



*Jesus said,  
"Feed  
my  
sheep."  
John 21:17*

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 3-4, 2025



# Trinity Lutheran Church

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## *Third Sunday of Easter*

Saturday, May 3, 2025—5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 4, 2025 - \*9:00 a.m.

\*Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

*On this Third Sunday of Easter, we read how the Resurrected Christ reaches out to the first disciples, and to us. How are we to live as disciples? To the Gospel writer, John, discipleship is believing and following Jesus in Community. Peter should not have to fish alone. The fishing, and following Jesus, is better done with others. Jesus charges Peter with the responsibility to “feed my sheep,” emphasizing the importance of caring for others—to tend to their tangible needs for food, safety, and community support.*

**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** Dan Gerriettes  
Beverly Butler  
**Organist** Teresa Jacobson  
**Cantor**  
**Greeters** Dennis & Anna Marie Wilson  
**Coffee Fellowship**  
Gary & Sharon Lindgren

### Scripture Readers

5:00 p.m. Patty Flatness  
9:00 a.m. Kay Larson

### Communion Assistants

5:00 p.m. Patty Flatness  
Sam & Deb Hunt  
9:00 a.m. Dan & Nancy Clarke

### Technical Support

9:00 a.m. Colton Hesley, Ellen Gansen  
5:00 p.m. Dave Guetzko

### Acolytes

9:00 a.m. Kyler Honn, Noah Koob

### Worship Transportation

Dean Graven, Kay Larson

### Ushers

5:00 p.m. John Barron, Stu Vold  
9:00 a.m.

**Building Host** Jim Reisinger

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

# GATHERING

**Prelude** (5:00 p.m.)

(9:00 a.m.)

## *Simple Gifts*

Clappers Bell Choir

## *El Shaddai*

Trinity Bronze Bell Choir

## Welcome

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

C And also with you.

**\*Prayer of the Day**

P Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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**

**Pastor Beverly Butler**

**Psalm 30** (*Read Responsively*)

L <sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

C <sup>2</sup> **O LORD my God, I cried out to you,  
and you restored me to health.**

L <sup>3</sup> You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

C <sup>4</sup> **Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;  
give thanks in holy remembrance.**

L <sup>5</sup> God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

C <sup>6</sup> **While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed.**

L <sup>7</sup> You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."  
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

C <sup>8</sup> **I cried to you, O LORD;  
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

L <sup>9</sup> "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

C <sup>10</sup> **Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;  
O LORD, be my helper."**

L <sup>11</sup> You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

C <sup>12</sup> **Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

## Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

- L <sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> singing with full voice,  
“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!”  
<sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,  
“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might  
forever and ever!”  
<sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## \*Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg 142

P The Holy Gospel according to John the twenty-first chapter.

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



## \*Gospel: John 21:1-19

- P <sup>1</sup> After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.  
<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” <sup>6</sup> He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will

find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” <sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Beverly Butler

Hymn of the Day

*You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

ELW 817

Welcoming of New Members (9:00 a.m.)

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 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.

## **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.



**Special Music** (9:00 a.m.) *Memory of the Savior's Love* by Normand Lockwood  
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 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.

**\*Great Thanksgiving**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

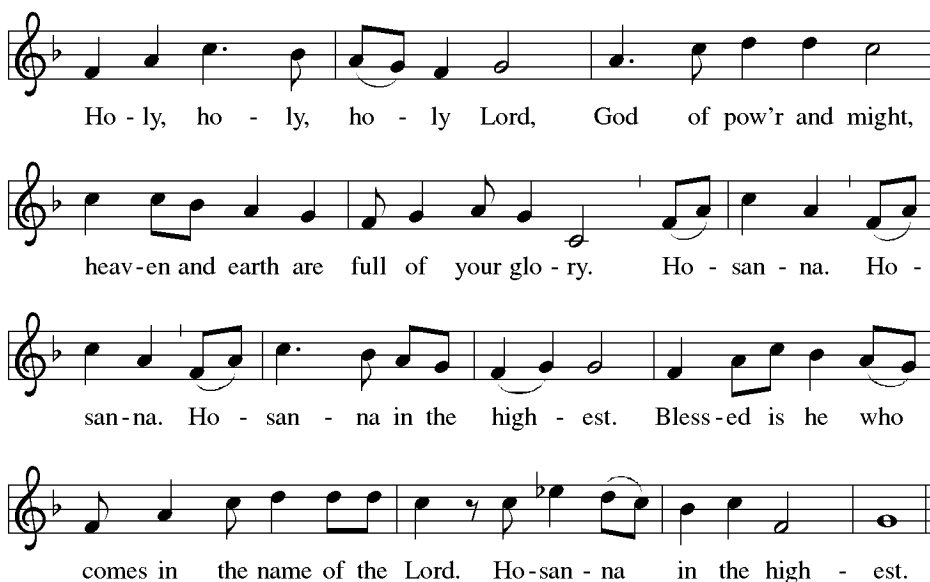
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ELW pg.144



