

WELCOME!
Trinity Lutheran Church
July 27, 2025



- * = Please stand if able**
- = Please be seated**

- Prelude - *By Roxanne Groff***
- Office of the Acolyte**
- Ringing of the Bell**
- Welcome**

* **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

* **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

*** THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

*** THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

*** THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*** Gathering Song**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

LBW 315



*** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

LBW 315

**1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav’n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev’ry trembling heart.**

*** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

LBW 315

**2 Breathe, oh, breathe
thy loving Spirit
into ev’ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

*** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

LBW 315

**3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would
be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee
without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

*** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

LBW 315

**4 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav’n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns
before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

*** APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

C: And also with you.

- **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray... God of mystery, you are the beginning and the end of all things, and in you we live and move and have our being. Open our hearts and minds so we might answer your invitation to know you more deeply, and to see you in the midst of a troubled world. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

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• **Scripture Reading**

**L: Our scripture reading is from
Revelation, Chapter 1.**

C: Glory to you O' Lord!

- **Revelation 1:4-8**

**⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,
⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.**

- **Revelation 1:4-8**

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

- **Revelation 1:4-8**

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

- **Revelation 1:4-8**

R: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: Praise to You, O Christ

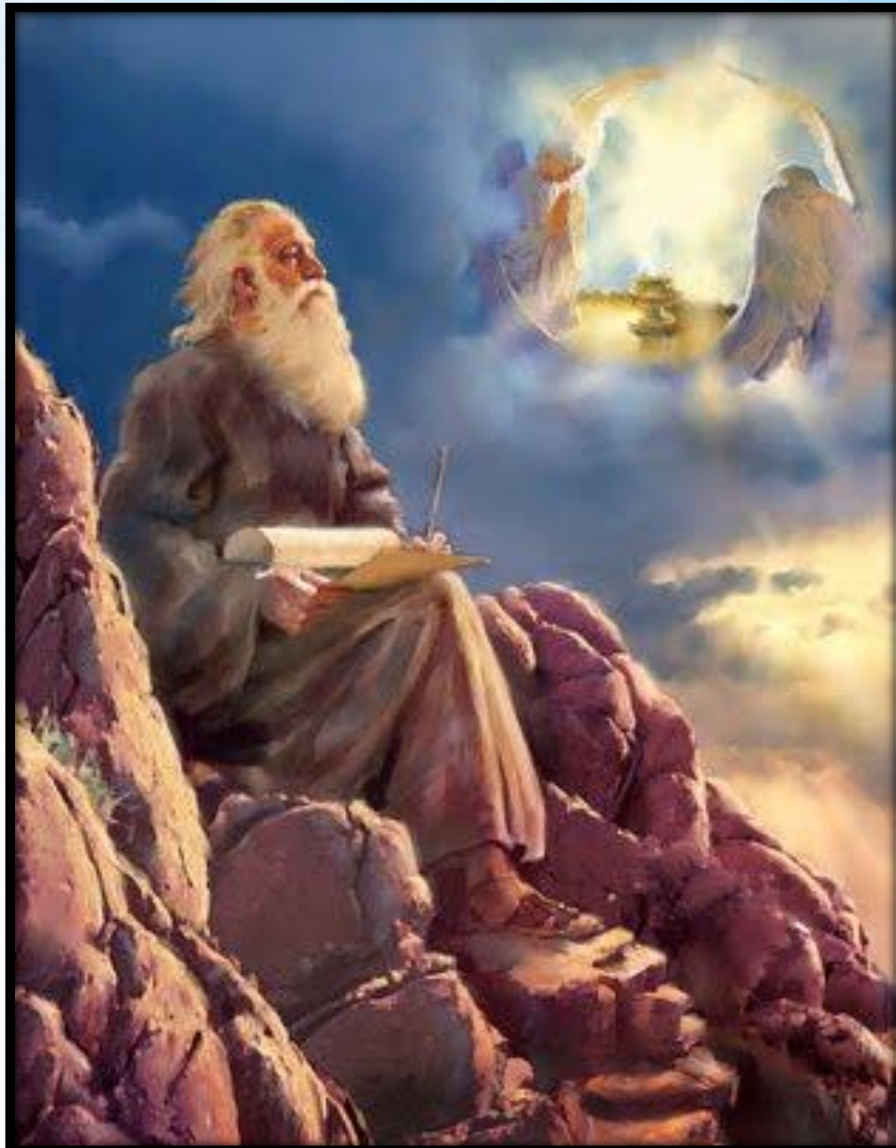
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...and thus it will go on, so long as children are innocent and heartless.

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*** Hymn of the Day**
“Now Thank We All Our God”
LBW 533



“Now Thank We All Our God”

LBW 533

**1 Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands
and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

LBW 533

**2 Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

LBW 533

**3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav’n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

**C: I believe in God, the Father
almighty, creator of heaven and
earth.**

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

C: He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

C: 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

Each petition will end with the words,

A: Alpha and Omega,

The congregation will respond with:

C: Hear our prayer.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayer concludes...

P: All things exist in and through you, loving God. Therefore, we entrust our prayers, our faith, and our lives to you, in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

* OFFERING/OFFERING PRAYER



*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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.**

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



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*** SENDING BLESSING**

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit  bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

*** SENDING HYMN**
“Jesus Shall Reign”
LBW 530



*** “Jesus Shall Reign” LBW 530**

**1 Jesus shall reign
where'er the sun
does its successive
journeys run;
his kingdom stretch
from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax
and wane no more.**

*** “Jesus Shall Reign” LBW 530**

**2 To him shall endless
prayer be made,
and praises throng to
crown his head;
his name like sweet
perfume shall rise
with ev'ry morning
sacrifice.**

*** “Jesus Shall Reign” LBW 530**

**3 People and realms
of ev'ry tongue
dwell on his love
with sweetest song;
and infant voices
shall proclaim
their early blessings
on his name.**

*** “Jesus Shall Reign” LBW 530**

**4 Blessings abound
where'er he reigns:
the pris'ners leap
to lose their chains,
the weary find
eternal rest,
and all who suffer
want are blest.**

*** “Jesus Shall Reign” LBW 530**

**5 Let ev'ry creature
rise and bring
peculiar honors
to our king;
angels descend
with songs again,
and earth repeat
the loud amen.**

*** DISMISSAL**

P: ... Depart in Christ's Love.

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving
all. Amen!**

POSTLUDE

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