"Set my mind on Jesus"

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March 9-10, 2024

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March 9, 2024 - 5:00 p.m.
March 10, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.
Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

Wandering Heart: "Set my mind on Jesus"

Matthew 16:21-24 *Jesus confronts Peter when he wants to stop Jesus from enduring suffering and death.*

This week we focus on Peter's journey and ours. Peter said, "No, Jesus, don't go to Jerusalem and suffer and die." Jesus called Peter a stumbling block. There are times to say "Stop" to keep people from harming themselves; times to say "No" to a leader who is harming people. Jesus said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan." Jesus refuses to give in to temptation by evil. We are joined to Jesus' cross and resurrection so we can follow Jesus. In following we find Jesus beside us to care for us wherever we are.

Serving in Worship This Weekend

Pastor Daniel Hanson

Guest Preacher
Dr. Norma Cook Everist

Organist Deb Nielsen

Greeters Craig and Janet Miller

Coffee Fellowship
Cynthia Zach, Sandra Willis

Scripture Readers
5:00 p.m. Sally Becker
9:00 a.m. Colleen Frein

Technical Support
9:00 a.m. Lucas and Colleen Frein

Worship Transportation
Dean Graven, Vivian Heller

Ushers
5:00 p.m. Bob Gentz,
9:00 a.m. Brian Carlson, Mike Dutcher, Gene and Beckey Ott

Welcome to Trinity! We are glad you're here. If you are new to Trinity Lutheran, please complete an informational card which can be found in the pews.

We love having small children in worship! Those needing a space to change or feed little ones are welcome to use the **Child Care Room** located next to the nursery. A **unstaffed nursery** is also available, located on the 2nd floor just outside the north sanctuary door (door under the stained glass window door).

Handicapped Seating is reserved in the pew located in front of the Technical booth.

Large print bulletins and listening devices are available from the ushers.

Activity Bags are available for children during worship. They are located in the narthex and at the front of the church. Please return them at the end of services.

Our Mission *We are called to share God's healing love through Christ's forgiveness and our personal servanthood.*

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness (9:00)

P God of all love and mercy,
turn us from our sin to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may speak honestly with God,
for we belong to God and that will never change.

C Holy God
Like Peter we want to say to Christ, "Jesus, this should not happen!"
We want to control scenarios beyond our reach.
We want to hold your world in our hands.
Forgive us when we refuse to listen.
We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake for Christ's cross and resurrection, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, strengthen us, and lead us.
With hope in our hearts, we pray. Amen.

P God who is rich in mercy, nothing can separate us from God's love.
Hear and believe the Good News of the Gospel.
God's love for us will always be deeper than we can imagine.
By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
Now, follow Jesus and go be the Church in the World.

C Amen.

Gathering Hymn** ***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing ELW 807

***Greeting**

P The grace and peace of God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C And also with you.

Glory to God

ELW pg. 148

*Prayer of the Day

P Holy God, set our minds upon Jesus and his cross.
In a world of distractions and stumbling blocks,
show us the infinite gifts of your love and forgiveness,
that we may follow you, wherever you may lead.
We pray in your holy name.

C Amen

Holy Baptism - Phoenix Jeffrey Troy Bauer (5:00) ELW pg. 227

Children's Sermon (9:00am) Pastor Daniel Hanson

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 *(Read Responsively)*

L 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

C 2 Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,

L 3 gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

C 17 Some were fools and took rebellious paths;
through their sins they were afflicted.

L 18 They loathed all manner of food
and drew near to death's door.

C 19 Then in their trouble they cried to the Lord
and you delivered them from their distress.

L 20 You sent forth your word and healed them
and rescued them from the grave.

C 21 Let them give thanks to you, Lord, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.

L 22 Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving
and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

*Gospel Acclamation ELW pg 151

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the sixteenth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

*Gospel: Matthew 16:21-24

P [21]From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. [22] And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." [23] But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." [24] Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them take up their cross and follow me."

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon **Dr. Norma Cook Everist**

Hymn of the Day ***Oh, Love, How Deep*** ELW 322

*Affirmation of Faith

C We believe in God almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
We believe in Jesus Christ, Redeemer of the World
Christ became truly human.
For our sake he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven and is now Reconciler of all peoples.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the giver of life,
We believe in one baptism and the communion of saints.
We believe in the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

We believe the Spirit uses ordinary people like Peter to serve in the world.
We believe that God meets us with grace and invites us to follow.

Thanks be to God for a love like that.
Amen.

*Prayers of Intercession

P Hear us O God.
C Your mercy is great.

*Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THANKSGIVING

Announcements

Offering

Text to Give is available at Trinity!
Simply text the amount you wish to give to 833-412-0093.
Or scan the QR code with your smartphone.
Please note where your gifts should be directed towards.

Canticle of Thanksgiving by Dale Woods

Trinity Choir

*Offertory

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service ELW 712 vs 1

Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.

*Offering Prayer

P O Lord, you who daily bear our burdens,
strengthen our hands and expand our heart's capacity
to bear one another's burdens,
so that we might offer your generous care to friend and neighbor alike
who may feel crushed under by their own burdens.
We pray this in the name of the One whose burden is light.

