



SUMMER SERMON SERIES

Conversations

WITH GOD

A Plumb Line

5th Sunday of Pentecost

JULY 12-13, 2025



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SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Pastors

Dan Gerrietts, Daniel Hanson, and Beverly Butler

Preacher

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

Organist

Teresa Jacobsen

Cantor

Melissa Shallberg

Greeters

Sunday - Mike & Lynn Brown

Coffee Fellowship

Liz Fitzgerald and Cynthia Zach

Scripture Readers

5:00 PM - Sally Becker

10:30 AM -

Ushers

5:00 PM - Penny Bennett, Robert VerBrugge

10:30 AM - Ethan Miller, Dan Clarke

Technical Support

10:30 AM - Maggie Gerrietts, Colton Hesley

Custodian

Dave Smith

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in *honor of Dan and Gina Clinger's 20th Wedding Anniversary.*

COLOR BULLETINS are given by **Paul and Mary Charlson**

Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, July 12, 2025 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, July 13, 2025 - *10:30 PM

*Livestreamed on Facebook & YouTube / KCMR 97.9

Summer Series: Conversations with God

Amos 7 - A Plumb Line

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.

Amos was a farmer whom God called to speak to the people a word from the Lord. Amos had a tough job - speaking judgment to powerful rulers and declaring that God's house - the people - had fallen out of line. Amos' elegant language and powerful images, like the plumb line, remind us that God can speak powerfully through unexpected sources.

The Basket of Summer Fruit Amos 8 July 19-20

Jesus, Teach Us to Pray Luke 11 July 26-27

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

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**

God is Here!

ELW 526

***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, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

First Reading: Amos 7:7-17

⁷This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line

in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by;

⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,

and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,

and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword,

and Israel must go into exile

away from his land.’”

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

¹⁶“Now therefore hear the word of the LORD.

You say, ‘Do not prophesy against Israel,

and do not preach against the house of Isaac.’

¹⁷Therefore thus says the LORD:

‘Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city,

and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword,

and your land shall be parceled out by line;

you yourself shall die in an unclean land,

and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.’”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Psalm 82

- L God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:
- C **How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?**
- L Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;
- C **rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked. R**
- L They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- C **Now I say to you, 'You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;**
- L nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.'”
- C **Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg. 142



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

*Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37

²⁵ Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul,

answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

Hymn of the Day

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

ELW 708

***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.



Special Music

String Quartet
Pat Guetzko, Dan Gerrietts, Melissa Shallberg, Carli Herzog

***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**

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

ELW 769

***Sending**

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

Postlude

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-mr.org/give.

Book Discussion - Monday, July 14 | 1:00 PM - Gathering Space

The Measure by Nikki Erlick poses the question: *how do you measure your life?* The story begins with all adults worldwide receiving a box on their doorstep with 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. **Copies are available to check out from the Office.**

Evening Bike Ride to NIACC - Monday, July 14 | 6:00pm | Murphy Park Bridge

Join us on an evening bike ride to NIACC and back via the Scrip Trail and the NIACC Trail on Monday, July 14 at 6:00 PM. Meet at Scrip Trail parking lot off of North Illinois Ave. (by the bridge). The trail is paved. We will also check out the new Murphy Park Trail and Bridge. *Weather permitting*

Rejoicing Spirits - Wednesday July 16, | 5:00 PM | Trinity Fellowship Hall

Rejoicing Spirits is inclusive of all ages and abilities as we connect with God and one another. Join us on Wednesday, July 16, as we learn about the Parable of the Lost Sheep through camp-style music, interactive skit, and prayer. Following the worship service, enjoy pizza and root beer floats for a free-will donation.

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.

