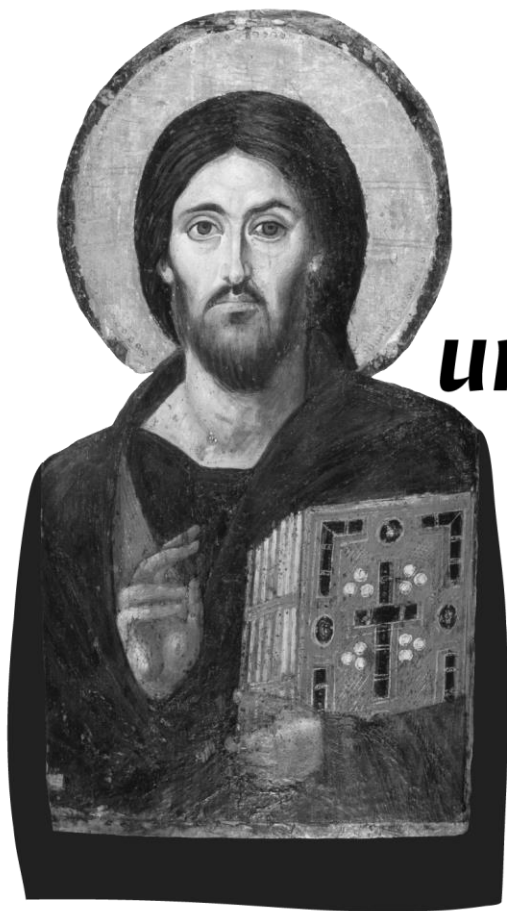




unexpected **TRUTHS**

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  **AUGUST 21, 2026**

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UNEXPECTED TRUTHS: THE SON OF MAN IS GOD

Jesus asked, “Who do you say I am?” It’s the most important question in the world, and it is a question every human being must answer. The expected answer may be dead wrong. Some in Jesus’ day thought he was John the Baptist. Some thought he was the prophet Elijah who had come back from the dead. Today plenty of people believe that Jesus existed. They think that Jesus was a wise teacher or a role model for love. Both answers are expected. Both miss the main point. Jesus is a real human being, the Son of Man. He is also Lord and Savior, the Son of the living God. This unexpected truth is the core of saving faith.

THE MISSION OF TRINITY

*The members of Trinity are joined together in Jesus’ love to **worship** our Lord, **grow** in his Word, and **share** it with others.*

WELCOME TO TRINITY! We’re happy you’re here! Thank you for joining us this morning to worship our gracious God. We love to see **families worshipping together**. However, if you would like a place to quiet your little ones’ “joyful noises,” there is a **nursery** down the hall on the south side of the building. The **restrooms** are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. If you need anything before, during, or after the service, our **ushers** will be happy to assist you. God bless your worship with us today!

MINISTER: Pastor David Carlovsky

BULLETIN SPONSOR: Bob & Sharon Freitag – in memory of parents

ACCOMPANIST: Joyce Lendt

SPECIAL THANKS to all others who served in worship today, including our video and screen coordinators, ushers, greeters, and soloists

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Open Hymn

856 Built on the Rock

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

Glory Be to God on High

CW 157

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Exodus 34:5-9

⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. ⁶And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation."

⁸Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped. ⁹"Lord," he said, "if I have found favor in your eyes, then let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

The children are invited to come forward for a message designed specially for them.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 138A



1 Your prais - es, God, I'm bring - ing; my heart with joy is
2 When deep - est need had felled me, your stead - fast love up -
3 Though you, O God, are ho - ly, yet you re - gard the
4 All peo - ples shall ac - claim you, and wor - ship - ing shall



sing - ing its thanks for gifts out - poured.
held me; my ur - gent prayer you heard.
low - ly and raise them from the dust.
name you the God of time and space.



Now, in your pres - ence kneel - ing, a - gain for grace ap -
When trou - ble sore as - sailed me, your mer - cy nev - er
Your prom - ise holds for - ev - er: "I will for - sake you
And I will join my prais - es with hymns the whole world



peal - ing, in qui - et - ness I wait your word.
failed me. You strength - ened me and I en - dured.
nev - er!" My God, my rock, in you I trust.
rais - es to you, the God of bound - less grace!

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Second Reading

Romans 10:5-13

⁵Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or 'Who will descend into the deep?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the

message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:68



Refrain



Sung by All: Refrain

Spoken by All: Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Sung by All: Refrain

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Gospel

Matthew 16:13–20

¹³When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in

heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

²⁰Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

510 In Christ Alone

Sermon

Matthew 16:13-20

THE CHURCH SHALL NEVER PERISH!

