



SUMMER SERMON SERIES
Conversations
WITH GOD

*God Speaks Truth
Through Silence*

2nd Sunday of Pentecost

JUNE 21-22, 2025



TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Pastors

Dan Gerrietts, Daniel Hanson, and Beverly Butler

Preacher

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

Organist

Mark W. McClellan

Cantor

Alli Day

Greeters

10:30 AM - Ray & Betty Gogel

Coffee Fellowship

Kevin Hendrickson, Joe & Julie Sanchez

Scripture Readers

5:00 PM - Sally Becker

10:30 AM - Dani Vogel

Technical Support

10:30 AM - Evelyn Hunt, Carter Rockwell, and Dani Vogel

Ushers

Custodian

Dave Smith

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in honor of **Gary & LaMone Nelson's 48th Wedding Anniversary.**

COLOR BULLETINS are given honor of **Roger & Susan Schlitter's 53rd Wedding Anniversary.**

Second Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, June 21, 2025 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, June 22, 2025 - *10:30 PM

*Livestreamed on Facebook & YouTube / KCMR 97.9

God Speaks Thru Silence

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.

This weekend we hear how God can speak through silence. Standing on the mountain, Elijah experiences great wind, earthquake and fire. But the Lord was not in them. It's in the sheer silence that God finally comes to care for and direct Elijah.

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! An unstaffed nursery is also available, located on the 2nd floor just outside the north sanctuary door (door under the stained glass window door). Those needing a space to change or feed little ones are welcome to use the **Child Care Room** located next to 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.



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

GATHERING

Prelude

Thanks be to Thee

G. F. Handel

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the ✠ Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.
Merciful God,

**C you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.**

P You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✠ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

ELW 510

***Greeting**

P Holy people of God, called through the gospel of Christ,
Enlightened by the Spirit; grace, mercy and peace be with you all.

C And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

P O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-15a

1 Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. 2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." 3 Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." [5 Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." 6 He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. 7 The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."] 8 He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. 9 At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 10 He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

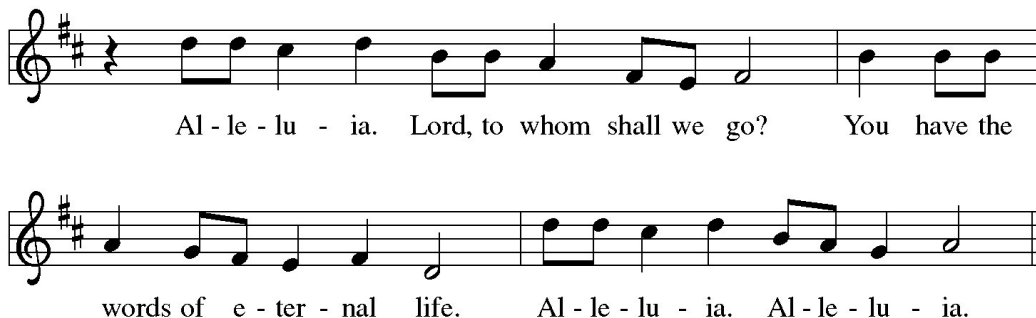
11 He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; 12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. 13 When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 14 He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." 15a Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus."

L The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Psalm 62:1-8

L For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.
C **He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall never be shaken.**
L How long will you assail a person,
will you batter your victim, all of you,
as you would a leaning wall, a tottering fence?
C **Their only plan is to bring down a person of prominence.
They take pleasure in falsehood;
they bless with their mouths,
but inwardly they curse.**
L For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from him.
C **He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**
L On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.
C **Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.**

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C **Thanks be to God.**



P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the ninth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

***Gospel: Luke 9:28-36**

28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. 30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. 31 They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33 Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying. 34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. 35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" 36 When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

Hymn of the Day

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

ELW 611

***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 God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

***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.



Offering Music

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Paul Manz

***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 Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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 love of God abound in you;
the grace of our ✠Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
bless you and give you peace.
C Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798

***Sending**

P Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Cortege

Gordon Young

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Journey Groups - Mondays, June 23 and 30 | 6:30 PM | The Gathering Space

Journeying into the second half of life brings its own challenges and joys....launching children, retirement, caring for aging parents, rediscovering your purpose, just to name a few. The journey is not meant to be taken alone but instead be an opportunity to cultivate friendships and foster faith. To help you connect with others and navigate this new phase of life, two Journey Groups are meeting once a month this summer in the Gathering Space. Light refreshments provided.

Women 50-60 years of Age

Monday, June 23 | 6:30 PM

Women 60-70 years of Age

Monday, June 30 at 6:30 PM

Ted Lasso Bible Study - Wednesdays | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

For Adults and Youth Ages 13 and up! Heard about the mustached man named Ted Lasso? We're offering a Ted Lasso focused Bible Study! Join us on Wednesday nights continuing June 18th from 6pm to 7:45pm. We will watch an episode weekly followed by a coordinating Bible Study. 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 know if you plan to attend at dani.vogel@trinity-mc.org, or 641-423-0536.



