

A Service for Healing and Forgiveness June 7, 2026

Opening Dialog

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

C: And his mercy endures forever.

P: They cried to the Lord in their trouble,

C: And he delivered them from their distress.

P: He sent forth his Word and healed them,

C: And saved them from the grave.

P: The Lord is righteous in all his ways,

C: And loving in all his works.

P: The Lord upholds all who fall;

C: He lifts up those who are bowed down.

P: The Lord sustains them on their sickbed.

C: And ministers to them in their illness.

P: The Lord is my strength and my song,

C: And he has become my salvation.

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

C: And his mercy endures forever.

Entrance Hymn (next page)

There Is a Balm in Gilead



There is a balm in Gil-e - ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.



- 1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
- 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
- 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God and share our need for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. We entrust you great healer and reconciler of the world, all that needs healing and restoration in our lives. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

(Leaders will come down the middle aisle and make the sign of the cross on hand or forehead, and worshipers are asked to pass it on to their pew mates, as they repeat:)

"May Jesus strengthen and fill you with his healing and forgiveness."

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek,

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

First Lesson *Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8*

Please be seated

Everything on earth has its own time and its own season. There is a time for birth and death, planting and reaping, for killing and healing, destroying and building, for crying and laughing, weeping and dancing, for throwing stones and gathering stones, embracing and parting. There is a time for finding and losing, keeping and giving, for tearing and sewing, listening and speaking. There is also a time for love and hate, for war and peace.

...This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 *(spoken by all in unison)*

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

³He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

‘Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Second Lesson Acts 9: 1-20

Saul kept on threatening to kill the Lord's followers. He even went to the high priest and asked for letters to the leaders of the synagogues in Damascus. He did this because he wanted to arrest and take to Jerusalem any man or woman who had accepted the Lord's Way. When Saul had almost reached Damascus, a bright light from heaven suddenly flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying, “Saul! Saul! Why are you so cruel to me?”

“Who are you?” Saul asked.

“I am Jesus,” the Lord answered. “I am the one you are so cruel to. Now get up and go into the city, where you will be told what to do.”

The men with Saul stood there speechless. They had heard the voice, but they had not seen anyone. Saul got up from the ground, and when he opened his eyes, he could not see a thing. Someone then led him by the hand to Damascus, and for three days he was blind and did not eat or drink.

A follower named Ananias lived in Damascus, and the Lord spoke to him in a vision. Ananias answered, “Lord, here I am.”

The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the house of Judas on Straight Street. When you get there, you will find a man named Saul from the city of Tarsus. Saul is praying, and he has seen a vision. He saw a man named Ananias coming to him and putting his hands on him, so he could see again.”

Ananias replied, “Lord, a lot of people have told me about the terrible things this man has done to your followers in Jerusalem. Now the chief priests have given him the power to come here and arrest anyone who worships in your name.”

The Lord said to Ananias, “Go! I have chosen him to tell foreigners, kings, and the people of Israel about me. I will show him how much he must suffer for worshiping in my name.”

Ananias left and went into the house where Saul was staying. Ananias placed his hands on him and said, “Saul, the Lord Jesus has sent me. He is the same one who appeared to you along the road. He wants you to be able to see and to be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Suddenly something like fish scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see. He got up and was baptized. Then he ate and felt much better.

For several days Saul stayed with the Lord's followers in Damascus. Soon he went to the synagogues and started telling people that Jesus is the Son of God.

...This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

Please stand as you are able

***Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.***

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Luke 10:25-37

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

....This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(sung) Praise to you, O Christ.

Youth Time

Please be seated

Choir Anthem ***How Marvelous are the Works***

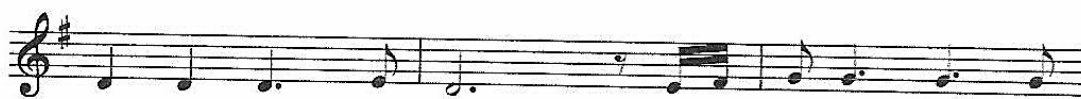
Sermon

Hymn of the Day ***(next 2 pages)***

263 Be Not Afraid



1. You shall cross the bar-ren des - ert, but you



shall not die of thirst. You shall wan-der far in



safe - ty though you do not know the way. You shall



speak your words in for - eign lands and all will un - der-



stand. You shall see the face of God and live.



Refrain
Be not a - fraid. I go be - fore you al-ways.



Come, fol-low me, and I will give you rest.

