



SUMMER SERMON SERIES  
**Conversations**  
WITH GOD

*The Basket of Summer Fruit*

*The 6th Sunday after Pentecost*

JULY 19-20, 2025



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# SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

## *Pastors*

Dan Gerrietts, Daniel Hanson, and Beverly Butler

## *Preacher*

Pastor Daniel Hanson

## *Organist*

Mark W. McClellan

## *Cantor*

Warren Torkelson

## *Scripture Readers*

5:00 PM –Deb Hunt

## *Communion Assistants*

5:00 PM—Sam and Deb Hunt

10:30 AM -

## *Ushers*

5:00 PM– Penny Bennett, Robert VerBrugge

10:30 AM - Kay Larson, Nancy Carrol

## *Greeters*

Earl Kiefer, Kay Larson

## *Coffee Fellowship*

Lisa Lorenzen, Kathy Pitcher, Craig Remmen

## *Technical Support*

10:30 AM - Maggie Gerrietts, Annika Shallberg

## *Custodian*

Dave Smith



## *Family Summer Devotion*

**First Reading: Amos 8:1-12**

### ***Discussion:***

How do you disagree with someone who has fundamentally different rules, beliefs, or traditions as you? How do you engage in conversation with people who are different or believe different things than you? How do you have difficult conversations with others? What is something profound someone has shared or spoken to you about?

### ***Activity:***

Learn something new! Take time this week to learn more about something you've had a question about, or wanted to learn more about. What does it mean to eat kosher? What does your church believe?

## *Altar Flowers*

are given in honor of

*Bob and Kathy Nelson's 70th Wedding Anniversary*

## *Color Bulletins*

*are given in memory of Tommy Pang*

given by Deb and Kim Pang.

# *The 6th Sunday of Pentecost*

Saturday, July 19, 2025 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, July 20, 2025 - \*10:30 PM Livestream / KCMR 97.9

## ***Summer Series: Conversations with God***

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.

For the second week, we hear words from the prophet Amos, who brings a difficult word of judgement to the kingdom of Israel. During an age of prosperity, these ancient people refuse to see the image of God in the poor and vulnerable. They exploit the vulnerable for their own gain and refuse to change their ways. Through Amos, God brings word of their impending conquest.

How do we wrestle with God's anger in this passage? Might there be things in the world that we would want God to be angry about?

***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 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

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**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ELW 834

**\*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 Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

## **First Reading: Amos 8:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>This is what the Lord God showed me—a basket of summer fruit. <sup>2</sup>He said, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A basket of summer fruit.” Then the Lord said to me,

“The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by.

<sup>3</sup>The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day,” says the Lord God;

“the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!”

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

<sup>5</sup>saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, <sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

<sup>7</sup>The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

<sup>8</sup>Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

<sup>9</sup>On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. <sup>10</sup>I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day.

<sup>11</sup>The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord.

<sup>12</sup>They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading: Psalm 15

L LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

C **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
who speak the truth from their heart;**

L they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

C **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.  
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

L They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.  
Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

## \*Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg. 142



P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

## \*Gospel: Matthew 21:12-17

<sup>12</sup>Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. <sup>13</sup>He said to them, “It is written,

‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’

but you are making it a den of robbers.”

<sup>14</sup>The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. <sup>15</sup>But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did and heard the children crying out in the temple and saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became angry <sup>16</sup>and said to him, “Do you hear what these are saying?” Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read,

‘Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies  
you have prepared praise for yourself?’”

