

Peace

BE WITH YOU

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 27, 2025



Trinity Lutheran Church

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Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 26, 2025—5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 27, 2025 - *9:00 a.m.

*Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again offering us his peace.

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).

Seating for People with Limited Mobility 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.

Serving in Worship This Weekend

Pastor	Daniel Hanson Beverly Butler
Organist	Teresa Jacobson
Cantor	Mel Shallberg
Greeters	Roger and Susan Schlitter
Coffee Fellowship	Penny Bennett Ray & Betty Gogel
Scripture Readers	
5:00 p.m.	Sally Becker
9:00 a.m.	Kirk Hardcastle
Technical Support	
9:00 a.m.	Colleen, Lucas & Johnny Frein
Acolytes	
9:00 a.m.	Aubrey Otto, McKenna Schlitter
Worship Transportation	
	Randy Elsbernd Bruce & Karen Squier
Ushers	
5:00 p.m.	Harlan Baack, Scott Boyle
9:00 a.m.	Brad Baalson, Daryl Erickson Kevin Hendrikson, Phil Lee
Building Host	
	Dana Rockwell

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

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Recognition of Sunday School Staff—Liz Fitzgerald

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P In the name of ✙ the One who is, who was, and who is to come.

C Amen.

P Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.
Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One,

C make us one as you are one.

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,

C make us one as you are one.

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,

C make us one as you are one.

P Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C Amen.

***Greeting**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P The joy and peace of God be with you all.

C And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

P O God of life,

you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son.

By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy,

and strengthen us to be the body of 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

Sunday School Choir and Trinity Choir

He's Got the Whole World/This Is My Father's World

Children's Sermon

Pastor Daniel Hanson

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

L ²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

L ⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation

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P The Holy Gospel according to John the twentieth chapter.

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

*Gospel: John 20:19-31

P ¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Hanson

Hymn of the Day

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

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***Apostles’ Creed**

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.

***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.

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.



***Offertory**

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Offering Prayer**

P Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.

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 The triune God,
who is, who was, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

C Amen.

*** Sending Hymn** *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name*

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***Sending**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are given by **Mike, Heather, Jack and Lauren Englin.**

Color Bulletins are in given by **Bill Oertel and Su Oertel** in memory of Bill and Dorothy Oertel.

Thank You...

**Trinity Sunday School Teachers & Shepherds
2024/2025**

& 4-year olds

Maggie Berding, Janae Hansen

Shepherds – Kindergarten

McKenzie Humpal, Meghan Judisch

Shepherds -First & Second Grade

Gretchen Kellar, Tiffany Heuer

Shepherds - Third & Fourth Grade

Lauren Englin, Grace Swisher

Shepherds – 3 Shepherd – Fifth & Sixth Grade

Alyse Hesley

Teachers: Grades 1-6

Art – Emmy Swisher

Theatre – Teranie Heinzerling

Games – Tom Kirby, Katie Lindsay

Teachers: Age 3-K

Art – Lisa Wulf

Storytime – Chelsea Jones

Games – Lisa Wulf

Music/Worship Leader:

Molly Gerriett's

A special thank you to ALL the Substitute Teachers &
Shepherds who helped this year!

“...do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.” Deuteronomy 4:9

Bike Ride—

Monday, April 28th | 6:00 PM | Trinity Parking Lot

Come and join us for the first bike ride of the season on the High Line Trail out to Georgia Hanford Park and back. The surface is paved with an approximate distance of 5 miles but you can turn around whenever you choose. Meet in the Trinity parking lot.

Living Well in the Midst of Grief and Loss—

Living Well in the Midst of Grief & Loss is a class that will give you an opportunity to explore how grief and loss impact your heart, soul, strength, and mind. Sessions are: **Wednesdays, April 30, and May 7 and 14, at 2:00 PM.** Please call the office if you are planning to attend so we can plan accordingly. This class is facilitated by Linda Vold, retired therapist, and Beverly Butler, Pastor of Spiritual Care.