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

*Each petition will end with “Lord, in your mercy...” The congregation is invited to respond, “**Hear our prayer.**”*

Offering

*The members of Trinity Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and throughout the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry. At this time, we ask both members and guests to fill out the **friendship register** found at the end of each pew. When you've written your information, please pass it to the next person until everyone has had a chance to sign it. Thank you for helping us serve you with the gospel!*

Hymn

564 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.
Amen.

Hymn

782 Luther’s Morning and Evening Prayer

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S GRACE

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday	143	Sunday 10:45 am	NA
Streaming	16	Kids In Christ	NA
Monday	14	Monday 7:00 pm	11
		Monday Virtual	0

SUNDAY GIVING

General Fund	5082.00
Vanco	952.55
Capital	80.00

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sun (8/23)	9:00 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Fellowship
Mon (8/24)	8:00 am	TLS Resumes & Opening Service
	6:00 pm	Worship
	7:00 pm	Bible Study
Wed (8/26)	8:05	TLS Chapel
	7:00pm	Council
Sun (8/31)	9:00 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Fellowship
	12:00 pm	Call Meeting

TRINITY NEWS

CALL INFO: CALL INFO: Pastor Cody Hauch has returned the call to come serve here at Trinity. **Our next call meeting will be August 30th at 12:00.**

PINE & 99-TRINITY PORK CHOP STAND: We will host the next Pork Chop Stand on August 20th. If you can help with grilling, set-up, serving food, or taking payments, please sign up for dates that work for you. Direct questions to Larry Bruegger at 507-420-9195. Thanks!

BACK TO SCHOOL: Trinity Lutheran kicks off on Monday August 24th. All are invited to join us for our opening service at 8am. Chapel will resume on Wednesdays at 8am. All are welcome and encouraged to join us for chapel!

2026 2027 SCHOOL T-SHIRTS: are available to order. Please fill out a form in narthex and return it to the office by Sept. 10th! Thank you!

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP GROUP: We are planning one event to see the interest in continuing this group. The event will be a tour of Hewitt Manufacturing on September 3rd at 10 am. We will have pizza in the fireside room after. There is a sing up sheet in the narthex. You also may call or text 507-317-7560 to RSVP.

KIDS IN CHRIST: will start back up on September 13th after fellowship. Ages Pre-K to 6th grade are encouraged to join us! Sunday Morning Bible Study will also resume.

ISAAC'S WARRIORS: BATTLE FOR JOY... BRING A TOY! : Join us on Saturday, September 12th for our annual Nerf battle as we support the kids at Children's Hospital in Minneapolis. Isaac always lit up when Child Life Services came around with a cart full of goodies, and we want to support that for other sick kiddos. He also had a passion for Nerf battles, making this a great way to help others in his memory. Enjoy Nerf games, snacks, and goodie bags for all! The "admission" is a **new** toy, puzzle, craft, or other approved item to donate. Child Life Services especially appreciates UNO cards, as that is one of their go-to games.

The event will be at Trinity. If you can't attend, donations can be sent through the hospital's Amazon wish list (Approved items list: <https://www.childrensmn.org/.../in-kind-gifts/wish-list/>) or dropped off at the church. Contact Marissa Baumann (651-353-1151) with any questions. Thanks!

AREA NEWS

NEW2YOU JOB OPENING: New 2 You is looking for a part-time associate. This flexible position is for 10-15 hours a week and 1-2 weekends a month. If you are interested in this position, pick up an application in person at New 2 You Family Thrift. If you have questions, please call New 2 You at 507-385-1455 to speak with Amanda or Melissa.



AUGUST 2026

TRINITY EV.
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Pastor David Carlovsky

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
2 9:00 am Worship w/ Communion 10:15 am Fellowship	3 6 pm Worship 7 pm Bible Study	4 National Night Out 5:30pm 7:00 pm Unified Meeting	5	6 4:30-7 Pine & 99 5pm Grounds Keeping	7	8 7 pm Women, Wine & The Word
9 9 am Worship 10:15 am Fellowship	10	11	12	13 7 pm Men' s Bible Study - Ch 10	14	15
16 9 m Worship w/ communion 10:15 am Fellowship	17 6pm Monday Night Worship 7pm Bible Study	18	19 Back to School Night 6:00-7:00 pm	20 4:30-7 Pine & 99	21	22
23 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Fellowship	24 6 m Monday Night Worship 7pm Bible Study First Day of TLS	25	26 8:00 am TLS Chapel 7:00 pm Council	27	28	29
30 9 am Worship 10:15 am Fellowship	31 6pm Monday Night Worship 7pm Bible Study	1	2	3 4:30-7 Pine & 99	4	5