

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*We welcome you to worship. If you are participating in-person you are kindly asked to make your responses in a quiet, whisper-like voice. You are encouraged to read and follow the italicized instruction throughout this bulletin.*

## PRELUDE

*Dearest Jesus at Your Word*

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

## GATHERING SONG *Dearest Jesus, at Your Word* vs. 1 & 2



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## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.**

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

Anne Vermillion

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the LORD.

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

<sup>2</sup>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.

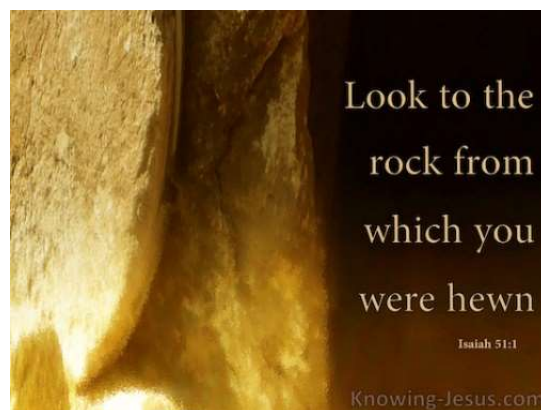
<sup>3</sup>For the LORD will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>Lift 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



## **SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8**

A reading from Romans.

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20**

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>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.” <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

The Reverend Heidi David-Young

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Lord our rock, you are our foundation in Jesus Christ, your Son, whom we confess as the living God. Prepare your church for its mission in bearing witness to Christ, both here at home and throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You call forth praises from the far reaches of the universe to the smallest of creatures. Join our songs to theirs, that a spirit of praise and thanksgiving will arouse us to cherish this wondrous home you give us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord. Direct the leaders of countries, legislators and magistrates, mayors and councils, to walk in your ways. Help leaders regard those in need with mercy and fulfill your loving purposes in the governance of peoples. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve us, deliver us, and fulfill your purpose for us. According to your steadfast love, grant healing and wholeness to those who are bereaved, in trouble or adversity, or sick and in need of care especially Pauline, Charlotte, Louise, Rodney, Mike, Yvonne, Greg, Carrol, Daryl, JMe and Kim. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You call us into community, in which we, though many, are one in Christ. May we recognize in ourselves and in one another the unique gifts you have given us for the building up of the church for the sake of the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**PEACE** *we ask that you remain in your seat, exchanging the peace with your neighbors using a nod of your head or sign language*  
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

### **DIALOGUE**

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.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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** *spoken softly*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*Please wait for an usher to direct you to the Pastor. Communicants will receive the bread only. Those seated in the Parish Hall will receive the element at their seat by the Pastor once the congregants in the sanctuary have received.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

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## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

*Dearest Jesus at Your Word* Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

# TRENDING @ TRINITY

**Our appreciation to Pastor Heidi David-Young** for leading us in worship this morning while Pastor JMe continues to rest her voice and recuperate from surgery. It is good to have her back!

**Trinity's Lutheran Church Women** have decided there will be **no Yard Sale** in September.

**Note:** While your food donations for the local pantries are deeply appreciated, please no fresh food: bread, fruit, etc... it attracts mice and other undesirables.

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) recently learned that **three 40-foot shipping containers filled with thousands of handmade quilts and school, personal, and baby care kits were destroyed in the devastating August 4 explosions at the port of Beirut, Lebanon.** The shipment was destined for refugees living in Lebanon, principally from Syria and the Palestinian territories. To learn more and find out how you can help visit:  
<https://lwr.org/blog/2020/replacing-lifesaving-supplies-lost-beirut-explosion>.

**Pastor's daily devotions continue** in her absence with guest readers. Call the church office any time and follow the prompts. New devotions are read Monday through Friday.

**Please remember your weekly/monthly offerings to the church.** You can mail them or drop them off during office hours if you are not attending in person worship. The work of the church continues.

	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
Greeters	Monica Lambert, Hilda Painter	Monica Lambert, Darla Wolf
Ushers	Diann Dailey	Cody & William Wolf
Lector	Anne Vermillion	Will Wolf

**Zoom to Worship, 9:30AM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89667529763?pwd=R3cxTTZSbGgybVpMeFc1RGtpTWczZz09>

Meeting ID number 896 6752 9763 **Password** 071559. You may, also, join by telephone (mobile or landline). To do this, dial the long-distance number 1-646-876-9923 and, at the prompt, enter the Meeting ID number 823 730 844

**Call to Worship, First Sunday of the month, 11AM** Phone # 1-712-832-8330 (Not toll-free)  
Participant PIN 3504615 *Next: September 6*

Videos of the service are uploaded each week to Trinity's YouTube channel:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIYPLbYZ1RE\\_IZGJ9GDakIw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIYPLbYZ1RE_IZGJ9GDakIw)