

Grace Notes

July 13, 2025

Trinity Lutheran Church

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ECHOZ Baby Bottles ~ Please bring your baby
bottles back ASAP!

Sunday – 07/13/2025 ~ *Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:30a Sunday school and Adult Bible study
10:00a Divine Service
Duty Elders ~ Shawn Shaw / Bill Sybrant
Audio / Video ~ Isaac Schultz
Organist ~ Gloria Creek

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Monday – 07/14/2025

Nothing scheduled

Tuesday – 07/15/2025

Nothing scheduled

Wednesday – 07/16/2025

9:30a Women's Bible study
6:30p Mid-Week Lay Service

Thursday – 07/17/2025

Nothing scheduled

Friday – 07/18/2025

Church office closed

Saturday – 07/19/2025

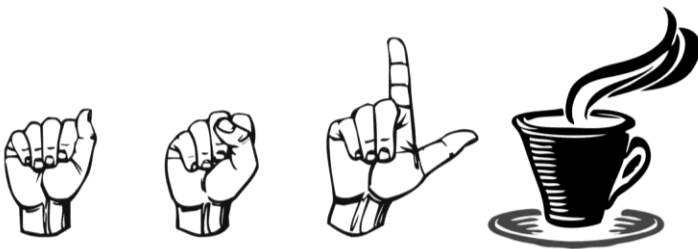
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Sunday – 07/20/2025 ~ *Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:30a Sunday school and Adult Bible study
10:00a Lay Service
Duty Elders ~ Len Koelbel / Ron VanVoast
Audio / Video / Music ~ Josh Schultz



Vacation Bible School- We're taking an Epic Australian Adventure to learn more about Jesus' love! VBS will be **Monday through Wednesday, July 28th – 30th, starting at 9:00am.** We will have games, snacks and crafts each day that coordinate with our Bible stories. All of our children are invited to attend - and bring a friend! Wee Disciples will also be joining us. If you would like to be a volunteer, even for just a day, or to help decorate on Sunday, July 27th, please let Amy know (970-480-7776).



New to American Sign language? Want to learn how to sign? Not sure where to start?

Join us for Coffee and Chat!

Learn more signs and practice what you know in a calm environment.

**When: Every third Saturday of the month
11:00am-12:30pm**

**Where: Double Barrel Coffee House
1500 9th Ave S, Great Falls, MT 59405**

Sponsored by
Peace Lutheran Church
and
Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf
3340 11th Ave S. Great Falls MT 59405

In Pastor's Absence ~ Pastor Schultz leaves July 14th for *Officer Training School* in Alabama. He will return September 14th. While Pastor is away if you have a need, please call the church office (406-452-2121) or an Elder; **Martin Bauer** (406-750-7510), **Scott Broberg** (402-841-6774), **Len Koelbel** (406-761-2120), **Shawn Shaw** (406-868-2215), **Bill Sybrant** (406-799-6114) or **Ron VanVoast** (307-631-5949).

Audio/Video Help ~ Our video ministry goes out each week on our Facebook page and reaches countless people. The audio/video crew is looking for a few good people. No experience is needed; we will teach you what you will need to know. If you would be interested in helping with this very important ministry, contact Cheryl Bauer (406-590-6460) for more information.

Thank you for the memories of life in Great Falls as members of your congregation. That large portion of our life will be treasured, and the thoughtful gift will remind us of our years of relationships in your midst. There are no real endings, not even in life, just new beginnings. See you again in our Father's home.

In Christian love, *Jim and Barbara Going*

Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible study continues to meet throughout the summer months. They are beginning a study on *The Lord's Prayer*. Please join them any **Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11:00am** in the Stahlecker Room. There are lots of empty chairs and places at the table!

Friday Ladies Bible study will meet July 18th from 1:00-3:00pm studying *Ecclesiastes* at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8th Ave. S. Bring your Bible and your good humor for an enjoyable time with friends!

Contribution and Attendance Numbers
for the week of June 30 ~ July 6, 2025

Adult Bible study (women's, men's Sunday)	22
Sunday school	8
Mid-week Service	16
Divine Service	97
Offerings	\$4,095
Vanco	\$ 600

Please, check your Narthex mailbox!

Due to the rising cost of postage, if you are a regular attendee and have a Narthex mailbox (most all of you do), you will NOT be receiving the Lamplighter or most other church related items via the U.S. Postal Service. Please check your Narthex mailbox each week.

A Request! Please refrain from bringing food or drinks into the Sanctuary! Please speak with Pastor or one of the Elders if you have questions or concerns.

NOTE ~ The congregation is encouraged to contribute to the *Trinity/Wee Disciples Scholarship Fund* and the *Roof Repair Fund*. There are special envelopes in the back of the Sanctuary to place your donations in.

Just a reminder, if you need to get in touch with the church office, **PLEASE call the church (406-452-2121), the church cell phone (406-590-6460) or send an email (trinity@trinity-mt.org).** Both the church number and cell phone number reach me 24/7 and I have access to check email regularly. *Thank you, Cheryl Bauer*

The week of July 13th through July 20th

Celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries this week

<i>July 16th</i>	<i>Paul ♥ Melissa Soldano (20)</i>
<i>July 18th</i>	<i>Jon ♥ Sandy Schroeder (33)</i>
<i>July 20th</i>	<i>Tarl ♥ Rebecca Legg (18)</i>

Celebrating their Birthday this week

<i>July 13th</i>	<i>Bob Blomstrom (80+)</i>
<i>July 15th</i>	<i>Mattie Young</i>
<i>July 16th</i>	<i>Cortnee Doll. Ryann Walker</i>
<i>July 17th</i>	<i>Kris Erickson</i>
<i>July 18th</i>	<i>Tina Bink, Neil Hamm, Alicia O'Meara</i>