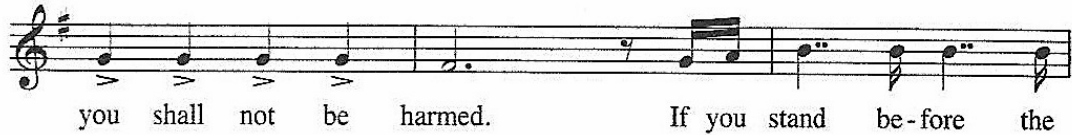


2. If you pass through rag-ing wa-ters in the sea, you shall not

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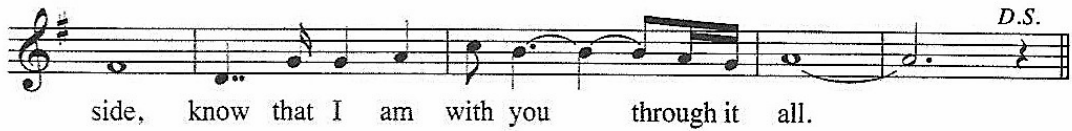
drown. If you walk a - mid the burn - ing flames,



you shall not be harmed. If you stand be - fore the



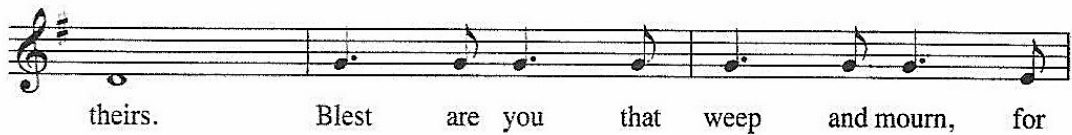
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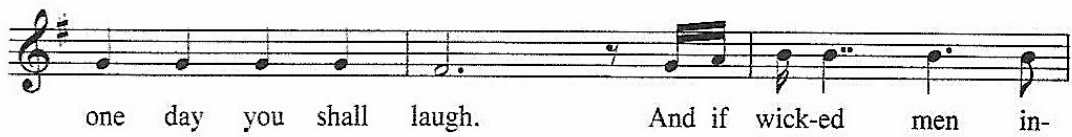
side, know that I am with you through it all. *D.S.*



3. Bless - ed are your poor, for the king - dom shall be



theirs. Blest are you that weep and mourn, for



one day you shall laugh. And if wick - ed men in -



sult and hate you all be - cause of me,



bless - ed, bless - ed are you! *D.S.*

Text: Isaiah 43:2-3. Luke 6:20ff; Bob Dufford, SJ
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The Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The Apostles' Creed

A Let us profess our faith through the words of the Apostles Creed.

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

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. He descended to the dead. 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.

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 the Church

A Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

God of mercy, you call us to a life filled with acts of mercy. Ground us in following Christ, that we might extend the mercy we receive.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, all you have made is yours. Revive lands in need of healing and make us wise stewards of all you have given us to tend.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, you promise to deliver those who call on you. Bring an end to conflict, bigotry, and injustice in all their forms wherever they are found.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, you provide for those in need. Bring an end to addiction. Comfort people as they mourn. Provide tenderly for those in need.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those impacted by war and violence, for our men and women in the armed forces, and for all first responders. We also ask for your blessing on Patrick, Pr. Fred, Glenda, and Arlen, and for those for whom we now pray, either in our hearts or aloud:

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of blessings, you send the Holy Spirit to provide varieties of gifts in the body of Christ. Accompany those who travel this summer, make our gatherings joyous, and grant us a spirit of hospitality and togetherness. Show us your will for the ministries of TOL, Augustana, Good Shepherd and Pr. Sohail's South Asian worshipping community as we serve our neighbors in love.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, we give you thanks for saints whose lives revealed your faithfulness. May remembering their faithfulness strengthen our own.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving
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Please stand as you are

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn (*sung*):

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray. **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. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

{P Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!}

Communion Song

Please be seated

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion: Please be seated until the usher directs your row to the communion rail. Please come to the communion rail and stand or kneel. If you do not wish to receive communion, please come for a blessing. All who share our confession that Christ is present in the Sacrament are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available in the center of the communion cup tray. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please let Pastor know.

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Post-Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray. Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing

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

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
Who abide in this shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

And I will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of my hand.

Snares of the fowler will never capture you
And famine will bring you no fear
Under God's wings your refuge, with faithfulness your shield.

And I will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of my hand.

For to the angels, God's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways
Upon their hands they will bear you up
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

And I will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of my hand.

Dismissal

A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.

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Prayers and Announcements

Prayers

Welcome: We extend a very warm welcome to everyone worshipping with us today. If you are visiting, we are delighted to have you here, and we hope you enjoy your worship time here with us.

Prayer Partner Ministry: If you are in need of additional prayer, please come to the Parents' Room in the back of church following worship. Prayers are confidential. Today's prayer partner is Don Grabau.

Offering: Thank you for your gifts to TOL. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. If you send your offering through the US mail, please use checks only—please don't mail cash. We also have online giving through tithely.com, which can be accessed through TOL's website (www.trinityoldlutheran.com) or on your smartphone.

Mission for June: Our mission this month is the TOL Sandwich Team Ministry. Every week, one of our 6 volunteer teams makes 100 sandwiches, which are then delivered by volunteers to the Friends of Night People on Hudson Street in Buffalo. These sandwiches are then distributed to those who visit this agency for a meal. With the price of groceries ever rising, your monetary support can help defray some of the expenses involved. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

Grief Support at TOL: For those who have experienced the death of a child or grandchild. We will meet this **Tuesday, June 9**. The meetings begin at 10 am in person or on Zoom.

Women's Lunch Group: You are invited to join the group for lunch on **Thursday, June 11** at 12:30 pm, at Buffalo Olde Brewery, 1221 E. Lovejoy St., Buffalo. Please contact Judy Menz or Barb Maugans if you have any questions.