<sup>17</sup>He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.  
And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

**Sermon**

**Pastor Daniel Hanson**

**Hymn of the Day**

***Jesus, the Very Thought of You***

**ELW 754**

**Guest Greeting**

**Rev. Mike Busbey, ELCA Regional Representative  
for Central America & Mexico**

**\*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.

**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.

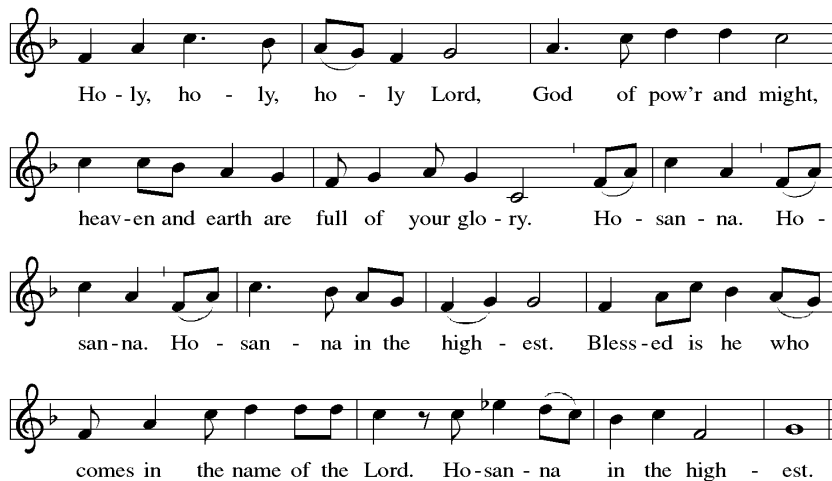
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

ELW pg.144



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



## \*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

ELW pg. 146

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.

**Communion Songs**

<i>Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak Eat This Bread</i>	ELW 676 ELW 472
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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

## Sending for Youth Service Trip to Milwaukee (10:30 AM)

### \*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**      *O Savior, Precious Savior*      ELW 820

**\*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-mc.org/give](http://trinity-mc.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](http://elca.org/flooding/donate) or write "Texas Floods" in the memo line on your check to Trinity or on your envelope.

## ***Trinity Youth Service Trip to Milwaukee***

Today we are sending off our Youth and Friends for their week-long Service Trip. They welcome your Prayers as they serve our neighbors in Wisconsin.

## ***Funeral for Avis Jensen | Friday, July 25 | 11:00 AM***

The Service for Avis Jensen who passed away May 21st. will be held on Friday. A Visitation will take place at 10:00 AM and a Luncheon will follow the Service.

***Ted Lasso Bible Study*** - No meetings scheduled for now due to Dani's travel.

***Trinity Co-Ed Softball Game*** - The next game is on Friday, July 25th at Fredrick Hanford Park (23rd St. SW) at 6:30 p.m. on Diamond #22 against Zion Lutheran. Just two (2) games left in the Season, don't miss your chance to 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  
Gathering Space

Women 60-70 years of Age  
Monday, July 28 | 6:30 PM  
Library Lounge

**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 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 or sign up at the church office to RSVP.

**Lutheran World Relief School Kit Donations**  
This is a time of the year when many supplies are on sale. Please consider providing an entire kit, any part of a kit, or make a monetary donation by writing "School Kits" in your Memo Line.

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
<b>MONDAY, JULY 21</b>	
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Centering Prayer (Rm. 322)
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Quilting (Fellowship Hall)
<b>6:30 PM</b>	Journey Group, 50-60 (Gathering Space)
<b>TUESDAY, JULY 22</b>	
<b>9:30 AM</b>	Caregivers Support Group (Rm. 300)
<b>12:00 PM</b>	Staff Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY, JULY 23</b>	
<b>ALL DAY</b>	Global Health Bus Trip
<b>7:00 AM</b>	Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Women's Bible Study (Library)
<b>4:00 PM</b>	Trinity @ Community Kitchen
<b>FRIDAY, JULY 24</b>	
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Avis Jensen Funeral (Visitation at 10AM)
<b>6:30 PM</b>	Church Softball Game—Diamond #2
<b>SATURDAY, JULY 25</b>	
<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 26</b>	
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> - Livestream, KCMR

**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. Please go to their website if you wish to make a monetary donation at <https://www.unitedwaynci.org/>