Soul Spa - Friday, July 18, | 9:00 AM 11:00 PM | Trinity

Trinity Soul Spa invites participants to engage in a variety of spiritual practices to nurture body, mind, and spirit. 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 a mini sacred treasure chest, walking the Labyrinth, Visio Divina, refreshments, and seated healing touch sessions. Wear comfortable clothing and come as you are!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trinity Co-Ed Softball Game - The next game is on Friday, July 18th at Fredrick Hanford Park (23rd St. SW) at 6:30 p.m. on Diamond #3 against River City 1. Come cheer the team on!

Journey Groups - Mondays, July 21 + July 28 | 6:30 PM

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. Light refreshments provided.

Women 50-60 years of Age

Monday, July 21 | 6:30 PM

The Gathering Space

Women 60-70 years of Age

Monday, July 28 at 6:30 PM

Library

Care Ministry Appreciation Banquet -Thursday, July 31 | 2:00 PM

All Care Ministry Volunteers and potential volunteers are invited to the Care Ministry Appreciation Ice Cream Buffet on Thursday, July 31 at 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in becoming a new Care Ministry volunteer can stay for a brief training. You are welcome to bring a friend or spouse. Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, July 29.

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

Trinity Fellowship Hall | Age 80+ | *Luncheon and Worship with Holy Communion.*

All members who aren't able to participate in the life of the church the way they want to are invited to attend. This group includes persons that are limited by health issues or depend on someone to get them to church, homebound, those living in senior housing facilities and members over 80 years of age. Guests are also welcome. Please call the church office to RSVP. We are also in need of volunteers to help with transportation, set-up, serving, and clean up for the luncheon. If you would like to assist in this event, and get a chance to see many who aren't able to join us on a regular basis, please sign up at the Church Office.

Lutheran World Relieve School Kit Donations

This is a time of the year when many supplies are on sale, a good time to shop!

Please consider providing an entire kit, any part of a kit, or make a monetary donation.

(checks can be made to Trinity Lutheran, noted with "School Kit Donation".

Supplies are being collected in the cabinet below the office window.

Each kit contains:

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| * 4 -70-sheet notebooks | * 1-2 inch eraser |
| * 5- unsharpened pencils | * 1-24 count crayon pack |
| * 5-pens | * 1-hand-held pencil sharpener |
| * 1- blunt child scissor | * 1-12 in. ruler, with metric units also |

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, JULY 14

- 9:00 AM Psalms and Smoothies (Elsbernd Farm)
- 1:00 PM Book Discussion (Gathering Space)
- 3:00 PM Adult Ministries Cabinet (Rm. 300)
- 6:00 PM Evening Bike Ride to NIACC (Murphy Park Bridge)

TUESDAY, JULY 15

- 10:30 AM Learn to Crochet (Rm 307)
- 12:00 PM Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Library)
- 2:00 PM Cancer Support Group (Rm 300 and Zoom)
- 5:00 PM Rejoicing Spirits (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 PM Ted Lasso Bible Study (Meet at East Entrance)

FRIDAY, JULY 18

- 9:00 AM Soul Spa (3rd Floor Education Wing)
- 6:30 PM Church Softball Game—Diamond #3, Frederick Hanford

SATURDAY, JULY 19

- 5:00 PM **WORSHIP SERVICE**

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

- 9:00 AM **OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE**
- 10:30 AM **WORSHIP SERVICE** - Livestreamed and KCMR 97.9 FM

Global Health Ministries & Lutheran World Relief Tour

Wednesday, July 23 | 6:00 AM | Bus Ride to Minneapolis

We start at Global Missions for a quick work day and hear their history in the ELCA. Learn about the ELCA hospitals we support in Africa, how the bandages we roll are used, and how the blankets we provide are given to new mothers. 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 your 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!

Kicks for Kids Shoe Drive - United Way of North Central Iowa

Kicks for Kids Shoe Drive helps families by giving out new or gently used athletic shoes to kids in need as they start a new year of school. In August, events are held in Forest City, Mason City, and Charles City to hand out the shoes. A Donation Box is located outside the Church Office to drop off new or gently used athletic shoes for school age children ages 5-18.