Sermon Discussion/input: Meets again on **Wednesday, June 24 at noon**. Please let Pastor Fred know if you are interested in discussing the texts for the next month of sermons.

Pizza Party – Change of Date: Mark your calendars for **Sunday, June 28**, for a pizza party following the worship service. Please sign up on the main bulletin board. All are invited!

Mark Your Calendars and Stay Tuned for Details:

-Craft Show and Basket Raffle: Our 3rd annual event will take place here at TOL on **Saturday, September 19**.

-Adult Retreat: Our annual Adult Retreat at beautiful Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center will be the weekend of **October 2 - 4**. The sign-up sheet is available on the main bulletin board.

Operation Christmas Child: The suggested donations for **June** are stuffed toys and dolls that are 10” or smaller. Please place donations in the bin located in the hallway. Thank you for your continued support.

Book and Puzzle Sale: Please visit our Book Sale in the Resource Library, which is the first room in the hallway near the main bulletin board. Books and puzzles are always being added and are available for a fraction of the cost at retail. No cost for the greeting cards available. Proceeds are used for church building interior improvements, such as carpeting, door mats, etc.

Thank You for your Continuing Support of these ministries:

- Non-perishable food items for the food pantry at Good Shepherd.
- Grocery store gift cards for individuals in need.
- Aluminum can pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House – bin in hallway.
- Dash’s Tapes for the Niagara Lutheran Health System – bin in hallway.
- Cans and bottles to be recycled – barrel in hallway.
- Clothing and hygiene items for Friends of Night People– blue barrel.
- Items for Operation Christmas Child boxes – bin in hallway.

This week's calendar

<p><i>Please notify the Church Office of any schedule changes, member illness, prayer request, etc., so church staff can respond accordingly. Office hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 am–12 noon.</i></p> <p><i>For a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Fred.</i></p> <p><i>For office related matters, please leave a voice mail message or send an email.</i></p>	Sun	6/7	11 am 12 noon 3:30 pm 7 pm	Tri-Congregation Worship Service at TOL Coffee Hour Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting
	Mon	6/8	10 am 4 pm 6:30 pm	OA Meeting Sandwich Team #2 AA
	Tues	6/9	10 am 7:30 pm	Grief Support Group for Parents CoDA
	Wed	6/10		
	Thur	6/11	12:30 pm 7 pm	Women's Lunch Group GA Meeting
	Fri	6/12	10 am	South Asian Lutheran Community
	Sat	6/13		
	Sun	6/14	9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting

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Biographies

Augustana Lutheran Church:

Johanna Andritz

- Council President of Augustana Lutheran Church,
- Director of the RIDE (Refugee Immigrant Driver Education) Program,
- Head of Sunday School,
- Augustana's secretary,
- a Pastor of the ELCA (retired)
- a former elementary school teacher (34 yrs.)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church: *Kevin Cronyn*

Kevin is co-president of council at Good Shepherd. Around 17 years ago he had a conversion experience which he considers himself “Born Again” in the Spirit. Since that time, he has been seeking to follow Jesus Christ daily in everything he does.

Kevin just retired from working in nonprofit agencies for the past 43 years. He feels strongly that his passion and drive to help intellectually disabled people for all of those years was God’s work, his hands. Now he is putting his love and passion towards Gods next mission for him, “HIS CHURCH”.

Trinity Old Lutheran Church: *Charlie Schmidtke*

-PhD in Process Philosophy

-Employed at Canisius from 1973 – 2008

-Associate Professor and Director of Gerontology, Dean of Continuing Studies, Title III

-Coordinator/Acting Director of Planning and Research.

Church Based Experiences

- Served on Upstate New York Synod, the Sexual or Professional Misconduct Committee, Synod Candidacy Committee, Western Region Interviewing Committee, Conflict and Healing Team, and as a Conference Deacon.

- At Augustana and TOL developed, organized, and led spiritual retreats for the church, Stewardship Committee consultant, author and coordinator for the church’s constitution. Christian Education director, liturgical assisting minister, visioning minister.

Other Planning and Visioning Experiences

- Was named first Chairman of the Faculty Development Committee for the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE), and established on-going programming for the organization,

- Served as Program Chair and led an ad hoc committee that restructured the annual meeting’s format and planning process for the organization,

- Served as the only non-Catholic on the Buffalo Roman Catholic Diocese’s Commission studying the Elderly and authored the report’s chapter on Ethics and contributed to the report’s chapter on Spirituality,

- Served as Policy Board member for the Consortium of the Niagara Frontier which developed and planned degree programs at three area correctional facilities including Attica and Albion,

- Prepared a report assessing the effectiveness and structure of Canisius College’s Student Affairs Division and providing recommendations for change and improvement,

- Served as a planning and evaluation consultant at 3 different colleges in NY and Iowa,

- Developed and instituted the Offices of Multicultural Affairs and Study Abroad programs at Canisius College,

- Member of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities Continuing Education Conference and developed long-distance learning opportunities and co-authored the Association’s Mission Statement.