C Amen.

***Lord's Prayer**

C 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.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P Beloved,
we are God's own people,
holy, washed, renewed.
God bless you and keep you,
shower you with mercy,
fill you with courage,
and ☩ give you peace.
C Amen.

Sending Hymn** ***God of Mercy, God of Light ELW 714

***Sending**

P Go in peace. Keep your heart fixed upon Jesus.
C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

TLC Opportunities to Serve

- **Worship Greeter –** Greet worshippers as they enter the building for weekend and midweek services. Volunteer position. Contact the office.

- **Usher –** Distribute bulletins, welcome, collect offering, usher people for communion. Volunteer position. Contact the office.

- **Readers –** Read the lessons for weekend services. Lessons provided a week prior to reading. Volunteer position. Contact the office.

- **Communion Servers–** Assist Pastors with Communion distribution during worship services. Training available. Volunteer position. Contact the office.

- **Worship Transportation –** Assist Region 2 Transit driver in picking up those needing a ride to Sunday worship. Volunteer position. Contact the office.

- **Community Kitchen Volunteers**—Trinity provides volunteers to help prepare and serve meals at the Community Kitchen, *either the **1st Monday** of each month from 9-1:00 and the **4th Wednesday** of each month from 4-6:30 p.m.* See the bulletin boards by the church office.

- **Help at Affordables**—Trinity provides volunteers to help sort donated clothing at Affordables on the ***2nd Wednesday*** *of each month from 9-11:00 a.m.*

For more worship serving opportunities, go to trinity-mc.org/worship-volunteers

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENT 2024

This Lent at Trinity, we are focusing on the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer.
In Peter, we often see ourselves - a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us.

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 16-17, 2024
Wandering Heart:
"Teach me"
MATTHEW 18:15-22 | Jesus tells Peter to forgive seventy-seven times.

Palm/Passion Sunday – March 23-24
Wandering Heart:
"Songs of loudest praise"
JOHN 12:12-16 | Jesus rides into Jerusalem while people praise him.

Palm Sunday—Sunday School Students will sing and have a palm processional at the END of the 9am service and the beginning of the 10:30 service.

Maundy Thursday – March 28 (6:30 PM)
Wandering Heart: *"Streams of mercy"*
JOHN 13:1-20 | Jesus washes Peter's feet.

Good Friday CANTATA– March 29 (6:30 PM)
"Were you there?"
Written by Pastor Larry Day
featuring Trinity Musicians

Holy Saturday – March 30 (5:00 PM)
YOUTH LED WORSHIP SERVICE
Wandering Heart: *"And I hope"*
LUKE 24:1-12 | Peter runs to the empty tomb and learns Jesus is alive.

Easter Sunday – March 31 (9:00 & 10:30 AM)
WITH SPECIAL MUSIC AND BRASS
Wandering Heart: *"And I hope"*
LUKE 24:1-12 | Peter runs to the empty tomb and learns Jesus is alive.

A **daily LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOK** is available to pick up they are located by the church offices.

LENT COIN FOLERS can be found at the Welcome Desk and by the office windows. All gifts benefit Trinity's ongoing ministry in our community. To make your gift online, go to trinity-mc.org/give.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT | 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Space
Join us for a service of music, scripture, journaling and small group discussions.

Lent Dinners are from 6-6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
—all donations from the meals will support Trinity Youth attending the national youth gathering this summer.

Meal for
Wednesday
March 13 will be
Sloppy Joe Sandwiches, Chips and Dessert

Altar Flowers are given by ***Gwen Lewis*** in honor of the birth of her great nephew, **Henry Scott Stelter.**

Bulletin Cover Art is sponsored by ***Eileen Steinwandt in memory of her husband, Hank.***

The bulletin cover is "Beseeching" by Hannah Garrity | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Holy Baptism
Today we celebrate the baptism(5:00) of ***Phoenix Jeffrey Troy Bauer.*** Phoenix is the son of Thomas Bauer and Mercedes Wiegmann. Phoenix's sponsors are Lexis Wiegmann and Hanna Bauer. Join us in giving thanks to God as we welcome Phoenix to the Body of Christ and the mission we share!

Book Discussion
Monday, March 11 | 1:00 PM */ Gathering Space*
The next book discussion is **Monday, March 11** at **1:00 PM** in the Gathering Space. We will be discussing the book ***Meet Me at the Museum*** *by Anne Youngson*. "*Meet Me at the Museum* is a celebration of long letters, kindred spirits, and the possibility of writing a new story for yourself, at any stage of life." A copy is available to check out from the Trinity Lutheran Church office.

Bible Study Opportunities

Each Wednesday morning Trinity offers a Bible Study based on that weekend's readings led by the preaching pastor. Men's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall from 7-8am and Women's Bible Study meets in the Library from 8:30-9:30am.

Lydia Bible Study will meet on **Wed. March 13 at 9:30 a.m. in Rm. 208.** We meet for treats, conversation and then continue with the Bible Study. Lydia uses the Gather Magazine for their Bible Study. All are welcome to join us.

