

The 11th Sunday after Pentecost

AUGUST 23-24, 2025



TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Pastors

Dan Gerrietts, Daniel Hanson, Beverly Hanson

Preacher

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

Organist

Teresa Jacobson

Special Music, String Quartet

Pat Guetzko, Dan Gerrietts, Carli Herzog, Melissa Shallberg

Cantor

Melissa Shallberg

Scripture Readers

5:00 PM – Sally Becker 10:30 AM - Warren Torkelson

Ushers

5:00 PM– Donna Henaman, Liz Fitzgerald
10:30 AM - Ray Zook, Mike Deardeuff

Technical Support

10:30 AM - Evelyn Hunt, Carter Rockwell

Greeters

Sat: Dan and Millie Godfrey, Roger Rossum Sunday: Tracy and Mindy Farland

Coffee Fellowship

Ronda Smith, Sandra Willis, Earl Kiefer

Building Host

Jim Reisinger

Altar Flowers

are given in honor of *Mel and Carol Peterson's 58th Wedding Anniversary*

Color Bulletins

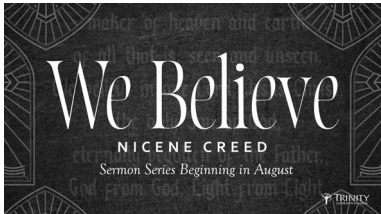
are given by Eileen Steinwandt *in memory of Bonnie Ogaard*

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Saturday, August 9, 2025 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, August 10, 2025 - *10:30 PM 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.

"We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ."

This weekend we focus on the person and work of Jesus.

We will unpack key truths about Christ's divine nature, incarnation, resurrection and promised return. And we will explore the enormous promises of life and salvation found in this "2nd Article."

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

Postlude

Special Music (Saturday)

String Quartet

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**

Morning Has Broken

ELW 556

*Greeting

P Sisters and brothers, called to freedom in Christ: Grace, mercy and peace be with you all.

C And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

P O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Children's Message (Sunday)

First Lesson: Colossians 1:13-20

¹³ God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-7

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them and be their God;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

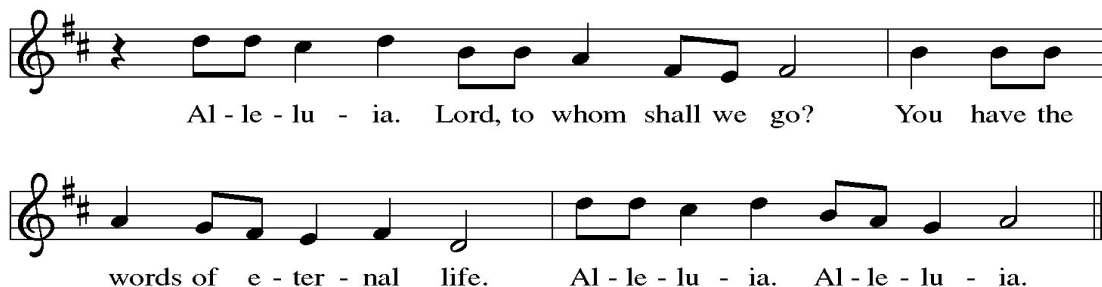
⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. ⁷ Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg. 142



P The Holy Gospel according to John, the first chapter.

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

*Gospel: John 1:1-14

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day *O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come* ELW 610

***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 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

THANKSGIVING

Special Music (Saturday)

String Quartet

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.

***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** *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* V. 1-4 ELW 886

***Sending**

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

Special Music (Saturday) *String Quartet*

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trinity Block Party Today! Sunday, August 24, 2025 | 11:45 AM | Trinity Courtyard
Food, Fellowship and Fun in the Trinity Courtyard. Yard Games, Gaga Ball, Inflatables for Kids, and More. Bring a dish to share. The main course, drinks and table service are provided. Join us as we celebrate with our neighborhood and each other!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

T-150 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.

Staff Transition at Trinity

It was with sadness that we received Marty Greder's resignation from her position as Director of Christian Education at Trinity, effective September 8, 2025. She has served on our staff for over 25 years and has been an enormous blessing to our ministry. Marty would like to thank all the parents, teachers, shepherds, adults, and young people who have given so much to our outstanding Sunday School and Wednesday Night Alive programs over the years. Marty helped create our rotation Sunday School model and Wednesday Night Alive, and she has blessed countless youth, families and adults through her leadership in faith formation. She will be greatly missed. Marty and Fred plan to remain a part of our congregation. Marty insists that we not throw any parties or receptions. But I hope you will help me in thanking Marty for her wonderful ministry! - Pastor Gerrietts

Psalms and Smoothies

Monday, August 25, 2025 | 9:00 AM | Elsbernd Farm

Psalms 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. This is the last Psalms and Smoothies of the Season!

