



SUMMER SERMON SERIES  
**Conversations**  
WITH GOD

*Elijah Ascends to Heaven*

*3rd Sunday of Pentecost*

**WITH RITE OF HEALING**

JUNE 28-29, 2025



**TRINITY**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

## *Pastors*

]Daniel Hanson, and Beverly Butler

## *Preacher*

Pastor Daniel Hanson

## *Organist*

Teresa Jacobson

## *Cantor*

Linda Hunt

## *Rite of Healing Assistants*

**5:00 PM** Mary Galazin, Susan Schilling    **10:30 AM** Becky Elsbernd

## *Greeters*

Jake and Nancy Rockman

## *Coffee Fellowship*

Joann Johnson, Gary and Sharon Lindgren

## *Scripture Readers*

**5:00 PM** - Sally Becker    **10:30 AM** - Dani Vogel

## *Technical Support*

**10:30 AM** - Penny Bennett, Carter Rockwell, Dani Vogel

## *Custodian*

Dave Smith

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in *honor of Kathy Nelson's 90th Birthday given by her Family*

**COLOR BULLETINS** are given *honor of Don & Patti Niver's 50th Wedding Anniversary*

# *Third Sunday after Pentecost*

Saturday, June 28, 2025 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, June 29, 2025 - \*10:30 PM

\*Livestream on Facebook & YouTube / KCMR 97.9 FM

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

### **2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14: Elijah Ascends to Heaven**

*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, through the eyes of Elisha, we watch Elijah be carried up into heaven on a fiery chariot. Elisha now carries Elijah's mantle and is prophet of Israel. In times of change and transition, God is present to guide and ground us.*

*How do we talk to God during times of change?*

*How might change open our ears to hear God's voice in new ways?*

**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, under the stained glass window. 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**

*Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*

ELW 452

**\*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 Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

## **First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." <sup>10</sup>He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

<sup>13</sup>He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. <sup>14</sup>He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

<sup>6</sup>As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

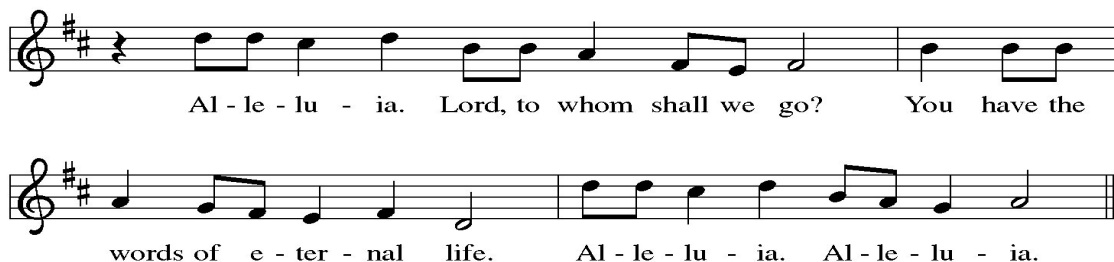
<sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### \*Gospel Acclamation

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

### \*Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you -that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P The Gospel of the Lord.  
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Hanson

Hymn of the Day

*O Master, Let Me Walk with You*

ELW 818

**\*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.



## Offering Music

### \*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.

## RITE OF HEALING

### \*Healing

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign  
of the reign of God come near and sent the  
disciples to continue this work of healing -  
with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing.  
In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler  
of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

C Amen.

### Laying On of Hands and Anointing

*Those who wish to receive laying on of hands and anointing will come forward and stand as one might do in order to receive communion. Your forehead will be anointed by a pastor while a healing touch spiritual minister lays a hand on your shoulder. Ushers will assist in directing you forward. All who sense the need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives, the lives of others, and the world are invited to come forward.*

Hymn

*Be Thou My Vision*

ELW 793

Hymn

*Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

ELW 808



## **\*Prayer**

P Living God,  
through the laying on of hands, anointing and prayer,  
grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing.  
When we are afraid, give us courage; when afflicted, give us patience;  
when dejected, give us hope; and when alone,  
assure us of the support of your holy people.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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**

*Here I Am, Lord*

ELW 574

## **\*Sending**

P Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C Thanks be to God.

## **Postlude**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## 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/](https://trinity-mc.org/event/semi-annual-meeting-2025)  
[EVENT/SEMI-ANNUAL-MEETING-2025](https://trinity-mc.org/event/semi-annual-meeting-2025).

## 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.

**JOURNEY GROUPS - Mondays, June 30 and July 21** | 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 60-70 years of Age  
Monday, June 30 at 6:30 PM

Women 50-60 years of Age  
Monday, July 21 | 6:30 PM

**VISIO DIVINA - Tuesday, July 1** | 10:00 AM | MacNider Art Museum, 303 2nd St. SE  
Visio Divina or “sacred seeing” is an ancient form of Christian prayer in which we allow our hearts and imaginations to enter into an image, in silence, to see what God might have to say to us. Come and encounter the Divine through visual art.

## TED LASSO BIBLE STUDY - Wednesday, July 2

 | 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 July 9th 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](mailto:dani.vogel@trinity-mc.org), or 641-423-0536.



**TRINITY CO-ED SOFTBALL GAME** - The next game is on Friday, July 11th at Fredrick Hanford Park (23rd St. SW) at 6:30 p.m. on Diamond #2 with Open Bible. Come cheer the team on!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIKE TO CHURCH SUNDAY– SUNDAY, JULY 13

Do you normally drive to Church? Save some gas by leaving your car in the garage. Take this opportunity to hop on your bike for transportation joining other members of Trinity. Park your bikes by the evergreen tree in the courtyard for a special blessing during the 9:00 AM Service. Chairs and water will be available for all cyclists. Weather permitting.

## BUDDY, THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY Sunday, July 13, 2025 | Cedar Summerstock

Join the Group on a Bus Ride (with restroom) 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. Sign up at the Church Office.

## 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 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, 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!

July 5-6	The Healing of Naaman	2 Kings 5
July 12-13	A Plumb Line	Amos 7
July 19-20	The Basket of Summer Fruit	Amos 8
July 26-27	Jesus, Teach Us to Pray	Luke 11

# WEEKLY CALENDAR



## MONDAY, JUNE 30

**6:30 PM** Journey Group Ages 60-70  
(Gathering Space)

## TUESDAY, JULY 1

**10:00 AM** Visio Divina (MacNider Art Museum)  
**12:00 PM** Staff Meeting

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

**7:00 AM** Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
**8:30 AM** Women's Bible Study (Library)  
**6:00 PM** Ted Lasso Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

## THURSDAY, JULY 3

## FRIDAY, JULY 4

**Church Office Closed**

## SATURDAY, JULY 5

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

## SUNDAY, JULY 6

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

## Summer Devotion

**First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14**

***Discussion:*** Who is your favorite person to learn from? If you were traveling with that person, what are questions you would ask them? Who is your favorite person to travel with? Have you ever taken a trip than involved helping others?

***Activity:*** Do something helpful this week! Suggested activities could be walking along a creek or river and picking up trash, putting books in a little free library, making a meal for someone, stocking some nonperishables in a free food pantry or donating underwear for the Drive listed below.

## GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRIES & LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF TOUR

**Wednesday, 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 your own, however a snack will be provided. Please bring your own beverages. There will be a restroom on the bus. Space is limited. Sign up on the clipboard at the Church Office or call 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.