

*Today is the Day*

**TRINITY  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

10:30 AM

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*Verse 1*  
I'm casting my cares aside  
I'm leaving my past behind  
I'm setting my heart and mind on You  
Jesus  
I'm reaching my hands to Yours  
Believing there's so much more  
Knowing that all You have  
in store for me is good  
It's good

*Chorus 1*  
Today is the day You have made  
I will rejoice and be glad in it  
Today is the day You have made  
I will rejoice and be glad in it  
And I won't worry about tomorrow  
I'm trusting in what You say  
Today is the day today is the day

*Verse 2*  
I'm putting my fears aside  
I'm leaving my doubts behind  
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You  
Jesus  
I'm reaching my hands to Yours  
Believing there's so much more  
Knowing that all You have  
in store for me is good  
It's good

*Chorus 1*  
  
*Bridge*  
I will stand upon Your truth  
(I will stand upon Your truth)  
And all my days I'll live for You  
(All my days I'll live for You)  
And I will stand upon Your truth  
(I will stand upon Your truth)  
And all my days I'll live for You  
(All my days I'll live)

*Chorus 2*  
Today is the day You have made  
I will rejoice and be glad in it  
Today is the day You have made  
I will rejoice and be glad in it  
And I won't worry about tomorrow  
I'm giving You my fears and sorrows  
Where You lead me I will follow  
I'm trusting in what You say  
Today is the day (5X)

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**Trinity Lutheran Church - Time after Pentecost**

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August 3, 2025, 10:30 am

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Welcome, beloved of God,  
to this time of worship—

**where we set aside the things that weigh us down  
and lift our eyes to what is above.**

Here, we are not defined by what we own,  
where we've been, or what we've done,

**but by the grace of Christ,  
who clothes us in mercy, humility, and love.**

In a world chasing after more,  
Jesus calls us to a life that is rich in God—

**a life rooted in community, compassion, and truth.**

So come—whether you are filled with faith or searching for hope,  
whether you feel close to God or far away—

**there is a place for you here.**

**Christ is all, and in all.**

Let us worship the God who makes us new.

**BENEDICTION**

Go now, as people made new in Christ:

Clothed in compassion, grounded in grace, and rich in the things that last.

May the Creator set your mind on things above—  
filling you with vision, purpose, and peace.

May Christ lead you away from greed and fear—  
teaching you to love, to share, and to live with open hands.

May the ✠ Holy Spirit breathe through you—  
uniting all people in one body,  
and making you bold to bear witness to the life that never fades.

Go in peace, with hearts set on heaven  
and lives rooted in God.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Today is the Day*

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**DISMISSAL**

Go now in the power of the Spirit!

Let your heart burn with the fire of God's love!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Members of Not Quite Home**

*Randy Jones*

*Mike Evans*

*Ian Montgomery*

*Jeffrey Lauer*



COMMUNION SONG

*It's Amazing*

*Verse 1*  
Blind and selfish, unaware  
The darkness blocked our way  
But God has drawn us close to Him  
As believers we can say

*Chorus*  
It's amazing, so amazing  
That Jesus died for me  
It's amazing, so amazing  
His grace has set us free  
His love can heal  
His grace is real

*Verse 2*  
As we seek to follow Him  
Life's trials cause us pain  
But if we trust Him and His truth  
Eternal life we'll gain

*Chorus*  
  
*Verse 3*  
Read His Word and worship Him  
While watching our faith grow  
Claiming all His promises  
Our Savior we will know

*Chorus*  
  
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GATHERING SONGS

*Everlasting God*

*Verse*  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord

*Pre-Chorus*  
Our God You reign forever  
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

*Chorus*  
You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint  
You won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles

*Repeat from beginning*

*Pre-Chorus*

*Chorus 2x*

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## Heal My Heart

### Verse 1

I thought I had my life all figured out  
Thought I knew what it was all about  
The job, the money, the house, the cars  
Everything I needed here under the stars

### Pre-Chorus 1

Looking back I don't know  
whether to laugh or cry  
The pain inside I just can't deny

