

# We Believe

*Studying the*  
**N I C E N E C R E E D**

*We Believe...*

*The 8th Sunday after Pentecost*

AUGUST 2-3, 2025



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## SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

### *Pastors*

Dan Gerrietts, Daniel Hanson, and Beverly Butler

### *Preacher*

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

### *Organist*

Deb Nielsen

### *Cantor*

**Saturday** - Colby Gochanour **Sunday** - Sam Pang

### *Scripture Readers*

**5:00 PM** - Sally Becker **10:30 AM** - Mary Lynn Oertel

### *Communion Assistants*

**5:00 PM** - Earl Kiefer **10:30 AM** - Bill and Mary Lynn Oertel

### *Ushers*

**5:00 PM** - Penny Bennett, Robert VerBrugge **10:30 AM** - Kay Larson, Nancy Carrol

### *Technical Support*

**10:30 AM** - Colton Hesley

### *Greeters*

**Saturday** - Dan and Millie Godfrey, Roger Rossum **Sunday** - Bruce & Karen Squire

### *Coffee Fellowship*

Penny Bennett, Dixie Jellum and Barry Schrag

### *Custodian*

Dave Smith

*Altar Flowers* are given by Shirley Eide in memory of her husband, Jerry

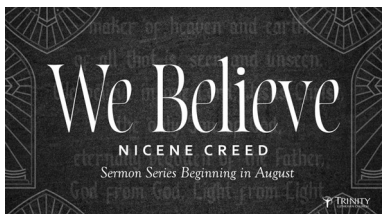
*Color Bulletins* are given in honor of Terry and Sue Oetken's 49th Wedding Anniversary

## *The 8th Sunday after Pentecost*

Saturday, August 2, 2025 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, August 3, 2025 - 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM \*Livestream / KCMR 97.9

### ***August Sermon Series: We Believe***



What is it that we believe? To be human is to wrestle with old and new questions about our faith and God. This month, our sermon series looks back 1,700 years to the Nicene Creed with an eye on today's world.

The Nicene Creed was written to settle some important controversies regarding Jesus' identity. The writers also chose to use 'we' instead of 'I' for each statement of belief. Why does this matter? And what do we do when part of the creed challenges our personal beliefs?

***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 several places throughout the Sanctuary. Just look for the blue accessibility signs.

***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***

## ***Welcome***

## ***Confession and Forgiveness***

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

**Amen.**

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

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.

**Amen.**

***\*Gathering Hymn***

***A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing!***

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## ***\*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 Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

### ***First Reading: Acts 2:29-42***

[Then Peter said,] 29 “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

32 “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses. 33 Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you see and hear. 34 For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,  
“Sit at my right hand,  
35 until I make your enemies your footstool.” ’

36 “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”


37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” 38 Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” 40 And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” 41 So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

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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 Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

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

**\*Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Dan Gerrietts**

**Hymn of the Day**

**Son of God, Eternal Savior**

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### ***\*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 of grace,  
C hear our prayer

### ***\*Peace***

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C And also with you.

## ***Announcements***

### **MEAL**

#### ***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***

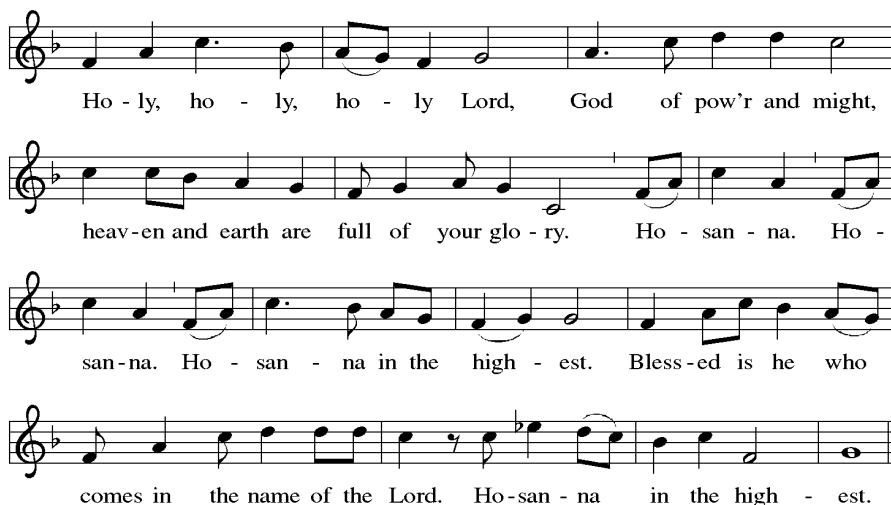
**P** Creator God,  
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.  
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
and our labor,  
that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**C** **Amen.**

#### ***\*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.**

**P** 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**

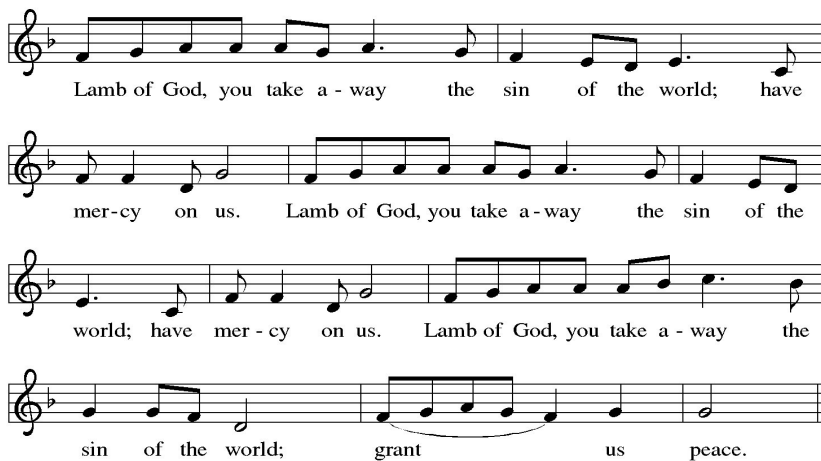
C Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those  
 who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver 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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### Communion Songs

