Gruver Rm



Pastor Nate

Regular Office Hours



Mon-Thurs, 7:45am-3pm

(He may be doing visits during office hours.)



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NERDY NUGGET NATE'S FIRST, AND LAST!



After a wonderful Summer of study, Pastor Nate hit the seventeen Fall/Spring in-clinic hours UW's Counseling Master Program requires *on top of twelve in-class hours* and realized, he is not a college student nerd! Pastor Nate says, "Trinity, I choose you."

Wednesday WORSHIP

6PM MEAL
6:30PM WORSHIP
GRUVER RM

FIRST AND THIRD
WEDNESDAYS
STARTING SEP 20

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. If you need an up-to-date statement of giving, please contact the church office.

2023 Year-To-Date as of August 31

Income - \$143,327.5
Expenses - \$140,860.69



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