



Camp Sunday, February 8, 2026

Tripolis
LUTHERAN CHURCH



PRELUDE: Favorite camp songs

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP “Light the Fire” *Bill Maxwell*

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I stand to praise you
But I fall to my knees
My spirit is hungry
But my flesh is so weak

Chorus

So light the fire in my soul
Fan the flame make me whole
Oh Lord you know where I've been
So light the fire in my heart again

I feel your arms around me
As the power of your healing begins
You breathe new life right through me
Like a mighty rushing wind

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the with the words of a song based on Matthew 6.
“Seek Ye First” *by Karen Lafferty*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And God's righteousness
And all these things will be added unto you
Allelu-Alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and the door will be opened unto you.
Allelu-Alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God
Allelu-Alleluia.

WORD OF ASSURANCE AND FORGIVENESS

We seek God with the faith and trust given to us by our gracious Creator.
That is a reason to say, “Alleluia!”
In ☩ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE “You Are the Light of the World” *Catherine Pino*

Verse 1

You are the light of the world
You are the light of the world
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are the light of the world

Verse 2 You are the city on a hill...

Verse 3 You are a candle in the dark...

Verse 4 You are a star in the night...

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

The gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 5:13-20 [Jesus said,] “You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? It’s good for nothing except to be thrown away and trampled under people’s feet. You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can’t be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.

Don’t even begin to think that I have come to do away with the Law and the Prophets. I haven’t come to do away with them but to fulfill them. I say to you very seriously that as long as heaven and earth exist, neither the smallest letter nor even the smallest stroke of a pen will be erased from the Law until everything there becomes a reality. Therefore, whoever ignores one of the least of these commands and teaches others to do the same will be called the lowest in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever keeps these commands and teaches people to keep them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. I say to you that unless your righteousness is greater than the righteousness of the legal experts and the Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

REFLECTION Erin Vruwink

SONG OF THE DAY: “Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)” *Houston, Crocker, Ligthelm 2012*

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

Chorus: And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves (when oceans rise)
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

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“Oceans,” continued

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now

Chorus 2: I will call upon Your name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine

Bridge: Spirit, lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour

PRAYERS *Please join in this refrain between prayer petitions.*

“Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying” *by Ken Medema*

Lord, listen to Your children praying.

Lord, send Your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to Your children praying.

Send us love send us pow'r send us grace.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

OFFERING AND SONG: “Every Move I Make/ Waves of Mercy” *by David Ruis*

Every move I make I make in You
You make me move, Jesus
Every breath I take I breathe in You
Every step I take I take in You
You are my way, Jesus
Every breath I take I breathe in You
Na Na Na Na...

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Refrain

Waves of mercy, waves of grace
Everywhere I look I see Your face
Your love has captured me
Oh my God, this love, how can it be?



BLESSING

God who names you, Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG: “Everywhere I Go” *Tim Timmons*

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Chorus 1: Ev'rywhere I go,
on this road high and low
Where I go I go with You

Verse 1
There's a city that calls me by name
There's a city that calls me by name
Yes as I run this race I am cheered by the saints
There's a city that calls me by name *Chorus 1*

Verse 2
There's a future that runs through my veins
There's a future that runs through my veins
And there's nothing on earth
That can stand in the way
There's a future that runs through my veins *Chorus 2*

Chorus 2
Ev'rywhere I go, on this road high and low
Where I go I go with You
So I won't be afraid
This is my hope come what may
Where I go I go with You
Where I go I go with You

Verse 3
There's a Spirit I cannot contain
There's a Spirit I cannot contain
The same power that raised Jesus
up from the grave
The same Spirit I cannot contain *Chorus 2*

Bridge: Your breath upon these bones
Your fire in my soul
Your Kingdom is my home
And I don't walk alone *Chorus 2*

TABLE GRACE: “Johnny Appleseed”
Oh, the Lord is good to me, and so I thank the Lord,
for giving me the things I need,
the sun and the rain and the appleseed.
The Lord is good to me. Amen. Amen. Amen, Amen, Amen!

DISMISSAL: Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

Worship Leaders Today

Worship leader: Mary Gruis
Song leader and reflection: Erin Vruwink
Musicians: Dana Vruwink, Marlys & Tom Gustafson
Lectors: Confirmation Students
Acolyte: Eliza Stegeman
Ushers: Frank & Suzanne Ziebarth
Council members on duty: Pam Vruwink and Jeanette Jacobson
Altar Committee: Cheryl Alinder and Deb Carlson

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Remember in our Prayers

The Gustafson family, grieving the death of Tom's brother Kurt
The Oswood family, grieving the death of Karen's beloved Aunt CC
All who are ill or receiving medical care
All caregivers
All travelers
All experiencing insecurity, uncertainty, danger, or fear

Announcements

This Week at Tripolis

Today: Chili, Soup and Stew Cookoff
following worship

Tuesday: 7pm Church Council Meeting at
Ebenezer

Thursday: 9am Quilting

Next Sunday: 9:30am Sunday School,
11am Worship

Yearbook Information

Please check your information in the current yearbook and email changes you'd like for this year's yearbook to the church. Information submissions are due February 15.



CAMP HOUSE, BRIMSON, MN
GREEN LAKE BIBLE CAMP, SPICER, MN
SHORES OF ST ANDREW, NEW LONDON, MN



**For more information and to register,
visit GLLM.org or call 320-796-2181.**



The event was yesterday, but you can still make donations. Write checks to Centracare Foundation with "Bowling for Hospice" in memo.

Serving as guest leaders June 13-19 “Ordinary Time” at Camp House



Sherri Larson is an ELCA pastor whose route to ordination included Augsburg College, Luther Seminary, several years of youth ministry, and 15 years of teaching high school English. Sherri accepted a call in 2022 to Kandiyohi, MN (Ebenezer and Tripolis), and they introduced her to Camp House. She's so drawn to this holy ground and the beautiful things God is doing here! Sherri is eager to facilitate meaningful worship, reflection, Bible study, and conversation, and to collaborate with Carol, Steve, staff, and campers of all ages. Sherri loves poetry and coffee. She won't turn down an offer to walk, play cards, or do puzzles, and she'll be happy to coordinate a cornhole tournament...with no expectation of winning.



Carol Meier is a musician and composer who loves taking part in the songs we sing together as God's children. She graduated from Luther College with a degree in music education. Carol is currently serving as the music director at Eagle Lake Lutheran Church (Willmar, MN). More recently, Carol studied liturgical music and composition from Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary. She is passionate about writing songs for the church that give new expression to the expansive love of God. You can learn more about Carol and her music at carolmeiermusic.com. Some of Carol's favorite things include long walks, good talks, campfires, and making music with people of all ages and abilities...all things she looks forward to doing at Camp House!



Steve Thomason is an associate professor of Spiritual Formation and Discipleship at Luther Seminary, a rostered pastor in the ELCA, and an artist. Steve's passion and calling is a fusion of art and theology. He is the author of [A Cartoonist's Guide to the Bible](#), which is an online resource for visual learners to explore, teach, and preach the scripture using creative visual illustration and animation. Explore the resource at cartoonistbible.com. You can find all his work at artpastor.com.



Hebrews 4:12 The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, and able to judge the intentions of the heart!

From roaring rivers to quiet shores, God is still writing the story—and you're part of it.

Summer Camp at Water's Edge (GLLM)

Registration is OPEN! Early Bird Discount of \$65 ends Feb. 19. Contact Jeanette for a code for additional \$25 off per camper and for access to the Tripolis Campership Fund. We want to support all who want to attend any element of Water's Edge Camping program. The camp also has scholarships available.