

JESUS

Prays for us!

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 31 - JUNE 1, 2025



TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 31, 2025—5:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 1, 2025 - *10:30 a.m.
*Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. Through prayer, we entrust our present and future into God's faithful and loyal love.

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. An 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 Gerrietts Daniel Hanson Beverly Butler
Organist	Deb Nielsen
Cantor	Thomas Haas
Greeters	
5:00 p.m.	Dan & Millie Godfrey Roger Rossum
10:30 a.m.	Dan and Nancy Clarke
Coffee Fellowship	
	Lisa Lorenzen Kathy Pitcher, Craig Remmen
Scripture Readers	
5:00 p.m.	Patty Flatness
10:30 a.m.	Dani Vogel
Communion Assistants	
5:00 p.m.	Patty Flatness, Linda Nolte
10:30 a.m.	Chuck and Marilyn Strandberg
Technical Support	
10:30 a.m.	Maggie Gerrietts Carter Rockwell, Dani Vogel
Ushers	
5:00 p.m.	Stu Vold, John Barron
10:30 a.m.	
Building Host	
	Dana Rockwell

GATHERING

Prelude

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 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 O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

First Reading: Acts 16:16-34

L ¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

L ¹²“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶ “It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg 142

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to John the seventeenth chapter.

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

***Gospel: John 17:20-26**

P [Jesus prayed:] ²⁰ “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Hanson

Hymn of the Day

Son of God, Eternal Savior

ELW 655

***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.

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.



***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, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world

C Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

ELW pg.144

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

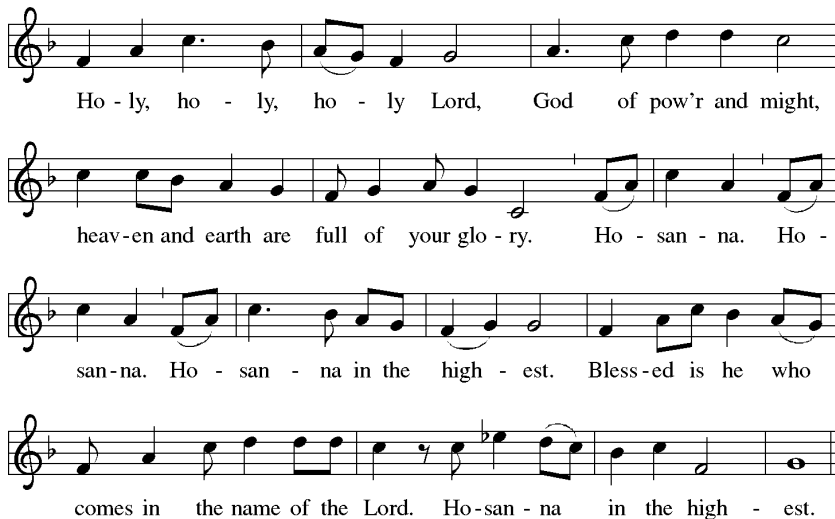
P Lift up your hearts.

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:



*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.

Hymns During Communion

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

ELW 488

Thine the Amen

ELW 826

*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

In Christ There Is No East or West

ELW 650

*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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are given in *honor of the **graduating seniors** by **Roger and Susan Schlitter**.*

The **Pulpit Roses** are in honor of **Dennis and Anna Marie Wilson's 63rd Wedding Anniversary**.

Color Bulletins are given by **Harlan and Marge Baack** in *memory of loved ones*.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CLASS OF 2025!

The following graduates will be recognized as part of the **Baccalaureate service** on Sunday, June 1st at the 9am worship service. ***May the Lord bless you and keep you.***

Mia Anderson	Brandt Haackenstad	Dakota Hjelle	Adeline Lief
Maggie Berding	Janea Hansen	Dylan Hjelle	Cade Meyer
Annaka Bjugan	Reed Hardy	Ryker Hoffman	Jackson Morud
Alleigha Casey	Jace Hendrikson	Noah Honn	Gavin Ryner
Victoria Dedor	Lauren Hermanson	Landon Howe	David Roman
Thomas Haas	Zach Hickey	Carter Klemesrud	Macy Schlitter
		Carter LeDoux	Olivia Wickman

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & DAY CAMP

Date: June 9-11, 2025

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church

Who: Age 3-K: 9-11 a.m.

Cost: \$25/child

Gr. 1-6: 9-1:00 p.m. (Entering Fall 2025) - bring a sack lunch

Register online at trinity-mc.org or stop in the office for a registration form. Please register as soon as possible!!

Special Events during Day Camp Week

- **Middle School Campfire & Glow Night | Monday, June 9 | 7-9pm | at Trinity**
—counselors will lead games with 5-8th graders. Friends are welcome.
- **High School Night | Tuesday, June 10 | 7-9:00 p.m. at Trinity.**
- **Wednesday, June 11 | 5pm | Closing Celebrations & Supper.** All children who attended will sing their favorite songs and show you what they've been doing all week!
- **Thursday, June 12—**Grades 1-6 | Field trip to Riverside Camp in Story City, IA.

VBS Help Wanted! - Preschool Bible School needs helpers. Time is 9:00 - 11:00 AM, June 9 - 11.

Contact Education Director, Marty Greder ASAP if you can help! 423-0536; or marty.greder@trinity-mc.org.

