



Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 5-6, 2025



Trinity Lutheran Church
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April 5, 2025 - 5:00 p.m.

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Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9



Sometimes faith is simple. But sometimes it's messy and nuanced – more complex than black or white, one thing or the other. This Lent, we are letting the Gospel of Luke guide us to the “in-between” nature of following Jesus. This weekend’s story focuses on Zacchaeus. The crowds grumble at Jesus’ self-invitation to stay at his house, and their righteous indignation isn’t without cause. As a tax collector, Zacchaeus has extorted money and acted in collusion with the empire, using his position to oppress his own people. It is important to call out oppression, and yet, Jesus offers mercy. That mercy then begets more mercy as Zacchaeus, unprompted, offers to return what he took, and then some.

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 available during the **9:00 and 10:30 services**, located on the 2nd floor just outside the north sanctuary door (door under the stained glass window door).

Toddler Sunday School: Every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 9:15-10:15am parents are invited to join their 0-2 year old for a time of free play, activities, and Bible stories in the nursery.

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	Pastor Dan Gerietts Pastor Daniel Hanson Pastor Beverly Butler
Organist	Teresa Jacobsen
Cantor	
Greeters	Bruce and Karen Squier
Coffee Fellowship	Phyllis Rush, Sandra Willis Cynthia Zach
Scripture Readers	
5:00 p.m.	Sam Hunt
9:00 a.m.	McKenna Schlitter
Acolytes	Elyse and Evan Schweitzer
Assisting with Communion	
5:00 p.m.	Sam and Deb Hunt Lou Ann Rossler
9:00 a.m.	Dan and Nancy Clarke
Technical Support	
9:00 a.m.	Ellen Gansen, Henry Hansen Miles Hansen
Worship Transportation	
9:00 a.m.	Travis Hesley, Jon & Mary Wicks
Ushers	
5:00 p.m.	Chris Suntken, Jace Suntken
9:00 a.m.	Brad Baalson, Kevin Hendrikson Craig Miller, Burton TeKippe
Building Host	Jim Reisinger

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
Who forgives all our sin,
Whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate One,

**C you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.**

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

**Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

Amen.

P Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In ✠ Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

C Amen.

*Gathering Hymn

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW #759

*Greeting

P The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

- P Loving God, week after week we return to this space, because we long to see you.
Like Zacchaeus who climbed a tree to glimpse you as you walked by, we come to this sanctuary hoping to see your goodness, your joy, and your light. Speak to us through these ancient words. Let us see just a bit of the love that lingers here. Gratefully we pray,
- C **Amen.**

Children's Sermon(9:00 a.m.)

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

First Reading: Isaiah 1:10-20

- L Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom!
Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!
¹¹ What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord;
I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts;
I do not delight in the blood of bulls or of lambs or of goats.
¹² When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand?
Trample my courts no more!
¹³ Bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me.
New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation—
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.
¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates;
they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them.
¹⁵ When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers, I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.
¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove your evil deeds
from before my eyes; cease to do evil;
¹⁷ learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed; defend the orphan;
plead for the widow.
¹⁸ Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: If your sins are like scarlet,
will they become like snow? If they are red like crimson, will they become like wool?
¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land,
²⁰ but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

- L The word of the Lord.

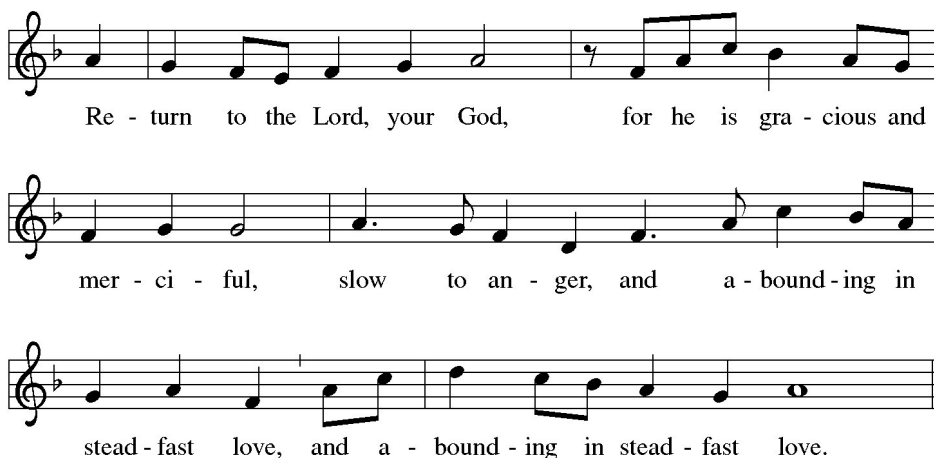
C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32 *(Read Responsively)*

- L ¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!
- ² **Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- ³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.
- ⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the
guilt of my sin.
- ⁶ **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**
- ⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- ⁸ **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.**
- ⁹ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
- ¹⁰ **Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**
- ¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg. 142



P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the nineteenth chapter.