Narcan Training- Wednesday, June 25, 2025 | 2:00 PM or 5:00 PM | Trinity Rm 208

Narcan can save a life that is cut short by an overdose of opioids including heroin, fentanyl, and prescription pain medications. Learn how a simple nasal spray can reverse the effects quickly. All will receive Narcan to take home. Please sign up by calling the Church Office.

Canoe / Kayak Outing - Friday, June 27, 2025 | 8:30 AM | Lime Creek Nature Center

Join us for canoeing and kayaking. A short introduction on boat safety will be provided along with canoes, kayaks and life jackets. Group will meet by the gate at the end of Nature Center Road. Weather permitting. All ages are welcome. RSVP to the Church by Monday, June 23rd.

Trinity Co-Ed Softball Game - The next game is on Friday, June 27th at Fredrick Hanford Park (23rd St. SW) at 6:30 p.m. on Diamond #1 against First Covenant. Come cheer the team on!



Semi-Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 29, 2025 | 10:00 AM | 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/EVENTS/SEMI-ANNUAL-MEETING-2025.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sculpture Walk – Monday, June 30, 2025 | 8:15 AM | Trinity's East Entrance Join a group of walkers to check out the new sculptures on the *River City Sculptures on Parade* route. Plan for an approximately 1-1/2 hour walk with many stops along the way.

Buddy, the Buddy Holly Story - Sunday, July 13, 2025 | Cedar Summerstock Theater
Join the Group on a Bus Ride to Osage, Iowa for the Musical! The Bus will leave Trinity Parking Lot at 11:30 am for Osage to catch the show and stop for an early dinner on the way home. \$35 covers bus + show. Please bring extra \$ for your dinner out. Spots are limited to 30 people and Tickets are nonrefundable. There will be a restroom on the bus. Sign up at the Church Office.

Book Discussion - Monday, July 14, 2025 | 1:00 PM - Gathering Space
Our next book *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick poses the question: how do you measure your life? Every adult worldwide receives a box on their doorstep contains a string, measuring the remaining duration of the recipient's life. Erlick explores the philosophical questions raised by such knowledge, as well as the social, cultural and political implications. *The Measure* is an ambitious, invigorating story about family, friendship, hope, and destiny that encourage us to live life to the fullest. **Multiple copies are available to check out from Trinity's Church Office.**



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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 28-29	<i>Elijah Ascends to Heaven</i>	2 Kings 2
July 5-6	<i>The Healing of Naaman</i>	2 Kings 5
July 12-13	<i>A Plumb Line</i>	Amos 7
July 19-20	<i>The Basket of Summer Fruit</i>	Amos 8
July 26-27	<i>Jesus, Teach Us to Pray</i>	Luke 11

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, JUNE 23

9:00 AM Psalms and Smoothies (Elsbernd Farm)
3:00 PM Adult Ministries Cabinet (Rm. 300)
6:30 PM Journey Group 50-60 (Gathering Space)

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

9:00 AM Caregivers Support Group (Rm 300 & Zoom)
12:00 PM Staff Meeting
6:30 PM Council Meeting (Conference Rm)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
8:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Library)
2:00 PM Narcan Training (Rm 208)
5:00 PM Narcan Training (Rm 208)
6:00 PM Ted Lasso Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

8:30 AM Canoe / Kayak at Lime Creek Nature Center
6:30 PM Church Softball Game—Diamond #1
At Fredrick Hanford Complex. TLC vs. First Covenant

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

5:00 PM **WORSHIP SERVICE**

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

9:00 AM **OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE**
10:00 AM Semi-Annual Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 AM **WORSHIP SERVICE** - Livestreamed and KCMR 97.9 FM

Global Health Ministries & Lutheran World Relief Tour

Monday, July 23 | 6:00 AM

We start out at Global Missions for a quick work day and hear their history in the ELCA. Learn about the ELCA hospitals we support in Africa, find out how the bandages we roll are used, and the blankets we provide are given to new mothers. So much fun and time passes quickly! We'll stop by Perkins for Lunch and then head to Lutheran World Relief for an eye-opening view of the quilt packing, & backpacks. Hear about the shipments, costs, shipping containers, and where they go! Cost is \$40.00. Lunch will be on our own, however a snack will be provided. Please bring your own beverages. There will be a restroom on the bus. Space is limited. Call the church at 641-423-0536 to reserve your spot! Men are welcome too!

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.



Summer Devotion

FIRST READING:

1 Kings 19:1-15a

Discussion: How many days do you think you could walk only stopping to sleep and eat? How many miles do you think you could walk in the next 40 days? What are the foods you would want to eat after a long walk?

Activity: Go for a long silent hike. Listen to the sounds of nature. Where do you see or feel God on this hike? Don't forget to take a nap after you walk.