



SUMMER SERMON SERIES
Conversations
WITH GOD

Jesus, Teach Us to Pray

7th Sunday of Pentecost

JULY 26-27, 2025



TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Pastors

Daniel Hanson, Beverly Butler

Preacher

Pastor Beverly Butler

Organist

Teresa Jacobsen

Cantors

Saturday - Alli Day Sunday - Kylie Hansen

Scripture Reader

5:00 PM - Nina Pals

Ushers

5:00 PM - Penny Bennett, Robert VerBrugge

10:30 AM - Dan Clarke, Brain Koob

Technical Support

Maggie Gerrietts, Annika Shallberg

Greeters

Saturday - Dan and Millie Godfrey, Roger Paulson Sunday - Randy & Kathy Dedor

Coffee Fellowship

Liz Fitzgerald, Cynthia Zach

Building Host

Saturday - Randy Elsbernd Sunday - Jim Reisinger

ALTAR FLOWERS are given

in honor of Jake and Nancy Rockman's 40th Wedding Anniversary

COLOR BULLETINS are given

In honor of Dave and Melissa Shallberg's 30th Wedding Anniversary

SPECIAL FLOWER BOUQUET

in honor of Shirley Eide's 97th Birthday given by her Family

7th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, July 26, 2025 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, July 27, 2025 - *10:30 PM

*Livestreamed on Facebook & YouTube / KCMR 97.9

Summer Series: Conversations with God

Luke 11 - Jesus, Teach Us to Pray

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.

In our Gospel passage from Luke, the disciples observe Jesus praying. They knew that John the Baptist had taught his disciples to pray, and so they asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. How did you learn to pray? Who taught you? This weekend we will explore what Jesus told his disciples are the most important elements in our conversations with God, and that we are to pray with boldness while trusting God's love for us.

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 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

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**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

ELW 742

*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 Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Special Music (10:30 AM)

Blessings

Laura Story

Grace Swisher, Vocal Solo

Children's Sermon (10:30 AM)

Pastor Beverly Butler

First Reading: Psalm 138

L I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

C **I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

L On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength of soul.

C **All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

L They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

C **For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

L Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.

C **The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the tenth chapter.

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

***Gospel Acclamation**

ELW pg. 142



***Gospel: Luke 11:1-13**

¹ Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”² He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

⁵ And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Beverley Butler

Hymn of the Day

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

ELW 605

***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.



*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 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** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* ELW 543

***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-ms.org/give.

Flood Response in Texas

Our hearts break anew with each update about the catastrophic flash floods in the South Central Texas. Please pray for those who have lost loved ones, homes and property. Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Southwestern Texas Synod and other partners to respond to urgent needs, provide emotional and spiritual care, and support cleanup and long-term recovery. To make a gift towards this work, go to elca.org/flooding/donate or write "Texas Floods" on your check or envelope.



August Sermon Series Coming Next Week:

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 August, our sermon series looks back 1,700 years to the Nicene Creed with an eye on today's world.

Beverage Tab Collection -Shriners Hospital for Children

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who continues to support the beverage tab collection. In 2024, our combined efforts filled 154 plastic tubs. That totaled 2,706,072 tabs, weighing in at 2,399 pounds. With 1,128 tabs making up a pound, our collection raised nearly \$2,000 to help provide wheelchairs and prosthetics for children in need. This project continues to grow, and we are on track for an even greater impact in 2025. I'm especially grateful to Gretta and Margo Miller who have religiously (no pun intended) managed the tabs when we are unable to attend Church. Please keep saving your tabs as this is an ongoing project and drop them off in the can outside the church office. If you should have any questions, please feel free to call or text me at 641-430-2275.. With sincere appreciation, thank you, and thank you! Toni Erickson

Middle Schoolers Trip to Lost Island WaterPark- MONDAY, JULY 28

Last Call for Lost Island Waterpark! Any 5th-9th graders and their families/friends are welcome to jump on the bus THIS MONDAY, July 28 at 9:00am. Please let Carol Dettmer know by Sunday, July 27 at 5:00pm by emailing carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Psalms and Smoothies* - July 28, August 11 and 25 | 9:00 AM | 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, rain or shine. Come to the backyard where we will be meeting in the gazebo or the garden.

***Journey Groups* - Mondays, July 28 + August 25 (Both Groups) | 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.

Women 60-70 years of Age

Monday, July 28 | 6:30 PM

Gathering Space

Women 50-60 AND 60-70 years of Age

Monday, August 25 | 6:30 PM

Gathering Space + Library

***Care Ministry Appreciation Event* -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.

***Trinity Co-Ed Softball Game* - Friday, August 1 | 8:00 PM**

Fredrick Hanford Park (23rd St. SW) on Diamond #1 against Grace E. Free. This is the final Game of the Season. Our thanks to the Team for representing Trinity on the Field!

***Celebrate the Harvest Potluck* - Wednesday, 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 | 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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR



MONDAY, JULY 28

ALL DAY Middle School to Lost Island WaterPark
9:00 AM Quilting Workshop
9:00 AM Psalms & Smoothies (Elsbernd Farm)
6:30 PM Journey Group (
Ages 60-70) Gathering Space

TUESDAY, JULY 29

12:00 PM Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
8:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Library)

THURSDAY, JULY 31

2:00 PM Care Ministry Appreciation
(Fellowship Hall)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

8:00 PM Church Softball Game—Diamond #1

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

5:00 PM **WORSHIP SERVICE**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

9:00 AM **OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE**
10:30 AM **WORSHIP SERVICE** - Livestream/97.9 FM

Summer Devotion

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Discussion:

Do you have the Lord's Prayer memorized? Which version or language did you learn? Do you know anyone who can share the Lord's prayer with you in a different language? Why do you think some churches use different words in their version. Do we use debts, sins, or trespasses in our service?

Activity:

Using the Lord's Prayer as inspiration, create a piece of art that you can share. We'll make an art wall in the Gathering space with submissions.

Trinity Block Party * Save the Date! Sunday, August 24 | 11:45 AM

Food, Fellowship and Fun in the Trinity Courtyard. Yard Games, Gaga Ball, Inflatables for Kids, and More. Bring a dish to share—main course, drinks and table service provided.

Join us as we celebrate with our neighborhood and each other!

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, all sizes.