Legacy Lunch and Learn—An Educational Event on How to Leave a Lifetime Gift

Thursday, May 1st 11:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

Come and listen to ***Shelly Halverson, a Certified Celebrant*** and learn how to talk to loved ones and plan ahead to bring peace of mind to you and your family. Learn how to develop helpful checklists and instructions should you desire to leave a Lifetime Gift. Please call the church office or sign up on the bulletin board. Sponsored by the Legacy Cabinet

World Labyrinth Day

Weekend Guided Walks- Sat., May 3 and Sun. May, 4

A guide will be available on Saturday, May 3 from 5:45 PM - 6:15 PM and on Sunday, May 4 from 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM.

The guide is available to offer suggestions and answer any questions you may have about the labyrinth. Walk with the intention of peace in yourself, your relationships, our country and our world. The sign next to the labyrinth offers guidance and brochures on how to walk a labyrinth. The labyrinth is open and available to the community on a regular basis.

Prayer Mentor Meet and Greet | May 11 | 10:00 AM |

Gathering Space

All 5th and 6th graders and their Prayer Mentors are invited to meet in the Gathering Space and share a special snack between services on Sunday, May 11th. Students please be in the Gathering Space at 10:00 a.m.

Book Discussion | Monday, May 12 | 1:00 PM / Gathering Space

Our May book is *When Winter Came: A country doctor's journey to fight the flu pandemic of 1918* by Mary Beth Sartor Obermeyer. Long after Dr. Sartor died, grand-daughter Beth found a handwritten memoir of his experiences caring for patients during the influenza pandemic of 1918 nestled among other family documents in a lockbox. Thus began the journey. Beth used her skills as a journal-ist to discover how Dr. Sartor saved lives amid a global crisis ... how he won the love of his patients throughout his career ... and how he earned the respect of his colleagues, who named him Iowa's General Practitioner of the Year. **Multiple copies are available to check out from the Trinity Lutheran Church Office.**

Trinity Softball Team

Adults and youth 14 and over are invited to play for Trinity in the Mason City Co-Ed Church League. Games are on Friday evenings beginning mid-May. Sign up outside the office. Play ball!

Wednesday Night Alive

**THIS IS OUR LAST ONE
TILL FALL!**

April 30 2025

Meal is at 6pm

Cook's Choice—It's a surprise!
& Dessert

Free Will Offering

Programming begins at 6:30

- **April 30, 2025**

Join Heather Hucka, Conservation Education Manager/Naturalist for Lime Creek Nature Center/Cerro Gordo Conservation Board in the Gathering Space for '**Caring for Creation**'. What does it mean to have dominion over the earth and its creatures? As caretakers, we are given a responsibility beyond our understanding. Creation is not ours to control but to learn from and nurture.

- **Trinity Choir**— meet in the Choir Room

- **Kindergarten - Grade 6**

students will come to the 2nd floor and learn new things from talented Trinity adults with a new activity each week.

- **Confirmation : Grades 7 & 8** Students will meet together from 6:30 – 7:45 pm - experience small group and large group learning as they study for their confirmation.

- **FLAME**—Activities for High School Youth

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, April 28

9:00 a.m.	Lectio divina (Rm. 322)
9:00 a.m.	Quilt Workshop (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m.	Bike Ride on High Line Trail (Meet at Trinity Parking Lot)
6:00 p.m.	Trinity Bronze Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts

Tuesday, April 29

8-9:00 a.m.	BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
9:00 a.m.	Legacy Committee (Library)
Noon	Staff Meeting
4:15 p.m.	NordKor Rehearsal (Choir Rm.)
7:00 p.m.	Una Vocis Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, April 30

7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
8:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study (Library)
2:00 p.m.	Living Well in the Midst of Grief & Loss (Library)
4:00 p.m.	Trinity Serving at Community Kitchen
6:00 p.m.	WNA Meal
6:30 p.m.	WNA Programming
6:30 p.m.	Choir