WELCA Bible Study meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month and will meet on **Thursday, March 14 at 9:30 a.m. in Rm. 208.** Rev. Dr. Norma Cook Everist will lead the study on *"Seventy Images of Grace in the Epistles*—the March session will focus on *"People Transformed to Be Change Agents in the World."* This will be an interactive Bible Study with meaning for our daily lives. Women of all ages are invited to attend.

EASTER NEEDS

Easter Food Project
The Ministries Committee is asking for monetary donations from the Congregation in order to provide local, less fortunate individuals or families with a healthy Easter meal to enjoy. A donation of $35 will feed a household of up to four people, $70 will feed a household of eight people, and so forth.
Give online or in-person! Envelopes are available at the church office or Welcome Desk. Funds will be collected through March 17.
If you know of someone who could benefit from receiving an Easter box, please call the church office. The deadline for submission of recipients is March 10. You can also help by signing up to deliver food bags to recipients on Saturday, March 23, please contact the church office.

Easter Egg Donations
Each year Trinity hosts a Easter Egg Hunt. We pack 1,200 eggs—that's a lot of candy!! Donations of bags of candy are greatly appreciated. Please drop off candy at the church office. Thank you!

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 23 | 10:00 AM
All Children ages 0-10 years old are welcome to hunt for Easter eggs at Trinity on Saturday, March 23, from 10:00-11:00 AM. Please bring a basket and gather in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am for story time, crafts, and the Easter Egg Hunt!

Easter Garden & Memorials
Please see the signup sheets located by the church office—
if you would like to:

- Remember or honor a loved one with an Easter plant.
  Plants can be purchased for $15 each (Plant limit of 30).
- Remember or honor a loved one with an Easter memorial. You can also call in your request to the church office. The Easter garden (and Easter memorial) deadline is **March 22**.

Coffee With the Pastors is Back! Tune in next **Saturday March 16th at 9:30am** on our Facebook and YouTube pages to catch up on Trinity News!

Farewell Reception for Kristian Carlson
Sunday, March 17 | 10:00 AM */ Gathering Space*
Please come and help us celebrate Kristian as we send him off to his new call and as we give thanks for his leadership as our Youth Director.

Blood Pressure Checks—Sunday, March 17th from 10-10:30 a.m. in the Gathering Space.

Rejoicing Spirits
Wednesday, March 20 | 5:00 PM /
Trinity Fellowship Hall
Rejoicing Spirits is inclusive of all ages and abilities as we connect with God and one another. Join us as we learn about Jesus' journey to the cross and beyond through camp-style music, an interactive skit, and prayer. Following the worship service, enjoy pizza and root beer floats for a free-will donation.

LUNCH AND LEARN | What's New in Healthcare?
Thursday, March 21 | Noon / Fellowship Hall
Chad Boore, Chief Operations Officer (COO) at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center, will come to share about the changes and challenges in health care today. Soup and salad will be served for a free-will offering. Please call the church office to **sign up on the office bulletin board by March 19.**

Copies of **Christ in Our Home** for ***April, May & June*** are available to pick up by the office and welcome desk.

Summer Camp 2024—*Riverside Bible Camp*
If you're entering Grade 3 in Fall 2024, you can go to Camp Riverside. Information is available at the church office, or contact Marty Greder, Education Dir., at 423-0536 or marty.greder@trinity-*mc.org. Trinity has a subsidy for a member and a friend, so register today!*

CO-Ed Softball returns this Summer
It's almost that time of year again for co-ed church softball! There is a sign-up sheet outside the church office. Stephanee Johnson will be coaching again this season. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Stephanee at 641-420-5301.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, March 11

9:00 a.m.	Lectio Divina (Rm. 322)
9:30 a.m.	Altar Guild (Rm. 300)
1:00 p.m.	Book Discussion (Gathering Space)
6:00 p.m.	Trinity Bronze Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 12

8-9:00 a.m.	BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
Noon	Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 13

7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
8:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study (Library)
9:30 a.m.	Lydia Circle (Rm. 208)
1:30 p.m.	**Lent Worship Service** (Gathering Space)
5:15 p.m.	Welcome to the Table Class (Rm. 208)
6:00 p.m.	Lent Supper (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 p.m.	**Lent Worship Service** (Gathering Space)
7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice (Choir Rm.)

Thursday, March 14

8:00 a.m.	BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
9:30 a.m.	WELCA Bible Study (Rm. 208)
10:30 a.m.	Clappers Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m.	Una Vocis Rehearsal

Saturday, March 16
Holy Communion Celebrated

5:00 p.m.	**Worship Service**

Sunday, March 17
Holy Communion Celebrated

8:00 a.m.	Health Cabinet (Rm. 300)
9:00 a.m.	**Worship Service**
10-10:30 a.m.	Blood Pressure checks (Gathering Space)
10:30 a.m.	**Worship Service**

There is NO Sunday School on March 17

2024 Flower Calendar and Bulletin Calendar
If you'd like to honor a loved one, remember a birthday and/or an anniversary please sign up. Both calendars are located on the bulletin board next to the church office. Altar Flowers are $45 and Bulletins are $25