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 Parish Nurse, please be sure to contact the church office. Thank you.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church (2502 South Jefferson Ave, Mason City) **is celebrating 100 years on June 22!** All are invited to the celebration worship service at 9:30 AM followed by lunch, historical exhibits and tours.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, June 2

9:00 a.m. Trinity Serving at Community Kitchen
9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer (Rm. 322)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, June 3

Noon Staff Meeting

Wednesday, June 4

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Library)
6:00 p.m. Ted Lasso Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, June 5– Friday, June 6

Walk-A-Way Pilgrimage | Dyersville to Dubuque

Friday, June 6

8:00 p.m. Church Softball Game—Diamond #3
At Fredrick Hanford Complex
TLC vs. Harvest Church

Saturday, June 7

NE Iowa Synod Assembly (Cedar Falls)

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

Sunday, June 8

9:00 a.m. **Outdoor Worship Service**
10:30 a.m. **Indoor Worship Service**
Livestreamed and KCMR
1:00 p.m. Boy Scout Ice Cream Social
(Fellowship Hall)
5:00 p.m. Confirmation Kickoff Supper
(Gathering Space/Courtyard)

Ted Lasso Bible Study. Do you believe in BELIEVE? Heard about this mustached man named Ted Lasso? Want to read our way through Romans (and a Psalm) while doing a Ted Lasso Bible Study this summer? We're going to offer a Ted Lasso focused Bible Study here at Trinity! Join us on **Wednesday nights** starting June 4th to watch an episode with a corresponding Bible Study. We'll gather at **6:00 pm** (Fellowship Hall or Youth Room) and conclude around 7:45pm. Feel free to bring drinks and snacks. If you can't make the meeting, join us for a follow along series via email. Let Dani Vogel, our Youth Director, know if you plan to attend at dani.vogel@trinity-mc.org.

Boy Scout Troup #14 & #12 Ice Cream Social

Sunday, June 8th | 1:00 pm | Fellowship Hall
Join us for our yearly Ice Cream Social to help provide the Scouting experience and to help participants pay for the summer camp!

Psalms and Smoothies

June 9th and June 23rd | 9:00 a.m. |

Elsbernd Farm

Psalm 34:8 O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

The Psalms are a collection of poetry that describe the nature of God. The authors express their emotions ranging from lament to joy. You are invited to come and sit with the Psalms this

summer as we listen to how the Spirit is speaking to us personally. We will meet at the Elsbernd Farm, 19050 Thrush Ave. in Mason City, on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 9:00 a.m., rain or shine. Come to the backyard where we will be meeting in the gazebo or the garden.

Trinity Church Co-ed Softball is on for the Summer!—The next game is on Friday, June 6th at Fredrick Hanford Park (23rd St. SW) at 8:00 p.m. on Diamond #3 against Harvest Church. Come cheer the team on!

Underwear Drive for Unhoused

Freedom in His Grace, a local ministry for the unhoused, is needing new men's and women's underwear of all sizes for those who shower in their facility. They prefer men's boxer briefs and plain cotton women's underwear. Donations can be left in the cabinets under the office windows through June 30.

Semi-Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 29th | 10:00 AM |

Trinity Fellowship Hall

Join us for updates on Trinity's Strategic Initiatives, staff and ministry updates, and our annual financial review. **Meeting is open**

to all but must be a member to be eligible to vote. For more information, please visit

TRINITY-MC.ORG/EVENT/SEMI-ANNUAL-MEETING-2025.



Gathering For Those with Diminished Vision

Monday, June 16th | 2:00 PM |

Trinity Library

You are invited to attend a gathering for people who are living with diminished vision. Come to support and learn from each other! We will meet in the library on Monday, June 16 at 2:00 p.m. in the Trinity library.



Join us as we explore how God engages people through powerful moments of dialogue, decision, and divine direction. Each week, we will examine a different biblical character or moment where a conversation with God—spoken, implied, or lived out—shaped lives, communities, and futures.

From the poetic voice of Wisdom crying out in Proverbs, to Elijah's encounter with God's whisper on the mountain, to Elisha's bold requests and the healing of a foreign general, we see how divine conversation often surprises, confronts, and transforms. In the visions of the prophet Amos, we witness God's fierce dialogue with injustice, and in Jesus' teaching on prayer in Luke 11, we are drawn into the heart of what it means to approach God with persistence and trust.

Whether you're asking for guidance, wrestling with justice, or simply learning to listen, *Conversations with God* invites you into deeper relationship with the One who speaks into every season of life.

JUNE TOPICS

Wisdom

June 14-15

Proverbs 8

God Speaks Through Silence

June 21-22

1 Kings 19

Elijah Ascends to Heaven

June 28-29

2 Kings 2

Lime Creek Bike Ride

Wednesday, June 18th | 8:30 AM | Legacy Golf Parking Lot

Join Trinity members and friends for a bike ride on the Trolley Trail to the Seven Stars Family Restaurant in Clear Lake for breakfast on Wednesday, June 18. We embark from the Legacy Golf Parking Lot (3331 19th St SW, Mason City) at 8:30 AM. Approximately 12 miles total. Bring money to pay for your meal.

Weather permitting.

Rejoicing Spirits

Wednesday, June 18th | 5:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Rejoicing Spirits is inclusive of all ages and abilities as we connect with God and one another. Join us on Wednesday, June 18, as we learn about the parable of the sower through camp-style music, interactive skit, and prayer. Following the worship service, enjoy pizza and root beer floats for a free-will donation.