Celebrating their Baptismal Anniversaries this week

<i>July 13th</i>	<i>Clay Isakson, Crue Isakson</i>
<i>July 14th</i>	<i>Jane Green, Kelsi Legg, Trey Wheeler</i>
<i>July 15th</i>	<i>Bob Bergan</i>
<i>July 18th</i>	<i>Garrett Nelson</i>
<i>July 19th</i>	<i>Sandra Heinert</i>

Celebrating their Confirmation anniversaries this week

<i>July 15th</i>	<i>Bob Bergan</i>
<i>July 19th</i>	<i>Brooke Backus</i>

PRAYER REQUESTS

*For prayer requests, please call the church office (406-452-2121)
or email us at trinity@trinity-mt.org*

We pray for our members

Roy & Carolyn Arves	Bob Bergan
Joyce Bush	Penny Hill
Clay Isakson	Lidia Neumann
Kirk Norris	David O'Meara
Lauretta Stanfield	Lindy Stanfield
Joy Suek	Juanita Winter

We pray for friends and family of our members

Dana (Kathie Sybrant's cousin)
Doris (Jillian Homen's grandmother)
Fran Holt (Michael Garver's mother)
Janet Hussli (Pam Grosenick's sister-in-law)
Marge Johnsten (member of Peace Lutheran)
Kevon (Lively's friend)
Dawn Krueger (Pam Grosenick's sister)
Dorothy Krueger (Pam Grosenick's mother)
Laura (Denise Wegner's friend)
Phil (Kathie Sybrant's father)
Rebecca (Debbie Lee's sister)
Joshua Scheer (Our Savior Lutheran-Cheyenne, WY)
Betty Stene (Brett Stene's mother)
Nancy Wheeler (Seth Wheeler's mother)
Marek, Debbe & Taylor Wojack (Rose Sheldon's daughter, son-in-law
and grandson)

We pray for our expectant mothers and their families

William and Grace Harr (due in December)

We pray for the pastors of the Montana District with health concerns

Pastor John Valle (former member of Trinity)

We pray for our members battling health issues and their caregivers

Chuck & Judy Lively

Jerry & Colleen Mans

Henry & Alice Schuman

We pray for our shut-ins

Millie Birkholz (The Lodge)

Bob Blomstrom (Helena)

Ellen Carpenter Eagle's Manor)

Anita Erickson (home)

Ed Hickel (home)

Darlene Murray (Kansas)

Vi Nell (Spokane, WA)

Arlene Nelson (Rosetta House)

George Pence (California)

We pray for those serving in the military and our First Responders

Sam Birkett, Cascade County Sheriff's Deputy

Chaplain Jonathan Schultz, USAF

Scott Backus, MANG

Scott Broberg, USAF

Matt Clark, Great Falls Emergency Services

Daniel Crème', USAF

Ricardo Dominguez, USAF

Joshua Graham, Helena Police Department (Bob Blomstrom's grandson-in-law)

Landon Grosenick, MANG (Pam Grosenick's grandson)

Matthew Erickson, USAF (Anita Erickson's grandson)

Julie Timms (Waetzig's granddaughter)

The Lutheran Hour ~ July 20th ~ "God's Plan = Jesus"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's plans for us are not me-centered; they are Christ-centered. Dr. Zeigler talks with "Soul Surfer" author, Bethany Hamilton. (*John 16:33*)

FM 106.9 will be transmitting *The Lutheran Hour* on Sunday mornings at 8:00am. The weekly broadcast of *The Lutheran Hour* is also available at **www.lutheranhour.org**, on the **Connected by LHM** mobile app, on **Sirius XM Family Talk Channel**, and platforms like **Spotify**, **iHeartRadio**, dialing in on your phone, and more.

Lutherans for Life ~ July 13th ~ “Take heart and have hope, God’s people! Even though it appears as though we have been abandoned, that our existence here seems innocuous, not making a difference to our communities, we are not those things. God is not done with us yet. He only asks that we remain faithful because He is ALWAYS faithful.” *Deaconess Janet Nicol, Word of Hope ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Other Helpful Links

Trinity Lutheran Church	www.trinity-mt.org
Also visit & “like” our Facebook page	
Concordia Publishing House	www.cph.org
Higher Things	www.higherthings.org
Issues, Etc.	www.issuesetc.org
The Word of the Lord Endures Forever	thewordendures.org
LCMS Radio on the web	www.kfuoaam.org
LCMS	www.lcms.org
Lutherans for Life	lutheransforlife.org
LWML	www.lwml.org
Montana District LCMS	www.mtdistlcms.org
The Lutheran Witness	www.lcms.org/witness

CONCERNING THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an usher.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Corinthians 1:28; 11:17–34.

FOR THOSE with YOUNG CHILDREN...

In Matthew 19, Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”* Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. So do we.

While children may often fidget and fuss during the service, we consider the noise that they make to be a form of sacred music – the song of God’s children learning more and more what it means to be Christians. And it is for this reason that we invite the children to stay with us for the entire service. We also suggest the following steps to help them learn.

- Sit toward the front where it is easier for them to see what is happening.
- Sing the liturgy and hymns, boldly. The more engaged you are, the more quickly they will learn to follow along.
- Explain to them what is happening throughout the service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to sit in the Narthex. There are also activity books and “quiet time” bags in the back for your children. Ask an Elder or usher for assistance.

Finally, if your attempt to get through the service today was a disaster, come back next week. The more consistently you show up, the easier it will get. And, whenever you come, just like Christ, we will always be overjoyed to have you and your little ones with us.