***Break Now the Bread of Life  
Lead Me, Guide Me***

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### ***\*Prayer after Communion***

P Mothering God,  
you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C 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 In Christ There Is No East or West***

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### ***\*Sending***

P Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C. Thanks be to God.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ***T150 Matching Challenge***

Thanks to another Matching Gift, we have the opportunity to double all new gifts made to the T150 Capital Campaign through the end of September 2025! That's right – if we receive \$50,000 in new cash gifts before September 30, 2025 – that amount will be matched dollar for dollar! If you haven't yet donated or if you are considering an additional gift, now is the perfect time to double your contribution and help us pay down the remaining \$145,000 on the T150 loan. Every gift helps! If you'd like to give online, please visit [trinity-ms.org/give](http://trinity-ms.org/give).

## ***Colby Gochanour Joins Trinity Staff!***

Hello! My name is Colby Gochanour and I am excited to be the new Director of Music Ministries here at Trinity. You'll normally find me in the background planning, organizing, and scheduling the music for our Services! I have 10 years of church service experience, including organ, hand bells and choir directing, and my biggest excitement is to help elevate our musicians to bring out their talents. In my spare time, I enjoy reading thriller novels and solving Sudoku puzzles. I am so excited to be a part of the Ministry here at Trinity Lutheran!

## ***Celebrate the Harvest Potluck- Sunday, August 3 | 6:00 p.m.***

Elsbernd Farm, 19050 Thrush Ave, Mason City

Together we gather to celebrate God's blessings of fresh produce, friends and fun! Please bring a lawn chair and a dish to pass from your garden harvest or purchased local produce. Table setting, honey lemonade, and water provided. Farm tour, kittens, Kubb (Viking chess) and Cornhole will be available. Rain location is the Trinity Fellowship Hall.

## ***Senior Summer Luncheon- Thursday, August 7, 2025 | 12:00 PM***

Trinity Fellowship Hall | *Luncheon and Worship with Holy Communion*

There are still spots available for this special event! Senior Members and those limited by health issues, depend on someone to get them to church, homebound, and those living in senior housing facilities. Guests are also welcome. Please call the Office soon to RSVP.

## ***Middle Schoolers to Clear Lake Bash- Saturday, August 9 | 11:00 AM***

Trinity members are encouraged to attend the Clear Lake Bash on August 9th for great Christian music!, Our middle schoolers are invited to attend as a small group with Carol Dettmer. Parents may bring their teens to meet her at the central bandshell from 11am-2pm. There is no fee to attend, but students may want a bag chair and money for vendors. Parents, please email Carol at [carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org](mailto:carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org) so she finds all the students.

## ***KCMR Radio Fundraiser-Tuesday, August 12, 2025 | All Day (11AM – 11PM)***

Applebee's Restaurant. Mention this Fundraiser to your server at the table or on the phone for take-out on Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> and Applebee's will contribute 25% of your order to support KCMR Radio.

### ***Mid-Age Adult Fellowship***

**Friday, August 22** | 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Home of Jeremy and Angela Peter

All Trinity folks ages 30-55ish are invited. We will bring and share appetizers, big Cobb salads, and desserts. Please email [carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org](mailto:carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org) to sign up.

### ***Trinity Block Party!!***

**Sunday, August 24** | 11:45 AM

*Trinity Courtyard*

Food, Fellowship and fun! Yard Games, Gaga Ball, Inflatables for Kids, and More. Bring a dish to share. The main course, drinks and table service is provided. Join us as we celebrate with our neighborhood and each other!

### ***Rejoicing Spirits***

**August 20, 2025** | 5:00 PM

*Fellowship Hall*

Rejoicing Spirits is inclusive of all ages and abilities as we connect with God and one another. Join us as we learn about the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders through camp-style music, interactive skit, and prayer. After the Service, enjoy pizza and root beer floats for a free-will donation.

### ***Caregiver Support Group***

#### ***Summer Gathering***

**Tuesday, August 26** | 9:30 AM | Borealis Station Coffee House (826 E. State)

The Caregiver Support Group will meet in person in August for some refreshments and fellowship. Mark your Calendar and plan to join us! There will still be a Zoom option if needed. Individuals providing care for loved ones in any capacity (whether it is at home, in a care facility, or from a distance) are welcome to attend to receive support and information. Facilitators are Becky Elsbernd, Parish Nurse at Trinity and Pundee Kaur, Family Caregiver Specialist at Elderbridge.

### ***7th and 8th Grade Student Confirmation Orientation***

Wednesday, August 27, 2025 | 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

We will host Confirmation Orientation for all 7th and 8th grade students and their parents. During this time, we will go over everything you need to know about the upcoming confirmation year.

### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

#### **MONDAY, AUGUST 4**

**9:00 AM** Centering Prayer (Rm. 322)

**9:00 AM** Trinity at Community Kitchen

#### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 5**

**9:00 AM** Adult Ministries Cabinet  
(Rm. 300)

**12:00 PM** Staff Meeting

#### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6**

**7:00 AM** Men's Bible Study  
(Fellowship Hall)

**8:30 AM** Women's Bible Study (Library)

#### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 7**

**12:00 PM** Senior Summer Luncheon  
(Fellowship Hall)

#### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 9**

**11:00 PM** Middle-Schoolers to  
Clear Lake Bash

**5:00 PM** **WORSHIP SERVICE**

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 10**

**9:00 AM** **OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE**

**10:30 AM** **WORSHIP SERVICE -**  
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