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

***Gospel: Luke 19:1-10**

P Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

Hymn of the Day

We Are Called

ELW #720

***Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Prayers of Intercession**

P God, in your mercy.

C Receive our prayer.

***Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

During this cold and flu season please greet one another in the name of the Lord with a wave and a smile.

MEAL

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

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

Trinity Choir

***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 Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. Deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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.

Communion

All who desire the presence and forgiveness of Christ that come in the sharing of this bread and wine are welcome to commune with us today. Ushers will direct you from the outside aisles to one of the stations in the front of the sanctuary, where you may kneel at the rail. You will return to your seat by the center aisle. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.

If for any reason you are not comfortable participating in communion today, we invite you to come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing.

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

***Great Thanksgiving**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Words of Institution**

Communion Songs

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW #471

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ELW #803

***Prayer after Communion**

P Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

ELW #547

***Sending**

P Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

SPECIAL WAYS TO HELP AT EASTER

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 **(We have 3 spots left!)**

Remember or honor a loved one with an Easter memorial. You can also call the church office with your request.

The Easter garden (and Easter memorial) **deadline is April 6.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are given in memory of **Bill Britven** given by Mary Lou and family.

Colored Bulletins are in memory of **Ann Espinosa** given by Harlan and Marge Baack.

Thank you to Trinity's Council and congregation for the beautiful flowers, wind chime and the many cards, memorials and gifts on my mother's passing. We are so grateful for your prayers and kindness.

- Pastor Dan Gerrietts

Fellowship Coffee is Back—Tuesday, April 8 | 9:30 AM | Fellowship Hall

Come for a time of coffee and treats and to hear Sarah Swegle, Trinity's 2025 Council President

Lydia Bible Study— meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and will meet on **Wednesday, April 9 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, April 10 at 9:30 a.m. in Rm. 208.** Rev. Dr. Norma Cook Everist will lead the study. This year we will study the Biblical book of Luke. We hear sermons from the Gospels every week, but rarely do we study one book all the way through continuously. Luke includes women as full participants in the gospel story. We use interactive discussion.

SOUL SPA— Friday, April 11 | 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Soul Spa invites participants to engage in a variety of spiritual practices to nurture body, mind, and spirit. Lent is the perfect time to step away from your routine for reflection and renewal. We will start and end together with free time in the middle for you to visit as few or as many stations as you desire. Stations offered include creating an Easter resurrection garden, walking the labyrinth, visio divina, refreshments and, seated healing touch sessions. Wear comfortable clothing and come as you are. Register by calling 641-423-0536 or just show up.

Belong and Grow—Membership Class—Sunday, April 13th at 1:30 p.m.

Looking for a church home? A place to belong? Interested in learning more about Trinity's life and mission, or whether this might be the place to connect and grow?

Pastor Dan Gerrietts leads an interactive class for those exploring membership or wondering if Trinity is right for them. This is the only session one attends to prepare for membership. Learn about our mission commitments and the faith expressions that ground us. Take a tour of the building. Meet other people! New Member Sunday will be May 4th at the 9am worship service, reception to follow.

Trinity Trippers to Tulip Festival—Thursday, May 1 | We're departing at 7:30 AM from the Trinity parking lot.

Trippers are traveling to Pella, Iowa, for the annual Tulip Time Festival on Thursday, May 1. This is a "do-it-yourself" trip with charter bus transportation, and the day is open for your food and activity choices. Walk through town to see the tulips, watch the 2:45 PM pa-rade, check out the craft market and antique implements, browse the stores, enjoy the museum flower show – all for free! For additional information go to <https://www.pellahistorical.org/tuliptime>.

Sign up and pay to reserve your spot in the church office by April 24. The cost is \$40 for the trip. This is not refundable.

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.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

PALM PASSION SUNDAY—APRIL 12-13, 2025

Celebrate Christ's triumphal entry with Palms,
youth sing and help lead worship.

There is **NO** meal on **April 16th** during Holy Week

MAUNDY THURSDAY—APRIL 17, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.

Recall the Last Supper, First Communion recognition

Community Cross Walk will be held again this year on Good Friday as we remember Jesus' journey to the cross. Folks from area churches will gather at **noon on April 18** outside of First United Methodist Church, 119 S. Georgia Ave., and will walk through downtown Mason City stopping at various "stations" to hear readings from Scripture. We will conclude at St. Paul Lutheran Church with a brief worship in the sanctuary followed by refreshments in the fellowship hall. All are invited to this community event.

