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**Our "Thanks!" to those who serve today:**

**Guest Pastor:** Rev. Randy Schlecht      **Accompanist:** Amy Anderson  
**Greeter & Scripture reader:** Diane Kracht  
**Ushers:** Jerry & Julie Yokom

**IN OUR THOUGHTS/PRAYERS:** Fam/Friends of Ethel Heckman (died 7/11; funeral @ TLC on 7/16); AnnaMae Triebold, Michelle Carlblom, Sharon Anundson, Don Clark (Kathy Brobst-Clark's husband), Sheila Miller (Jennifer Bacher's friend), Frances Yokom, Joie Heckman, Carol Crandall, Nicole Wieser, Jenny Morical; Missionaries; Peace

**"TRINITY FAMILY" TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK:** Karen Magnuson, Scott & Debbie Magnuson, Sue Martin, Vicki & Mike Metcalf

**This Week @ TLC:**

Today, July 20th: **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**10 a.m. Worship (Christmas in July)/Holy Communion**

**11 a.m.** Coffee fellowship in honor of Carol Grotberg's Birthday!  
(Thanks for hosting, Carol & family!)



Tues., July 22nd: **10:30 a.m.** Bible Study

**10—10:45 a.m.** Free food @ City Park for youth under 18 yrs.  
(this event sponsored by YMCA)

Wed., July 23rd: **9 a.m.** Quilters    **5-7 p.m.** Summer Grocery store @ VCHS (enter door #W6): **FREE food for all ages!** Courtesy of Bridges Backpack program. TLC Outreach/Stewardship helping on this date!

**5-7:30 p.m. Neighborhood Block Party @ TLC:**



Join us in the TLC Courtyard for a social with our neighbors!

Free hot dogs & hamburgers, chips, and ice cream treats from Bumpa's Ice Cream! If anyone has youth yard games that we can borrow for this event, please let Jeanne Wobbema know (we have cornhole). This event hosted by TLC Outreach/Stewardship.

Thurs., July 24th: **4:45 p.m.** Christian Educ. Meeting

Fri., July 25th: **11 a.m.** Free sack lunches @ Our Savior's Lutheran

Next Sun., July 27th: **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**10 a.m. Worship**

**11 a.m.** Coffee fellowship (Jeanne Wobbema hosting)

**4:30—7 p.m.** Corn Feed @ VC Epworth United Methodist Church

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

July 20, 2025 - 10 a.m.



### Trinity Lutheran Church

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#### Summer Office Hours:

Tues.—Thur., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed Mondays & Fridays)

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**Our Mission: "LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS."**



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Church in America**

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## July 20, 2025 —Christmas in July

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Welcome to you who are visitors among us; please sign our guest book, take a "Welcome" bag home, and do come worship with us again. *To those of you looking for a church home, we invite you to join this community of faith, as we seek to grow and serve in God's grace and love.*

**\*Please stand, in body or spirit.**

Large print bulletins are available at the back table.

"Busy Bags", for small children's use during Worship, can be found on back handrail.

### GATHERING

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship: Thanksgiving for Light**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light into being,

**C: and you set lights in the sky to govern night and day.**

P: In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night,

**C: you led your people to freedom.**

P: Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ;

**C: may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;**

P: for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation,

**C: and we your people glorify you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn:** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" #288 ELW

**\*Prayer of the Day** (see insert)

### WORD

**First Reading:**

Isaiah 62:6-12

**Response:** "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (v. 1 & 4) #282 ELW

**Second Reading:** Titus 3:4-7

**\*Gospel Acclam.:** "Go Tell It on the Mountain" (refrain) #290 ELW

**\*Gospel:** Luke 2:8-14

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day:** "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" #275 ELW

**\*Apostles' Creed** page 105 ELW

**Prayer Song:** *Away in a Manger v. 3*

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.

Bless all the dear children in your tender care  
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

**Prayers** P: God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

### MEAL

**Our Tithes/Offerings to God**

**\*Offertory Hymn:** "What Child Is This" #296 ELW

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**\*Great Thanksgiving** p. 206-207 ELW

**\*Lord's Prayer** p. 208 ELW

**Holy Communion/Kneel or stand at Communion rail**



*All are welcome to join us in celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion, believing the Risen Christ is present with us in the bread and wine, assuring us of GOD's love and forgiveness.*

*Please receive the bread in your hand and place your empty cup in the side basket. Gluten-free bread/juice are available. To be served in your pew, please raise your hand after pianist is served.*

**\*Post-Communion Prayer**

### SENDING

**\*Christmas Benediction**

P: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,  
the obedience of Joseph,  
the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the determination of the magi,  
and the peace of the Christ child.  
Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen!**

**\*Sending Hymn:** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #270 ELW

**Postlude**

