

July 26, 2026— Ninth Sunday after PENTECOST

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 on back hand rail.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: *Psalm 96 and Prayer of Praise*

P: Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

C: let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

P: Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming,
O Lord,

C: for you come to judge the earth.

P: You will judge the world with righteousness

C: and the peoples with your truth.

P: Let us pray: We praise you, O God, for the blessings around us that point to you.

C: and for the signs of this day that awaken in us wonder.

P: We praise you for the steadfast color of an evergreen tree,

C: like your love, enduring all seasons.

P: We praise you for the light that illumines our darkness,

C: like Christ, who brings light to the world.

P: Join our voices with those of trees and of all creation,

C: all who sing at your coming:

P: Glory to God in the highest,

C: and peace to God's people on earth. Amen.

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

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

WORD

First Reading:

Response: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (v. 1 & 4)

Second Reading:

Isaiah 52:7-10

#279 ELW

Hebrews 1:1-4

***Gospel Acclam.:** "Go Tell It on the Mountain" (refrain)

#290 ELW

***Gospel:**

John 1:1-14

Musical Interlude

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

#270 ELW

***Apostles' Creed**

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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.**

THANKSGIVING

Our Tithes/Offerings to God

***Offertory Hymn:** "What Child Is This"

#296 ELW

***Offertory Prayer**

***Lord's Prayer**

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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:** "Joy to the World"

#267 ELW

Postlude

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In our Thoughts & Prayers: Bernadette Botner (ruptured appendix; Fgo hosp), Sharon Anundson (knee surgery), Tim Yokom (Jerry's brother), Marleen Pytlik (@ St. Raphael), Madonna Bacher-Slack, Bea Tait, Gayle Hoff, Chad Henningsgard, Karen Magnuson, Beth Busche (Kathy Hoef's sis-in-law), Don Clark; our military women/men; PEACE

"Trinity Family" to pray for this week: Glen & Judy Torgerson, Roger & Rochelle Triebold family, Ruth Triebold

Our "Thanks!" to those who serve today:

Pastor: Rev. Diane Krumm **Accompanist:** Amy Anderson
Ushers: Randy & Karen Ladbury **Acolyte:** Ben Johnson
Scripture Reader: Rachel Johnson
Thank you to the following TLC'ers for helping in today's skit: Randy Ladbury, Diane Kracht, Pr. Diane, & Amy Anderson!

This Week @ TLC:

Today, Sunday, July 26th: **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

Christmas in July!

10 a.m. Worship

11 a.m. Coffee fellowship (*Thank you to Bumpa's/Bruce & Amy Anderson for providing ice cream treats today!*)

4:30-7 p.m. Epworth Methodist Men's 18th Annual Corn Feed & UWF Bake Sale: Pulled pork sandwiches, sweet corn, ice cream.
Cost: \$12 (Adult), \$7 (6-12 yrs), free for PreK

Mon., July 27th: *Pr. Diane's Sabbath*

Tues., July 28th: **10:30 a.m.** Bible Study @ TLC

10 a.m. Grief Support for Adults @ Legacy Place Community room
Hosted by HIA Hospice

Wed., July 29th: **9 a.m.** Quilters

9 a.m.—12 p.m. Crazy Days Bake Sale @ Faith Lutheran

11 a.m. YMCA Summer food @ City Park (free food for youth ages 18 yrs & younger; no eligibility requirements)

5-7 p.m. Summer Grocery store @ VCHS (use door W6); free food program open to all ages!

Next Sunday, Aug. 2nd: **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

10 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

11 a.m. Coffee fellowship (*Host & goodies needed! If able to help, please sign up at back sanctuary table or inform the church office.*)

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

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Trinity Lutheran Church

499 4th Ave. NW, Valley City, ND

Our Mission: "Love God. Love Others."

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Long ago, God spoke through Isaiah and called his people to rejoice in God's salvation. Now we experience the joy of God's grace upon grace given to us through the Word among us. We join with the angels, the shepherds, John the Baptist, and all of creation in pointing to Jesus as the true light which enlightens everyone – the Son of God who has come into the world full of grace and truth.