GOOD FRIDAY CANTATA—APRIL 18, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.

Featuring Trinity's musicians and ensembles

Journey with Jesus: Reading Luke through Lent

Using the devotional, Journey with Jesus, we will together read the Gospel of Luke, a chapter a day, along with other readings from the Bible that connect to Luke. For those interested, there will be a ***gathering at noon on Mondays during Lent in the Fellowship Hall, to discuss and process the Scripture for the past week in community.***

Our last Lent Services will be on Wednesday, April 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Based on our Lent Series "Everything [in] Between," is for people living in a divided world. *Our last reflection will be given by Carlyle Dalen*

BRASS INSTRUMENTALISTS - Would you like to play in the Trinity brass ensemble on Easter Sunday? Easter is on April 20— 9:00 and 10:30 AM worship services. Please contact Deb Nielsen at 641-420-4113 or debknielsen@gmail.com if you can play.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Trinity Lutheran church is excited to invite you to participate in our **annual Easter Egg hunt on April 12 at 10am !** This year, we will offer a variety of crafts, story time for different age groups, and of course, plenty of eggs to find across the church campus. This hunt is located totally indoors, so rain or shine, you are guaranteed to have a great time! This event is open to youth ages 0 to grade 6.

Lent Dinners are from

6-6:30 p.m. in the
Fellowship Hall

April 9 Menu:

Baked Potato Bar & Dessert
All donations from the meals
will support
Trinity Youth activities.

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

Easter Saturday - April 19

5:00 PM Worship Service

Holy Communion will be celebrated

Easter Sunday—April 20

9:00AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services

With special music and brass and Holy Communion Celebrated

All designated Easter offerings at Trinity this year will be shared evenly with the Trinity Worship Transportation, Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank and ELCA World Hunger. Designated offerings include those dollars that are received thru member's Easter Offering envelope, The Easter online giving tab, and all gifts marked "Easter." Thank you for your generosity to these partner ministries.

New Christ in Our Home devotional books for **April, May and June** are available
at the Welcome Desk and by the church offices.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, April 7

- 9:00 a.m. Trinity Serving at Community Kitchen
Centering Prayer (Rm. 322)
Noon Lent Discussion (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. Trinity Bronze Bell Choir
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, April 8

- 8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
9:30 a.m. Fellowship Coffee (Fellowship Hall)
Noon Staff Meeting
4:15 p.m. NordKor Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 9

- 6:00 a.m. MS Mom Lent Bible Study (Cabin Coffee)
7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Lydia Circle (Rm. 208)
5:15 p.m. Welcome to the Table Communion Class (Rm. 208)
6:00 p.m. Lent Meal
6:30 p.m. Lent Worship Service
7:10 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm.)

Thursday, April 10

- 8:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
9:30 a.m. WELCA Bible Study (Rm. 208)
2:15 p.m. Clappers & Coffee Bell Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Una Vocis Rehearsal

Friday, April 11

- 9-11:00 a.m. Soul Spa (3rd Flr. Education Wing)
4-6:30 p.m. Sorting & Assembling Easter Bags

Saturday, April 12

Psalm Sunday

- 9-11:00 a.m. Easter Food Bag Delivery
10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

5:00 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Health Cabinet Meeting
9:00 a.m. **Worship Service**
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. **Worship Service**
1:30 p.m. Belong & Grow/ New Member Class

Living Well in the Midst of Grief and Loss—

Living Well in the Midst of Grief & Loss is a four-week class that will give you an opportunity to explore how grief and loss impact your heart, soul, strength, and mind. We will have 4 sessions: **Wednesdays, April 23 and 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.

Camp Scholarship Drive—

Trinity's camp scholarship provides funds to offset the cost of attending bible camp. To ensure this can continue, we are launching a special drive to raise \$15,000 for camp scholarships by Easter Sunday 2025. **To make a gift, simply write "Camp Scholarships" on your check or envelope or go to our online giving page.**

Community Lenten Service of Repentance and Reflection—Sunday April 6 at 2:00pm at First Presbyterian Church, there will be a special Lenten service of repentance and reflection. Several area churches have planned this service which focuses on our shared history of complicity in allowing social injustice. Discussion and snacks to follow.

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 Financial Planner*** 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

Hygiene Pantry Reminder—

Hygiene Pantry items can be brought to Trinity's east entrance on the second weekend each month.
Shampoo; Bath Soap; Toothpaste, Toothbrush; Dish Soap; Laundry Soap; Deodorant; Toilet Tissue; Feminine Hygiene Products; Wipes; Bar of Soap Questions? Contact us at 641-423-0536.