Thursday, May 1

7:30 a.m.	Trinity Trippers to Pella Festival
8:00 a.m.	BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
10:30 a.m.	Clappers Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m.	Lunch & Learn
7:00 p.m.	Una Vocis Rehearsal

Saturday, May 3

HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATED

5:00 p.m.	Worship Service
5:45 p.m.	World Labyrinth Day—Guided Walks

Sunday, May 4

HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATED

9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
10:00 a.m.	New Member Reception
10:00 a.m.	World Labyrinth Day—Guided Walks
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service

May Breakfast

Thursday, May 15 | 9:30 AM | Fellowship Hall

We welcome Tracie Dedor as our guest speaker for this year's May Breakfast at Trinity Lutheran Church. Tracie will share her powerful story of survival and resilience, reflecting on an accident that forever changed her life during a mission trip 25 years ago. Her journey of faith, strength, and hope is sure to inspire and uplift.

Walk A Way

Wednesday, June 4- Friday, June 6

Heritage Trail- Dyersville to Dubuque

An Iowa pilgrimage experience to step away from our routines into a way of being that supports listening and letting go. We depart from Mason City on Wednesday morning, June 4 and return early evening on Friday, June 6.

We begin at the Field of Dreams in Dyersville, Iowa where we are invited to trust and lean into that still small voice that leads us on a journey of discovery of who we are and who God intends for us to be. We then walk the approximately 30 mile Heritage Trail from Dyersville to Dubuque spread out over the next three days. Overnight accommodations include the New Melleray Abbey in Peosta, IA and Shalom Spirituality Center in Dubuque, IA.

Our guides for the pilgrimage are The Reverend Stephen Benitz, Regional Missioner of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa and Becky Elsbernd, Parish Nurse of Trinity Lutheran Church, Mason City. A support vehicle travels with us to assist as needed and to provide snacks and water along the way. Cost: \$300 (includes transportation, evening accommodations, and meals) Partial scholarships available. Participants are responsible for the cost of their own celebratory lunch on Friday. Register and pay a \$150 deposit to save your spot. Space is limited to twelve people. Registration deadline is May 1.

NE Iowa Synod Assembly | June 6-7

Spots are still available to help represent Trinity at this year's NE Iowa synod assembly in Cedar Falls! The event begins with an optional opening worship service 7 p.m. Friday at Fredsville Lutheran, west of Cedar Falls. Check-in on Saturday starts at 7:30 a.m. at the Bien VenU Event Center at 7400 Hudson Rd., Cedar Falls. Opening worship is at 8:30 a.m. The day will include three plenary sessions, ministry exhibits, lunch and closing worship with Bishop Kevin Jones preaching. The assembly will conclude by 5 p.m. Trinity will cover the cost of your registration and hotel room (if needed). The synod assembly happens every two years and Trinity can take up to 6 lay adults and one youth as voting members. Contact the office or sign-up on the board near the east entrance. Deadline is April 28.

The Flower Calendar and Bulletin Calendar still have spots open! If you'd like to honor a loved one, remember a birthday and/or an anniversary while enhancing Trinity's sanctuary for the celebration of worship, please consider donating altar flowers or colored bulletins for a weekend. Both calendars are located on the bulletin board next to the church office. Altar Flowers are \$45 and Bulletins are \$25.

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

Sunday Morning Coffee Volunteers Needed

A Big Thank You to all of you who have volunteered to help with **Sunday Coffee this year**. We couldn't do it without you! We still need volunteers for May to the end of the year. Please sign up for a Sunday that fits into your schedule on the clipboard by the office.

BASES Exercise Class—Tuesday & Thursday | 8-9:00 a.m. | Gathering Space.

This free exercise class for adults age 55 or older is coordinated by RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) and led by RSVP volunteers. The low-impact exercises are designed to help stretch and strengthen the whole body.



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present

UNCLOUDED DAY

Saturday

May 10, 2025

7:30 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church
213 N Pennsylvania Ave.
Mason City, Iowa