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## \*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

ELW pg. 146

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.

## Special Music During Communion

(5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.)

*The Holy City*

Grace Swisher

### \*Prayer after Communion

P Living One,  
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders,  
sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life  
to a wounded and weary world.

C 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

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

ELW 798

### \*Sending

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

C Thanks be to God.

### Postlude

(5:00 p.m.)

*Amazing Grace*

Clapper Bell Choir

(9:00 a.m.)

*Let There be Peace On Earth*

Trinity Bronze Bell Choir

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flowers** are given by **John and Roz Barron** celebrating their 11th Wedding Anniversary.

**Color Bulletins** are in memory of **Jack Freudenberg's** 92nd birthday given by his wife, Marlene.

## Welcome New Members

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

**Jane Anthony, Rustin, Lyndsay, Aubrey, Jay & Kinzey Lingbeek, Johnathan Morrison, Joel and Jeannine Larson, and Linda Schluter**

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.

## 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.

## 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: **Wednesdays, 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.

**If you or a family member are hospitalized** and would like to be visited by a Pastor or our Parish Nurse, please be sure to contact the church office.

## 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.

## Camp Scholarship Drive Success!

In January, we launched a \$15,000 scholarship drive to help Trinity's youth and friends attend bible camp. As of April 30<sup>th</sup> we have received \$20,073! Thank you for your extraordinary generosity!

## Easter Offering Total

The offerings received through the Easter envelopes and Easter giving tab this year totaled \$4,772. These gifts will be shared evenly between Trinity Worship Transportation, Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank and ELCA World Hunger. Thank you for these special gifts!

## Lent Folder Total

This year's Lent Folder offerings totaled \$5,086! These gifts, which came by way of check, cash and even dollar coins, are designated for Trinity's ongoing ministry in our community and region. Thank you so much!

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday, May 5

9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer (Rm. 322)  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts

### Tuesday, May 6

8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)  
10:30 a.m. Funeral Service for Dorothee Mayfield  
Noon Staff Meeting  
4:15 p.m. NordKor Rehearsal (Choir Rm.)  
7:00 p.m. Una Vocis Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### Wednesday, May 7

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)  
6:30 p.m. Confirmation End of the Year Party/  
Family Potluck (Fellowship Hall)  
6:30 p.m. Choir

### Thursday, May 8

6:00 p.m. Bike Ride - Winnebago River & Zerbel Trails  
8:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)  
7:00 p.m. Una Vocis Rehearsal

### Saturday, May 10

#### BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

5:00 p.m. Worship Service

### Sunday, May 4

#### BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

8:00 a.m. Health Cabinet Mtg. (Rm. 300)  
9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. Prayer mentor Meet & Greet (Gathering Space)

Trinity in the Mason City Co-Ed Church League. Games are on Friday evenings beginning mid-May. Sign up outside the office. Play ball!

### Bike Ride on the Winnebago River & Zerbel Trails

**Wednesday, May 8 | 6:00 PM** / Trinity Parking Lot  
Bike to Lime Creek Nature Center (and back) on the Winnebago River and the Zerbel Trails! The surface is crushed rock and asphalt. Approximate distance is six miles, but you can turn around whenever you choose. Meet in the Trinity parking lot. *Weather permitting.*

### 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. **Multiple copies are available to check out from the Trinity Lutheran Church Office.**

### 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.

### Trinity Softball Team

Adults and youth 14 and over are invited to play for



and

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UNCLOUDED DAY

Saturday  
May 10, 2025

7:30 PM

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