### Chorus

Lord, heal my heart  
I give myself to You and drop to my knees  
Lord, heal my heart  
Do what You want with me I'm beggin' please  
Just heal me

### Verse 2

Those things I thought all meant success  
They left me empty and in distress  
I hurt the ones I said I cared for the most  
I ignored the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of unity and glory, your Son prayed that we may be one, as you are one. Unite us by your Spirit, fill us with your love, and make us living signs of Christ's presence in the world. Let our unity reflect your glory, so that all may come to believe in your saving grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### Pre-Chorus 2

My heart is aching  
and it just might break  
I ask forgiveness,  
my life is Yours to take

### Chorus

### Ending

Heal me, Lord, heal my heart  
(SING 4X)

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, you have blessed us with new life in Christ and called us to seek treasures that do not fade. As we bring these gifts, we offer more than what is in our hands—we offer grateful hearts, open lives, and a desire to be rich in love and mercy. Use these offerings to clothe your world in compassion, justice, and hope, that all may know the abundance of your grace, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## COMMUNION 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.**

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Communion will be distributed by coming forward and receiving the bread and wine. The center cups (white) are non-alcoholic grape juice. Upon receiving, please put empty cups in baskets provided. If you prefer gluten free, please ask Pastor who is distributing. Please proceed up the center aisle returning to your seat via the side aisles.*



OFFERTORY

Forgiven

Verse 1  
You are alive  
‘Cause God wants you to survive  
It may make you cry  
You may be wondering why  
Before your purpose arrives

Verse 2  
You look for a reason  
And find you may not see one  
Through the devil’s illusions,  
And this world’s confusion  
Know that His will will be done

Chorus  
Forgiven for your sins in this life  
Forgiven for the doubt during strife  
Forgiven through the death of His Son  
On that tree from which he hung  
And because he arose  
Our faith grows  
And your sin is forgiven  
You are forgiven

Verse 3  
The devil he may try to trick you  
He whispers things that are untrue  
He will deceive  
Try to make you believe  
You are reaping what you’re due

Verse 4  
Oh, Jesus will hold out His hand  
Take it and you will understand  
You are so loved  
By our God up above  
And the devil’s deceit will be banned

Chorus  
  
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CHILDREN’S SERMON

KIDS’ PRAISE

At this time children age 3 – grade 5 are now dismissed,  
at the parent’s discretion, to the Chapel.

READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

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The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a “vanity of vanities.” Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one’s work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

The reading is concluded:  
Word of God, word of life.  
Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

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In God’s reign, the “rich will be sent away empty.” Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one’s life with the value of one’s possessions rather than one’s relationship with God.

After the reading:  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.



SERMON

Jeff Gramza

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Intro*  
Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move  
I will follow  
Oh oh oh

*Verse 1*  
All Your ways are good  
All Your ways are sure  
I will trust in You alone  
Higher than my sight  
High above my life  
I will trust in You alone

*Chorus*  
Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move  
I will follow You  
Whom You love I'll love  
How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose  
I will follow (You)

*Interlude*  
Yeah I will follow You yeah

*I Will Follow*

*Verse 2*  
Light into the world  
Light into my life  
I will live for You alone  
You're the One I seek  
Knowing I will find  
All I need in You alone  
In You alone

*Chorus, Interlude*

*Bridge*  
In You there's life everlasting  
In You there's freedom for my soul  
In You there's joy unending joy  
And I will follow

*Chorus 2x*

*Ending*  
Yeah I will follow You yeah  
I will follow You yeah  
I will follow You yeah

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

*Silence for reflection*

**God of new life, we confess that we have set our hearts on things that do not last.  
We have chased after wealth, status, and control,  
and forgotten what it means to be rich in you.  
We have clung to what divides,  
instead of embracing the unity we share in Christ.  
Forgive us. Clothe us with compassion,  
renew us in your image,  
and lead us in the way of life everlasting. Amen.**

In Christ, we are made new. In his mercy, our sins are forgiven. By the power of the Spirit, we are raised to new life—clothed in grace, united in love, and sent forth to seek the things that are above. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

*Offer a sign of peace with those around you*

GATHERING OF GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY