

Holy Spirit



Make us **ONE!**

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 11-12, 2024



Trinity Lutheran Church

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2024—5:00 p.m.

May 12, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

*Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one.

Oneness isn't about political or doctrinal agreement, but a mutuality of love for God, self, neighbor, and creation.

When we care for one another, for creation, and for God, we experience the oneness Jesus experiences with God.

Come Holy Spirit and make us one!

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.*

Serving in Worship This Weekend

Pastor	Dan Gerrietts Daniel Hanson
Organist	Teresa Jacobson
Cantor (9am)	Linda Hunt
Greeters	Dan and Nancy Clarke
Coffee Fellowship	Tom and Nancy Ball Penny Bennett
Scripture Readers	
5:00 p.m.	Sally Becker
9:00 a.m.	Danny Miller
Technical Support	
9:00 a.m.	Ellen Gansen, Evelyn Hunt Carter Rockwell
Worship Transportation	Randy Elsbernd, Craig Remmen
Ushers	
5:00 p.m.	Liz Fitzgerald, Sophia Fitzgerald and Donna Henaman
9:00 a.m.	Mike Brown, Joe and Julie Sanchez Jon Rodrigues, Jon Wicks

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

C Amen.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

***Gathering Hymn**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW 759

*Greeting

P Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
The abundant grace and mercy of God be with you all.

C And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

P Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own,
and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil.
By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world,
that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Children's Sermon (9am)

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

L ¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1 (Read Responsively)

L ¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**C ²Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

L ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

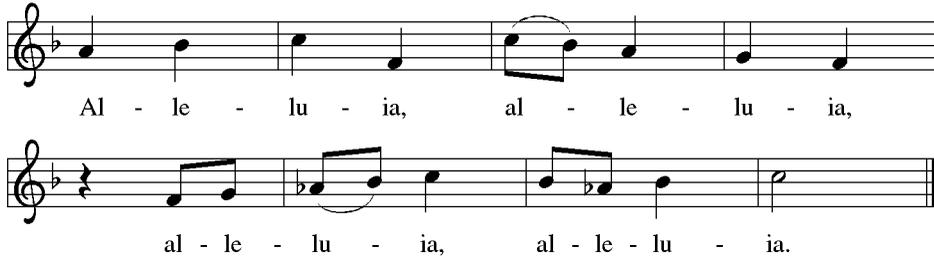
C ⁴**It is not so with the wicked;**
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

L ⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

C ⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,**
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

***Gospel Acclamation**

ELW pg 124



P The Holy Gospel according to John the seventeenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

***Gospel: John 17:6-19**

P [Jesus prayed:] ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world,

so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

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

Sermon

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

Hymn of the Day *This Is My Father's World*

ELW 824

Welcoming of New Members

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 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,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come 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.

P Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to the community of faith.
C We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
 Together we will give thanks and praise to God.
 And proclaim the good news to all the world.

***Prayers of Intercession**

P God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

***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.



Offering Anthem

Down to the River to Pray

arr. By Sheldon Curry

(9am)

Trinity Choir

***Offertory**

We Praise You, O God

ELW 870

***We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We Lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.***

***Offering Prayer**

P Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

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 Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
P The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.
C Amen.

*** Sending Hymn**

Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW 781

***Sending**

P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
C Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Postlude

All congregation members from the Northeastern Iowa Synod are invited to attend the synod's first
“CREATIVE COLLABORATIVE CONGREGATIONS (C3) MINISTRY FAIR”
on **Saturday, June 1**, at Wartburg College, Waverly.
The fair will begin at 8:30 a.m. and run till 3:45 p.m.

This new event is an opportunity for lay people, pastors and deacons from across the synod to gather in fellowship, learn together, share ideas and get inspired with skills to strengthen their congregational ministries.

The ministry fair will feature 30 workshops, round table discussions and a variety of displays to support congregations in their ministries and administrative activities. Everyone will be able to attend two workshops in the morning beginning at 9 a.m. and two in the afternoon, concluding at 3:45 p.m. Check-in for the fair will begin at 8:30 a.m.

To sign-up, contact the church office by Monday, May 20. Trinity will register you and cover the registration fee.

Workshops include:

- Overview of the call process
- Role of mutual ministries
- Action plans for strategic ministry
- Faith formation and volunteer recruitment
- Mission trip to serve the homeless
- Planning a congregational legacy
- Responding to those with addiction issues
- Repurposing a church sanctuary
- Campus ministry impact and trends
- First-hand account of a mission trip to Ukraine
- Outdoors as a spiritual playground
- Communication tips for congregations
- Parents and grandparents keeping children safe
- Youth ministry ideas for leaders & parents
- Lay ministry training
- Planned giving as a personal legacy
- Art as spiritual practice
- Care for creation ideas
- Racial disparities in incarceration
- LSI's expanded services for immigrants and refugees
- Mosaic services for people with complex needs
- Spiritual care in the hospital & hospice
- Ministry to parents
- Rest and renewal
- Hungarian Lutheran Siblings in Christ
- Divina moments to listen for God
- Starting a food ministry
- Coaching as a creative process for ministry
- Intro to Stephen's Ministry

If you have questions, please contact the church office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in *honor of John and Robin Bratvold's Wedding Anniversary.*

Bulletin Cover Art is in memory of **Lowell (Bob) and Doris Gallagher**, who would have celebrated their 75th Wedding Anniversary on May 27th, given by their family.

Welcome New Members

At our 9:00am worship service, we joyfully welcome the following new members:

Val Alden

Karyl Christensen
Makayla

Randy and Kathy Dedor

Tracie Dedor
Tori

Jim Forehand

Dave and Meghan Haas
Thomas, Madeline and Patrick

Nicky Hardy
Anna, Reed, Ellie and Claire

Sharol Hefti

Mark Hotzler

Noah Keifer

Kevin and Kathy Strunk

Greg Wilderman

Please join us in the gathering space following the service for a reception in honor of our new members. Thank you to the Ministry Committee for providing the refreshments.

Next Sunday, May 19th we will be recognizing our graduating high school seniors at the 9am service.

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.

Birthday Greetings—Sharon Dodge will be celebrating her **90th birthday on May 15th**. If you know Sharon and would like to send her a card, her address is:

Sharon Dodge

Good Shepherd Care Ctr.

302 2nd St. NE, Rm 206, Mason City, IA

Blood Pressure Checks—Sunday, May 19 from 10-10:30 a.m. in the Gathering Space.

Book Discussion

May 13th / 1:00 PM / Gathering Space

We will be discussing the book

The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. "A remarkable novel about J. P. Morgan's personal librarian, Belle da Costa Greene, the Black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as white in order to leave a lasting legacy that enriched our nation."

Rejoicing Spirits

Wednesday, May 15th /5:00 PM / 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, interactive skit, and prayer. In May, our focus is on the risen Jesus appearing to Mary. Following the worship service, enjoy pizza and root beer floats for a free-will donation.

Donut Miss the Kick Off to Summer!

Saturday, May 18th

All 5th-8th graders are welcome to eat delicious (not nutritious) donuts and cuddle 6 week old black lab puppies on Saturday, May 18th.

Students will meet at Trinity at 9:30 a.m. to eat their favorite donut and then head to Ryan and Heidi Marquardt's acreage to play with their 10 black lab puppies! The group will return to Trinity at 11:30 a.m. Please rsvp to carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org by May 16th so arrangements can be made for transportation.

Cancer Support Group

Wednesday, May 15 | 2:00 PM Room 300 & Zoom

Individuals currently treating cancer or those who are in remission, along with family and loved ones, are encouraged to attend. If you would like to attend this meeting via Zoom, please visit trinity-mc.org/cancer-support-group to fill out the Zoom registration form. Or contact Becky Elsbernd at becky.elsbernd@trinity-mc.org

Fellowship Coffee

Tuesday, May 21st / 9:30 AM / Fellowship Hall
Fellowship Coffee returns! Come for a time of coffee and treats and to hear Jim Paape share highlights from his life story.

New Giving Option at Trinity

Thanks to new legislation, anyone with an IRA who is 70.5 or older can now make a one-time gift to Trinity for up to \$53,000 to fund a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA). A CGA with Trinity has significant tax benefits, provides you income from the interest, and supports future ministry at Trinity. Want to learn more? Contact Pastor Dan Gerriets or a member of the Legacy Fund Committee. We can work with your investment advisor to facilitate the process.

BASES Exercise Class

meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 - 9:00 AM in the Gathering Space. The season wraps up on Thursday, May 23

Bandage Rolling

Monday, May 13 at 9:00 a.m.—Fellowship Hall
Come and help make bandages for Global Health Mission.

Global Health Ministries & Lutheran World Relief Tour

We are planning a bus trip to tour both of these facilities on Wednesday May 22. Cost for the trip is \$40 per person (lunch is on your own).

We will leave from Trinity at 6am and tour and volunteer at the Global Health Ministries Ware House in Fridley. Lunch will be at the Sunlight Restaurant in St. Paul we will then tour the LWR Warehouse in St. Paul, returning to Trinity around 5:30 p.m.

If you are interested in this trip, please see the sign up sheet posted by the church offices.

Questions, please visit with Nancy Rockman.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & DAY CAMP

Trinity Lutheran Church will hold its annual Vacation Bible School for students age 3 - 5 and Day Camp for Grades 1-6 on June 10 - 13, 2024. Counselors from Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp will be involved in leading activities throughout the week.

The theme for all ages is Cultivate based on John 15:5.

PRESCHOOL—Activities will be held from 9:00 - 11:00 AM for children aged 3 - Kindergarten.

Cost is \$25/child

GRADES 1-6—(Entering Fall 2024) Activities will be held from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Bring a sack lunch. Register online or pick up a form at the church office. **Cost is \$25/child**

Register NOW at:

trinity-mc.org/vacation-bible-school

or scan the QR code.



Outdoor Worship Schedule

Starting May 26, 2024

Memorial Day Weekend

Saturdays:

5:00 PM - Traditional Worship

Sundays:

9:00 AM— Contemporary Worship in the Courtyard—bring your lawn chairs!
Inside Seating available in the Gathering Space with sound system.

10:30 AM - Traditional Worship (Inside)

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2024 Bulletin Calendar

If you'd like to honor a loved one, remember a birthday and/or an anniversary please sign up. The calendar is located on the bulletin board next to the church office. Bulletins are \$25

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, May 13

9:00 a.m. Rolling Bandages for Global Health Mission (Fellowship Hall)
9:00 a.m. Lectio Divina (Rm. 322)
9:30 a.m. Altar Guild (Rm. 300)
1:00 p.m. Book Discussion (Gathering Space)
5:45 p.m. Trinity Bronze Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts / Girl Scouts

Tuesday, May 14

8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
Noon Staff Meeting
6:15 p.m. Women's Ministry Cabinet Mtg. (Rm. 300)

Wednesday, May 15

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Library)
2:00 p.m. Cancer Support Group (Rm. 300)
5:00 p.m. **Rejoicing Spirits Worship Service** (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 p.m. Confirmation (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, May 16

8:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)

Saturday, May 18

9:30 a.m. Donut Miss the Kick Off to Summer For 5th-8th Graders

Holy Communion Celebrated

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

Sunday, May 19

Holy Communion Celebrated

8:00 a.m. Baccalureate Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

9:00 a.m. **Worship Service—
Baccalureate Service**

10:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks (Gathering Space)

10:30 a.m. **Worship Service**

Please call the church office if you or your family are hospitalized. If you or a family member would like to be visited, please be sure to contact the church office. Thank you.