Journey Groups

Monday August 25, 2025 | 6:30 PM | Rm. 322 (ages 50-60) and Library (ages 60-70)

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.

Caregiver Support Group – SUMMER GATHERING

Tuesday, August 26, 2025 | 9:30 AM | the former Borealis Station at 826 East State Street.

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 Pundeeep Kaur, Family Caregiver Specialist at Elderbridge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hawaiian Shirt Weekend

August 30 & 31, 2025

Celebrate the last weekend of summer worship by wearing your loudest, brightest colors to church. Unlike your family, we won't judge your fashion choices!

Bike Ride on the High Line Trail

Wednesday, August 27 | 6:00 PM | Meet at the Trinity Parking Lot

Join us for our August bike ride on the High Line Trail to Georgia Handford Park and back. The surface is paved with a distance of 5 miles and you can turn around at any point if you wish. Weather Permitting.

BASES Exercise Return

Tuesday, September 2 | 8:00 AM | Gathering Space

BASES (Balance-Agility-Strength-Endurance-Socialization) Exercise Classes begin for the Fall Season. This is a free program for Adults, ages 55 or older, coordinated by the former Retired Senior Volunteer Program and led by Trinity volunteers. We meet every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8:00-9:00 AM. Please join us to kick off a new Fall health habit!

New Members Class

Thursday, September 4 at 6:30pm or **Sunday, September 14** at 1:30pm

Looking for a church home? A place to belong? Interested in learning more about Trinity's life and mission, whether this might be the place to connect and grow, or just meet new people? Pastor Dan Gerriets leads an interactive class for those exploring membership. This is the only session one attends to prepare for membership. Please call the church office to register or to online to: trinity-mc.org/membership

Sunday School begins Sunday, September 7th

If your child was in Sunday School last year, he/she will automatically be registered for the coming year. If your child turns three (3) by September 15, 2025, or is new to Trinity, please pick up a registration form from the church office or you can register online at www.Trinity-mc.org. If your Preschooler is going to have an additional year before moving on to First Grade, please let us know to ensure they will get into the right class. If you have any registration questions, email marty.greder@trinity-mc.org or call the church office.

Trinity Ministry Fair

September 7, 2025 | 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM | Gathering Space

Mark your calendars for an inspiring morning of connection and community at our Annual Ministry Fair! This is your chance to discover the incredible work being done by various internal and external ministries. Come and learn about their unique purposes, activities, and how they serve others. Whether you're a member of Trinity or a member of the North Iowa community, you'll have the opportunity to connect with groups and discover ways to get involved. We hope to see you there!

Lutheran World Relief School Kit Donations
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 Church Office window thru August. Each kit contains:

- * 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

**Hygiene Pantry Donations:
St. John’s Episcopal**

Trinity is in an on-going effort with our neighbor church to collect donations for the Community Hygiene Pantry. Please place any items below in the cabinet below the Church Office window. Cash donations are also welcome, just note the memo line of your check.

Toothpaste	Toilet Tissue
Toothbrush	Deodorant
Dish Soap	Feminine Hygiene
Laundry Soap	Products
(powder, pods)	Disposal Diapers
Shampoo	Baby Wipes
Soap, bar + wash	Cash Donation

The Adult Ministries Cabinet

is collecting small stuffed animals, new or gently used, to be used as prizes at Good Shepherd. Place in the cabinets by the office.

Book Discussion

Monday, **September 8, 2025**
1:00 PM | The Gathering Space
Our next book is **The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife** by Anna Johnston. Join us!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

- 9:00 AM** Psalms and Smoothies (Elsbernd Farm)
- 9:00 AM** NO Quilting: **Cancelled**
- 6:30 PM** Women’s Journey Groups (50-60 ages) Rm. 322 (60-70 ages) Library

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

- 9:30 AM** Caregivers Support Group (former Borealis building- 826 E. State St.)
- 12:00 PM** Staff Meeting
- 6:30 PM** Trinity Council Meeting (Rm 300)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

- 7:00 AM** Men’s Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 8:30 AM** Women’s Bible Study (Library)
- 4:00 PM** Trinity at Community Kitchen
- 6:00 PM** Bike Ride on Highline Trail (meet in Trinity Parking Lot)
- 6:30 PM** Confirmation Orientation (Fellowship Hall)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

- 9:00 AM** **OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE**
- 10:30 AM** **WORSHIP SERVICE**
Livestream, KCMR

WELCA Bible Study

Thursday, September 11, 2025 | 9:30 AM | Rm. 208
Rev. Dr. Norma Cook will lead a deeper study of the Ten Commandments, using Luther’s Large Catechism, exploring their meaning for today. September’s topic: *What does it mean to have a God, and relationship and commitment?* We’ll use the 1st, 4th and 6th Commandments. The group will meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Women, bring your friends for engaging conversation.